

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE****MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 21 MARCH 1996 AT
1000 HOURS IN THE MEETING ROOM, LONDON ROAD CENTRE,
KILMARNOCK**

PRESENT: Councillors David Sneller, Drew McIntyre, Irene Reeves, Ronald Brailsford, Jane Darnbrough, Jim O'Neill, Kathleen Hall, Bob Beattie, David Fulton, Kim Nicoll, Eric Ross, Jimmy Kelly and Eric Jackson.

ATTENDING: David Montgomery, Chief Executive; Fiona Lees, Depute Chief Executive; James Dickie, Director of Social Work; Barbara Haughan, Director of Support Services; Douglas Campbell, Head of Public Relations and Marketing and Support Unit (Anne Marie Carr and Margaret McManus).

APOLOGIES: Councillors Robert Stirling, Daniel Coffey, George Turnbull, Jimmy Boyd and Tommy Farrell.

CHAIR: Councillor David Sneller, Chair.

**APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM VOLUNTARY AND
COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS 1996/97**

1. There was submitted a report dated 14 March 1996 (circulated) by the Chief Executive which advised of the arrangements which had been made for the receipt and consideration of grant applications by Service Committees, recommended that the Committee agree to endorse the interim conditions of grant contained in Appendix 1 of the report for all organisations which received a grant from the Council and requested that the Committee consider at its next meeting proposals for a grant scheme which would be administered by Local Committees.

Having heard the Chief Executive, the Depute Chief Executive and in answer to Members questions it was agreed:-

- (i) to note the arrangements which had been made with the existing Councils for receiving and processing applications for financial assistance from voluntary and community organisations for 1996/97;
- (ii) to note the arrangements which had been made for Service Committees to hold special meetings to consider applications relevant to their service;
- (iii) to note that, on this occasion only, Service Committees would also consider applications from any organisations which operated in a Local Committee area where staff were employed and, if making a grant

award, consideration would be given only to part-year costs for six months to allow Local Committees to undertake their own assessment of the organisation and the services it provided within its area;

- (iv) that the Policy and Resources Committee would consider, for this year only, applications from organisations previously funded by Strathclyde Regional Council under its Social Strategy criteria and that, in future years, such applications would be considered by the relevant Service Committee;
- (v) that the interim conditions of grant contained within Appendix 1 of the report would apply in respect of all organisations who received a grant from East Ayrshire Council and that such conditions be the subject of review and a further report to the Policy and Resources Committee in due course;
- (vi) that a report by the Chief Executive be submitted to the next meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee outlining proposals for the establishment of the Local Committee grant scheme taking account of procedural terms and deadlines to be set with contingency arrangements for dealing with late applications;
- (vii) that the Chief Executive follow up the concerns raised by Councillor Kelly regarding financial assistance for the West Lowland Hike Event;
- (viii) that arrangements be made to issue a press notice advising of the Council's current position regarding applications for financial assistance, stating that the procedure for processing such applications from voluntary and community groups for 1996/97 was under review and further details would be advertised in due course.

GRANT APPLICATIONS FROM BODIES PREVIOUSLY FUNDED BY STRATHCLYDE REGIONAL COUNCIL CENTRAL COMMITTEES

2. There was submitted a report dated 18 March 1996 (circulated) by the Chief Executive which advised of those organisations who had made application to the Council for continued funding and to make recommendations with regard to the applications.

Having heard the Depute Chief Executive and in answer to Members questions, it was agreed that subject to:

- (a) consultation with the relevant Directors of Service Departments; and
- (b) having noted that the viability of some organisations was dependent on funding from more than one local authority and that any financial assistance from East Ayrshire Council would be conditional upon support being forthcoming from some of the other local authorities across the former Strathclyde Regional Council area, in addition to evidence being provided by the applicant organisation to this effect, the undernoted applications for financial assistance be approved.

ORGANISATION	AMOUNT (£)	SERVICE COMMITTEE
Scottish Refugee Council	2,320	Social Work
Community Business Scotland	250	Development Services
Gay and Lesbian Advisory Forum	1000	Social Work
Raleigh International	1975	Social Work
West of Scotland Playscheme Advisory Forum	7,000	Education
Safe Strathclyde Resource Centre	10,680	Community Services
Scottish Council for Civil Liberties	2,000	Social Work
Scottish Low Pay Unit	1,400	Social Work
Strathclyde Poverty Alliance	8,500	Social Work
Kilmarnock Citizens Advice Bureau	34,640	Policy & Resources

- (ii) to note that the Policy and Resources Committee at its meeting of 23 January had awarded a grant of £3,500 to Strathclyde Community Relations Council.
- (iii) that future grant applications on behalf of the above organisations be considered by the appropriate Service Committee as indicated above; and
- (iv) that further reports be submitted to the appropriate Service Committees at a future date outlining the principal objectives of the organisation, the main activities and services currently provided within East Ayrshire by the organisation in question and the key indicators whereby the organisation would be evaluated in future.

LOCAL COMMITTEES

3. There was submitted a report dated 18 March 1996 (circulated) by the Chief Executive which requested the Committee to appoint Chairs and Vice-Chairs to the Local Committees.

Councillor Sneller, seconded by Councillor McIntyre, moved that the following Members be appointed to serve as Chairs and Vice-Chairs to the undernoted Local Committees, viz:-

Cumnock Area -	Councillors Eric Ross and George Smith
Doon Valley -	Councillors John Smith and Robert Taylor
Irvine Valley -	Councillors David Fulton and George Turnbull
Kilmarnock Central -	Councillors Gordon Cree and Wilma Doyle
Kilmarnock North -	Councillors Drew McIntyre and John Knapp

Kilmarnock South - Councillors Jane Darnbrough and Robert Stirling
Northern Area - Councillors Jim O'Neill and Bob Beattie

Councillor Nicoll, seconded by Councillor Hall, moved as an amendment that the following Members be appointed to serve as Chairs on the undernoted Local Committees, viz:-

Irvine Valley - Councillor Robert McDill
Kilmarnock Central - Councillor Ronald Brailsford
Kilmarnock North - Councillor Daniel Coffey
Kilmarnock South - Councillor Alan Campbell
Northern Area - Councillor Kathleen Hall

On a division by a show of hands the motion was carried by 10 votes to 3.

SCOTTISH ONE FUND FOR ALL

4. There was submitted a report dated 18 March 1996 (circulated) by the Chief Executive which advised of a request for funding received from the Scottish Trades Union Congress.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the Council allocate £2,500 to the Scottish One Fund for All; and
- (ii) to note that the Chair of the Policy and Resources Committee, the Chair of the Education Committee and the Director of Education had met recently with the Scottish Trades Union Congress.

The meeting terminated at 1040 hours.