

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE****MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 26 MARCH 1996 AT
1000 HOURS, IN THE MEETING ROOM, LONDON ROAD CENTRE,
KILMARNOCK**

- PRESENT:** Councillors David Sneller, Drew McIntyre, Irene Reeves, Wilma Doyle, Ronald Brailsford, Jim O'Neill, Kathleen Hall, Bob Beattie, David Fulton, Kim Nicoll, George Turnbull, Eric Ross, Jimmy Kelly, Jimmy Boyd and Eric Jackson.
- ATTENDING:** David Montgomery, Chief Executive; Fiona Lees, Depute Chief Executive; Des Tierney, Director of Commercial Operations; William Stafford, Director of Community Services; Stephen Chorley, Director of Development Services; John Mulgrew, Director of Education; Gordon Clark, Director of Finance; John Hillis, Director of Housing; Iain McLachlan, Director of Personnel Services; Barbara Haughan, Director of Support Services; Tom McHugh, Senior Depute Director of Finance; Allan McDougall, Depute Director of Social Work (Resources); Malcolm Roulston, Head of Information Technology; Robert McLeary, Head of Property and Anne Marie Carr (Support Unit).
- APOLOGIES:** Councillors Robert Stirling, Jane Darnbrough and Tommy Farrell.
- CHAIR:** Councillor David Sneller, Chair.

MINUTES OF SUB-COMMITTEES**1.1 Publicity and Publications Sub-Committee of 20 March 1996**

There were submitted and approved the Minutes of the Publicity and Publications Sub-Committee of 20 March 1996 (circulated) (Appendix 1).

1.2 Minutes of Personnel Sub-Committee of 21 March 1996

There were submitted and approved the Minutes of the Personnel Sub-Committee of 21 March 1996 (circulated) (Appendix 2).

NON-HOUSING CAPITAL EXPENDITURE 1996/97

2. There was submitted a report dated 15 March 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Finance advising of the position in respect of the Non-Housing Capital Expenditure Consent Level for 1996/97, as intimated by the Scottish Office, and the impact on the Council's capital expenditure plans which were agreed at the meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee on 18 December 1995.

Having heard the Director of Finance, it was agreed:-

- (i) that the project list of not yet legally committed capital programme schemes for 1996/97 totalling £2.805M based on the capital expenditure plan as agreed and taking account of the available level of resources be approved;
- (ii) to note that a meeting had been arranged for week commencing 1 April 1996 with George Kynoch MP and appropriate Members/Officers of East Ayrshire Council.

BANKING ARRANGEMENTS

3. There was submitted a report dated 20 March 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Finance identifying a requirement for East Ayrshire Council to authorise the Council's Bankers to accept instructions from nominated officers to operate the various bank accounts of the Council.

It was agreed in terms of the delegated powers in respect of the re-organisation to resolve those matters identified in paragraph 3 of the report, viz:-

- (a) instructions to withdraw, deliver, dispose of or deal with any property, documents or securities held on account of the Council and the withdrawal of securities, documents or articles lodged for safe custody on account of the Council;
- (b) endorsement of all cheques, orders, bills, promissory notes and negotiable instruments payable to the Council;
- (c) any indemnities or counter-indemnities given to the bank;
- (d) instructions for the opening of credits or the issue of guarantees, bonds or indemnities by the Bank;
- (e) the discounting of inland or foreign bills.

the Bank or its nominee be and are hereby authorised to accept on behalf of the Council the signatures of

Gordon Clark, Director of Finance

Alexander McPhee, Senior Depute Director of Finance
Thomas McHugh; and

- (ii) that these arrangements supersede those currently in place with effect from 1 April 1996.

AFFILIATION TO OUTSIDE BODIES

4. There was submitted a report dated 18 March 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services inviting the Committee to consider the background, aims and objectives and activities of those organisations which have association with and affiliation of the Council and to note the existing affiliations the Council has agreed to date.

Having heard the Director of Support Services it was agreed:-

- (i) that the Council affiliate to the following organisations:-

ORGANISATION	FEE
Action for Southern Africa (ACTSA Scotland)	£100
British Association of Adoption and Fostering Agencies	£1,100
Canine Crisis Council	£15
Coalfields Communities Campaign	£2,566
CoSLA	£50,000
National Association of Councillors	£300
National Fostering Association	£412
Nuclear Free Local Authorities (Scotland)	£800
Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents	£314
Scottish Accident Prevention Council	No Fee
Scottish Child Law Centre	£30
Scottish Council for Single Homeless (SCSH)	£500
Scottish Declaration on Poverty (Scottish Anti-Poverty Network)	-
Scottish Environmental Forum	£200
Scottish Local Government Information Unit	£2,728
Scottish Women's Aid	£136
Shelter (Scotland)	£500
Tenant Participation Advisory Service	£1,750
West of Scotland Community Relations Council	£3,500

- (ii) that the Council do not affiliate to the following:

ORGANISATION	FEE
National Peace Council	£290
Tenant Information Service (TIS)	£2,600
Positive Action in Housing	£2,500
National Local Government Forum on Poverty	£800

and

- (iii) that a further report be submitted to a future meeting of the Social Work Committee to clarify the position in relation to a request received by the Council to affiliate to Scottish Women's Aid and the National Local Government Forum on Poverty.

LAIGH MILTON VIADUCT - IMPROVEMENT CONTRACT

5. There was submitted a report dated 18 March 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services seeking approval for East Ayrshire Council to provide contract engineering supervision for the renovation of the Laigh Milton Viaduct and to assume responsibility for the administration of the suspense account from which payments to the project contract are made and advising of the requirement to appoint two representatives, one Member and one Officer, to the Laigh Milton Viaduct Trust.

It was agreed:

- (i) to provide contract engineering supervision of the remainder of the Laigh Milton Viaduct Conservation Project;
- (ii) to undertake the administration of the project fund;
- (iii) that the Director of Development Services or his nominee be appointed as the Officer's representative on the Trust; and
- (iv) that in respect of the appointment of a Member representative, Councillor Sneller, seconded by Councillor McIntyre, moved that Councillor George Turnbull be nominated to act as the Council's representative on the trust.

Councillor Brailsford, seconded by Councillor Hall, moved as an amendment that Councillor Coffey be nominated to act as the Council's representative on the Trust.

On a division by a show of hands the motion was carried by 12 votes to 3.

THE AYRSHIRE JOINT STRUCTURE PLAN COMMITTEE

6. There was submitted a report dated 18 March 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services seeking approval of the draft Minute of Agreement for the establishment of an Ayrshire Joint Structure Plan Committee and Member representation for East Ayrshire Council on the Committee.

It was agreed

- (i) to approve the draft Minute of Agreement between the three Ayrshire Authorities for the establishment of the Ayrshire Joint Structure Plan Committee subject to textual changes made in consultation with the Head of Legal Services;
- (ii) to authorise the Chief Executive to sign the Minute of Agreement on behalf of East Ayrshire Council subject to alteration of the membership clause; and
- (iii) to nominate Councillors Turnbull, Ross, Doyle and McDill to represent the Council on the Joint Structure Plan Committee.

WEST OF SCOTLAND EUROPEAN CONSORTIUM

7. There was submitted report dated 19 March 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services recommending that the Council agrees to establish a Joint Committee of authorities in the West of Scotland to ensure a co-ordinated approach to tackling European issues of strategic importance to the West of Scotland.

It was agreed:

- (i) that East Ayrshire Council become a member of the proposed West of Scotland European Consortium and that the Chief Executive be authorised to agree the terms of the Minute of Agreement to establish the Consortium as set out in the draft appended to the report, subject to further consideration of the provisions relating to the approval of the budget and any textual amendments which may be required;
- (ii) to contribute £6,847 to the first year's budget of the Consortium to be funded by the Development Services Committee;
- (iii) that in respect of the appointment of Member representatives, Councillor Sneller, seconded by Councillor McIntyre, moved that Councillor Sneller be nominated to serve as a member on the West of Scotland European Consortium;

Councillor Nicoll, seconded by Councillor Brailsford, moved as an amendment that Councillor Coffey be nominated to serve as a member on the West of Scotland European Consortium.

On a division by a show of hands the motion was carried by 12 votes to 3; and

Councillor Sneller, seconded by Councillor McIntyre, moved that Councillor Turnbull be nominated to serve as a substitute member on the West of Scotland European Consortium.

Councillor Nicoll, seconded by Councillor Brailsford, moved as an amendment that Councillor Coffey be nominated to serve as a substitute member to serve on the West of Scotland European Consortium.

On a division by a show of hands the motion was carried by 12 votes to 3.

MEMBERS' SERVICES SUB-COMMITTEE

8. There was submitted a report dated 22 March 1996 (circulated) by the Chief Executive requesting that the Committee, in view of timescale, agree that on this occasion only the Members' Services Sub-Committee make recommendations direct to the Council with regard to the matter of Members allowances and travel and subsistence allowances.

It was agreed that, in view of urgency and on this occasion only the Members' Services Sub-Committee Minutes of 26 March 1996 be submitted direct to the Council at its meeting on 2 April 1996.

The meeting terminated at 1045 hours.