

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 27 NOVEMBER 1996 AT 1400 HOURS IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK

PRESENT: Councillors Bob Beattie, Gordon McCredie, Drew McIntyre, Gordon Cree, David Macrae, Kim Nicoll, George Smith, Jimmy Carmichael, Robert Taylor, John Smith and Tommy Farrell.

ATTENDING: David Montgomery, Chief Executive; Fiona Lees, Depute Chief Executive; Bill Stafford, Director of Community Services; John Crawford, Head of Protective Services; Bill Walkinshaw, Principal Administrative Officer; Irene B Townson, Principal Solicitor; David Morgan, Public Relations Officer; and Ian Gemmell, Administrative Officer.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Jane Darnbrough, Alan Campbell and Kathleen Hall.

CHAIR: Councillor Bob Beattie, Chair.

PROTECTIVE SERVICES

1. The Director of Community Services gave a presentation on Protective Services provided by the Community Services Department which included Licensing and Registration, Trading Standards, Waste Management, Environmental Health, Police and Fire Services; miscellaneous matters including Accident Prevention, Community Safety, Closed Circuit Television for public surveillance and Emergency Planning; and common issues including decentralisation, implementation of strategy and management of change.

Following questions from Members at the conclusion of the presentation, the Chair thanked the Director for the presentation.

SUB-COMMITTEE MINUTES

**2.1 LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE:
17 OCTOBER 1996**

There were submitted and approved, both as a correct record and in respect of recommendations contained therein, the Minutes of the Licensing Sub-Committee held on 17 October 1996 (circulated) as detailed in Appendix I to these Minutes.

**2.2 LEISURE SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE:
19 NOVEMBER 1996**

There were submitted and approved, both as a correct record and in respect of recommendations contained therein, the Minutes of the Leisure Sub-Committee held on 19 November 1996 (circulated) as detailed in Appendix II of these Minutes.

AWARD OF TENDERS

3. There was submitted and noted a report dated 13 November 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services providing the undernoted details of tenders (exclusive of fees) which had been awarded to the Commercial Operations Department, East Ayrshire Council, in respect of Community Services Contracts, viz:-

| Contract | Amount |
|--|---------------|
| Demolition of Pavilion at Dean Park, Kilmarnock | £5,155.50 |
| Proposed Changing Pavilion at Dean Park, Kilmarnock | £85,061.31 |
| Supply and installation of display cases at the Dick Institute, Kilmarnock | £43,278.00 |
| Proposed additional security measures at the Dick Institute, Kilmarnock | £52,146.67 |

COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENTAL PROGRESS REPORT

4. There was submitted and noted a report dated 12 November 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on progress in respect of a range of services delivered by that Department.

Arising out of discussion on the above report, it was agreed:-

4.1 St Andrew's Day

That the Director of Community Services consider the feasibility of the Council marking in some way, St. Andrew's Day.

4.2 Remembrance Day

That the Chief Executive, following appropriate consultation, issue in future years, protocol guidelines to Members regarding Remembrance Day Services.

Councillors Macrae and Cree joined the meeting during consideration of the above item.

EAST AYRSHIRE ACCIDENT PREVENTION COMMITTEE

5.1 RECONSIDERATION OF DECISION TAKEN WITHIN SIX MONTHS

It was unanimously agreed, in terms of Standing Order 51, to consider this item.

5.2 CONSIDERATION OF ITEM

There was submitted a report dated 1st November 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services seeking the agreement of the Committee to the correction of constitutional inaccuracy in respect of the establishment of the East Ayrshire Accident Prevention Committee.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to substitute the words "Local Area Committee" for "Community Councils" in Paragraph 5(f) of the Constitution approved by the Community Services Committee at the meeting held on 5 June 1996, and contained within the Minutes of that meeting; and
- (ii) that the Director of Community Services write to all Community Councils advising them of the proposed change and options available to Community Councils to participate on the Accident Prevention Committee.

SCOTTISH ACCIDENT PREVENTION COUNCIL

6. There was submitted and noted a report dated 7 October 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services advising of the Council's successful nominations on the Scottish Accident Prevention Council's undernoted Standing Committees, viz:-
Road Safety Committee - Councillor Fulton and Gerry Cummins (Development Services)
Home Safety Committee - Councillor George Smith and Head of Protective Services
Water & Leisure Safety Committee - Councillor John Smith and Director of Community Services.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the Director submit further reports where appropriate, on the work of the Home Safety and Water and Leisure Safety Committees; and
- (ii) otherwise to note the report.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES ACTION PLAN

7. There was submitted a report dated 7 November 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services providing details of the Community Services Department's Equal Opportunities Action Plan, and recommending adoption of the Plan.
It was agreed to approve the Community Services Department's Equal Opportunities Action Plan as submitted.

RADON IN DWELLINGS IN SCOTLAND 1996: A REVIEW

8. There was submitted a report dated 4 November 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services advising of the publication of the latest report on Radon in homes in Scotland by the National Radiological Protection Board, and recommending that the matter be reviewed on a regular basis.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the Director of Community Services submit a further report when the outcome of the current survey being carried out by the National Radiological Protection Board, for the determination of radioactivity levels in the area, was available;
- (ii) to note that any householders invited by the National Radiological Protection Board to participate in the survey would be given advice by Officers of the Community Services Department, if requested; and

- (iii) otherwise to note the report.

STORAGE AND SALE OF FIREWORKS

9. There was submitted a report dated 8 November 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on the outcome of the 1996 fireworks season in the East Ayrshire area and highlighting issues resulting from the deregulation of the sale of fireworks.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to express support for the introduction of clear, unambiguous and readily enforceable legislation on fireworks to address the current loss and permanent blighting of life through avoidable fireworks accidents;
- (ii) to recommend to Council that the Secretary of State be urged to seek the initiation of national government action accordingly; and that CoSLA and local Members of Parliament be also advised of the Council's concerns in this matter; and
- (iii) otherwise to note the report.

REDUCTION IN PRICES PAID FOR WASTE MIXED PAPERS

10. There was submitted a report dated 11 November 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services advising of a reduction in the price paid by the re-cycling contractor for waste mixed papers, and requesting the Committee to consider the implications of this situation.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to authorise the Director of Community Services to continue to pay £3.00 per tonne for waste paper delivered to Western Road Depot by charitable and other organisations; and
- (ii) to instruct the Director of Community Services to make representations on behalf of the Council to the Local Member of the European Parliament requesting that action should be taken to redress the current situation whereby waste paper subsidies appeared to provide an unfair advantage to certain European waste paper processing concerns.

Councillor Nicoll left the meeting during discussion of the above item.

The meeting terminated at 1515 hours.