

APPENDIX I

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

COMMUNITY SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 4 NOVEMBER 1997 AT 1000 HOURS IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK

PRESENT: Councillors Tommy Farrell, Ronald Brailsford, John Knapp, David Fulton, Kim Nicoll, Robert Taylor and Eric Jackson; Parent Representative, Mrs Shelagh McKerrall and Church Representative, John McHugh.

ATTENDING: Fiona Lees, Depute Chief Executive; John Mulgrew, Director of Education; Margaret Burnell, Senior Depute Director of Education; Graham Short, Depute Director of Education; Grace Scott, Quality Development Officer; David Mitchell, Principal Solicitor; Janie Allen, Principal Officer (Pre-5 Services); Anne Jackson, Principal Community Education Officer; Bill Walkinshaw, Principal Administrative Officer; Andrew Warnock, Alan Patterson, Senior Community Education Workers; Anne Marie Carr, Administrative Officer and Lesley- Ann Wallace, Administrative Assistant.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Drew McIntyre, George Turnbull, Eric Ross and David Sneller.

CHAIR: Councillor Tommy Farrell, Chair.

PRE-5 ADMISSIONS UPDATE (Item 3, Page 1532)

1. There was submitted and noted a report dated 16 October 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Education which provided an update on the allocation of nursery places for session 1997/98 in community nurseries.

It was also reported and noted that a report would be submitted to a future meeting of the Education Committee which would provide a position statement regarding Pre-5 admissions with particular reference to four year old children.

Shelagh McKerrall, Parent Representative and John McHugh, Church Representative joined the meeting during discussion of this item.

THE CHILDREN ACT 1989 - TRIENNIAL REVIEW OF SERVICES OF CHILDREN UNDER EIGHT

2. There was submitted a report dated 15 October 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Education which advised of the proposed procedure for conducting the third triennial review of childminding, daycare and education services for children under eight as required by the Children Act 1989.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the proposals contained in Section 3 of the report for conducting the third triennial review of services of children under eight as required by the Children Act 1989 be approved; and

- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

**A CURRICULUM FRAMEWORK FOR CHILDREN IN THEIR PRE-SCHOOL YEAR
(Item 3, Page 1678)**

- 3. There was submitted a report dated 28 October 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Education which advised of the publication of the Curriculum Framework for Children in their Pre-School Year.

A copy of the Curriculum Framework for Children in their pre-school year was made available at the meeting for members of the Sub-Committee.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the curriculum guidelines detailed in the report which would help shape provision for young children and further develop approaches that would contribute to a quality pre-school education service be welcomed;
- (ii) that the Director of Education provide further information to future meetings of the Community Sub-Committee of the Education Committee on Pre-5 developments; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

PRE-5 VOLUNTARY SECTOR GRANTS 1997/98

4.1 GRANT APPLICATION FROM SCOTTISH (STRATHCLYDE) EARLY YEARS VOLUNTARY SECTOR FORUM

There was submitted a report dated 16 October 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Education which advised of the background to the grant application of the above Forum and which recommended support of the grant application.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that a grant of £800 be awarded to the Scottish (Strathclyde) Early Years Voluntary Sector Forum covering part year costs for the period from November 1997 to March 1998; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the content of the report.

4.2 GRANT APPLICATION FROM EAST AYRSHIRE MOBILE TOY LIBRARY STEERING GROUP

There was submitted a report dated 7 August 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Education which advised of the background to the grant application of the above Steering Group and which recommended support of the grant application.

It was agreed that a grant of £1,000 be awarded to East Ayrshire Mobile Toy Library Steering Group.

QUALITY IN PRE-5 EDUCATION

5. There was submitted a report dated 16 October 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Education which advised of recent developments in pre-5 establishments aimed at enhancing the quality of service provided for children and their families in East Ayrshire.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the developments in improving the effectiveness of the management of systems in Pre-Five establishments which had taken place to date and which were as detailed within Section 3 of the report be recognised;
- (ii) that the next steps outlined in Section 4 of the report be approved and the implications for quality development in the pre-5 service be noted; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

CONSULTATION ON EAST AYRSHIRE CHILDREN'S SERVICE PLAN

6. There was submitted a report dated 16 October 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Education which advised on the Council's statutory duty to prepare, consult upon and publish a Children's Service Plan and included an executive summary of the draft Plan.

It was agreed to note the key points in the Plan and the contents of the report.

INTER SCHOOLS QUIZ

7. There was submitted a report dated 17 October 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Education which advised of the Inter Schools Quiz which had been organised through all Primary Schools within East Ayrshire by the Community Involvement Branch of Strathclyde Police in conjunction with the Education Department.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the Education Department contribute £300 towards the cost of the Inter-Schools Quiz initiative; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

SECONDARY SCHOOLS QUIZ

8. There was submitted a report dated 20 October 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Education which advised of the Secondary Schools Quiz organised for all Secondary Schools within East Ayrshire by Kilmarnock Round Table.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the arrangements for the format of the quiz detailed in Section 3 of the report be approved; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

VOLUNTARY SECTOR GRANTS (Item 8, Page 2023)

9. There was submitted a report dated 24 October 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Education which advised of remaining Voluntary Sector Grant applications and which made recommendations for awards in respect of Education Voluntary Sector Grants to Community Groups and Organisations for 1997/98.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the following grants be awarded in respect of grant support to Voluntary Organisations, viz:-

<u>Organisation</u>	<u>Award (£)</u>
Commann An Luchd-Ionnasach	£250
National Trust for Scotland	£50
National Youth Choir of Scotland	£400
National Youth Orchestra	£600
Scottish Council for Research and Education	£1,221
The Caledonian Award	£800
Sounds of Progress	£400
Scottish Mathematical Council	£200
New Battle Abbey College	£200
Ayrshire Schools Orienteering Association	£100
SPARKY Project	£2,000
Kilmarnock and Loudoun Duke of Edinburgh Award Association	£620
Shortlees Before and After Schools Care	£1,500
Worker's Educational Association	£1,000

Declaration of Interest

Councillor Farrell declared a non-pecuniary interest in the undernoted grant application and vacated the Chair in favour of Councillor Taylor.

It was agreed that the following grant be awarded in respect of grant support to Voluntary Organisations, viz:-

<u>Organisation</u>	<u>Award (£)</u>
Lead Scotland	£400

Councillor Farrell resumed the Chair.

It was agreed that the following grants be awarded in respect of grant support to Voluntary Organisations, viz:-

<u>Organisation</u>	<u>Award (£)</u>
Islamic Culture and Education Project	£ 1,000
One Plus: One Parent Families	£ 400

Kuloc Education Project	£ 1,500
Avonlea Youth Centre	£ 1,200
Onthank After School Group	£ 1,500
Youth Information Project	£ 2,863
Bellfield After School Care	£ 1,000
Childcare Support for Adult Education in East Ayrshire North	£ 1,500
Childcare Support for Adult Education in East Ayrshire South	£ 1,500
Ayrshire Region Girls Brigade	£ 500
Ayrshire Area Scout Council	£ 500
Ayrshire South Guides	£ 500

(ii) that the foregoing grant awards be made subject to the terms and conditions detailed in the report;

(iii) that the following grants be refused, viz:-

Organisation

David Livingstone Centre

Scottish Community Education Council

National Union of Students

Scottish Opera

Dyslexia Scotwest

Outdoor Opportunities

West of Scotland Playscheme

Youth Link (Scotland)

(iv) that the remaining nil balance in respect of the budget for grants to Voluntary Organisations be noted; and

(v) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

ADULT EDUCATION IN THE COMMUNITY

10. There was submitted a report dated 24 October 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Education which advised of developments in Adult Education through the work of the Community Education Service in East Ayrshire.

It was agreed:-

(i) that the developing commitment to Adult Education within the Community Education Service be recognised;

(ii) that the Director of Education refer this report to all Local Committees for discussion; and

(iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

The meeting terminated at 1100 hours.