

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 26 NOVEMBER 1997 AT 1000 HOURS IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK

PRESENT: Councillors John Smith, Gordon McCredie, Drew McIntyre, Gordon Cree, Ronald Brailsford, Jane Darnbrough, Alan Campbell, Kathleen Hall, George Smith and Robert Taylor.

ATTENDING: David Montgomery, Chief Executive; William Stafford, Director of Community Services; John Crawford, Head of Protective Services; John Griffiths, Head of Leisure Services; Alistair Gardner, Senior Accountant; Douglas Blyth, Senior Solicitor; Julie Armstrong, Senior Administrative Officer; Graham Kerr, Public Relations Officer; and Ian Gemmell, Administrative Officer.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Bob Beattie, David Macrae, David Sneller, Jimmy Carmichael and Tommy Farrell.

CHAIR: Councillor John Smith, Chair.

SUB-COMMITTEE MINUTES

1. There were submitted and approved both as correct records and in respect of the recommendations contained therein, the undernoted Sub-Committee Minutes (circulated) as contained in Appendix I and II of these Minutes.

1.1 LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE - 12 NOVEMBER 1997 - APPENDIX I.

1.2 LEISURE SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE - 18 NOVEMBER 1997 - APPENDIX II

It was agreed that the Director of Community Services consult with the Head of Legal Services to ascertain whether any reimbursement was due in respect of the cost of the work to relocate the 18th hole at Caprington Golf Course.

BUDGETARY CONTROL SUMMARY STATEMENT: COMMUNITY SERVICES TO 10 OCTOBER 1997 (PERIOD 7)

2. There was submitted and noted a report dated 11 November 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Finance on the current budgetary control position and the projected out-turn for the year for the Community Services Department for the period ended 10 October 1997 (Period 7).

CAPITAL PROGRAMME 1997/98 - UPDATE (Item 12, Page 2036)

3. There was submitted a report dated 11 November 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on the work being undertaken as part of the capital programme for the financial year 1997/98.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the Director of Community Services provide a report to a future meeting on capital projects which could be undertaken by utilising the sum of £45,000 previously set aside for the replacement of the existing Mobile Library, which was now to be acquired by lease purchase; and
- (ii) otherwise to note the report.

**BEST VALUE SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE POLICY AND RESOURCES
COMMITTEE - MEMBERSHIP (Item 3.1.19, Page 2664))**

4. As agreed at the Council Meeting held on 6 November 1997, the Committee were asked to appoint a named representative from the Committee (together with a nominated substitute) to serve on the Best Value Sub-Committee of the Policy and Resources Committee, and to advise the Director of Support Services accordingly.

It was agreed to appoint Councillor John Smith as Chair of this Committee to serve on the Best Value Sub-Committee of the Policy and Resources Committee, and to appoint Councillor Gordon Cree as Vice-Chair of this Committee to act as substitute, and that the Director of Support Services be advised accordingly.

ANNUAL ACTION PLAN

5. There was submitted a report dated 17 November 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which sought approval for the Annual Action Plan for the Community Services Department in relation to the Council's Corporate Strategy Plan for 1998/99.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the progress made towards achieving the aims and objectives of the Corporate Plan;
- (ii) to approve the Action Plan in respect of Community Services for the financial year 1998/99;
- (iii) that the report be remitted to the Policy and Resources Committee; and
- (iii) otherwise to note the report.

DEPARTMENTAL PROGRESS REPORT

6. There was submitted and noted a report dated 11 November 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on progress within the Community Services Department.

PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

7. There was submitted and noted a report dated 13 October 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on the Statutory Performance Indicators which applied to the work of the Community Services Department.

LEISURE STRATEGY - FINAL DRAFT (Item 4, Page 2179)

8. There was submitted a report dated 10 November 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services presenting for consideration the final draft of the Leisure Strategy which recommended adoption of the Strategy.

It was agreed to approve the final draft of the Leisure Strategy as submitted.

LOCH DOON BYE-LAWS (Item 11, page 1870)

9. There was submitted a report dated 12 November 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on the outcome of the survey of the use of Loch Doon and the surrounding area for recreational purposes, and which recommended the development of a Management Plan for the area.

It was agreed:-

- (i) in principle that a Management Plan for the Loch Doon area be developed, subject to funding being available from external sources;
- (ii) that the Director of Community Services make the necessary arrangements to seek the necessary funding from external sources;
- (iii) that the Director of Community Services proceed with the development of a Management Plan when the funding package was complete;
- (iv) that the Director of Community Services report to a future meeting on progress associated with the Management Plan and other related issues; and
- (v) otherwise to note the report.

Councillor McIntyre left the meeting at this point.

INSTITUTION OF TRADING STANDARDS ADMINISTRATION (SCOTTISH BRANCH) CONFERENCE, EDINBURGH, 30-31 OCTOBER 1997

10. There was submitted and noted a report dated 13 November 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on the Council's representation at the above Conference.

64TH NATIONAL SOCIETY FOR CLEAN AIR (NSCA) ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION CONFERENCE AND EXHIBITION

11. There was submitted and noted a report dated 4 November 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on the Department's representation at the above Conference.

ENVIRONMENTAL FORUM - PROGRESS REPORT (Item 8, Page 2407)

12. There was submitted and noted a report dated 22 October 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on progress with the establishment of the proposed Environmental Forum.

PROVISION OF REGISTRATION SERVICES: DARVEL REGISTRATION DISTRICT

13. There was submitted a report dated 11 November 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services informing the Committee that, following the resignation of the retained Registrar based at Darvel, as a temporary measure, the public had been advised to contact the Galston Registrar, who was in a position to accommodate the additional workload.

The Committee noted the interim arrangements made.

THE DISABILITY DISCRIMINATION ACT 1995 - THE GOVERNMENT'S PROPOSALS FOR TAXIS

14. There was submitted a report dated 7 October 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on the outcome of discussions with the Taxi Owners' Associations and Disability Forums concerning the Government's Consultation Paper on adaptations to taxis to meet the need of persons with a disability.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the response to the Government's proposals, formulated by the Director of Community Services, after consulting with the Taxi Operators Associations, the Disability Forums and the Chair of this Committee; and
- (ii) that the Local Elderly Forums should be included in any future consultations of this nature.

1996 HEALTH IN SCOTLAND - REPORT OF THE CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER ON THE STATE OF SCOTLAND'S HEALTH FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1996

15. There was submitted a joint report dated 13 November 1997 (circulated) by the Directors of Community Services and of Social Work on the contents of the Chief Medical Officer's report "Health in Scotland", which provided information on the health of the people of Scotland in 1996, discussed key aspects of the National Health Service in Scotland and outlined events and initiatives which had significant implications for health.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that Paragraph 7.2 of the Director's report should be amended to show that a separate report would be submitted to the Social Work Committee; and
- (ii) otherwise to note the report.

DRINKING WATER QUALITY IN SCOTLAND 1996

16. There was submitted a report dated 11 November 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on the contents of a recent Scottish Office report on the quality of drinking water in Scotland in 1996.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the Director of Community Services arrange for the testing of the drinking water supplies within Council Headquarters to ensure that they met the required standard of quality; and
- (ii) otherwise to note the report.

**AMENDMENTS TO THE FRESH MEAT (HYGIENE & INSPECTION)
REGULATIONS 1995 AND THE ANIMAL BY-PRODUCTS
(IDENTIFICATION) REGULATIONS 1995**

17. There was submitted a report dated 9 October 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which advised of new Regulations which amend existing legislation dealing with red meat animals killed in slaughterhouses for human consumption.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the Director of Community Services submit reports on future amending legislation as and when required; and
- (ii) otherwise to note the report.

The meeting terminated at 1105 hours.