

**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL****MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 6 NOVEMBER 1997 AT 1000 HRS  
IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS,  
LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK**

**PRESENT:** Provost Robert Stirling, Councillors Drew McIntyre, Irene Reeves, Gordon Cree, Douglas Reid, Wilma Doyle, Ronald Brailsford, Jane Darnbrough, Alan Campbell, John Knapp, Daniel Coffey, David Fulton, David Macrae, Kim Nicoll, Robert McDill, David Sneller, Jimmy Boyd, George Smith, Jimmy Carmichael, Robert Taylor, John Smith, Tommy Farrell and Eric Jackson.

**ATTENDING:** David Montgomery, Chief Executive; Fiona Lees, Depute Chief Executive; Bill Stafford, Director of Community Services; Stephen Chorley, Director of Development Services; John Hillis, Director of Housing; Douglas Bulloch, Director of Social Work; Barbara Haughan, Director of Support Services; Chris McAleavey, Senior Depute Director of Housing; Helen Dick, Depute Director of Finance; Roddy Wallace, Head of Administration; Douglas Campbell, Head of Public Relations and Marketing; Bill Walkinshaw, Principal Administrative Officer; David Mitchell, Principal Solicitor; and Julie Armstrong, Senior Administrative Officer.

**APOLOGIES:** Councillors Gordon McCredie, Jim O'Neill, Kathleen Hall, Bob Beattie, George Turnbull, Eric Ross and Jim Kelly.

**CHAIR:** Provost Robert Stirling, Chair.

**PRESENTATION BY FIREMASTER JOHN JAMIESON AND DAVID KENNEDY,  
ASSISTANT FIREMASTER, WEST COMMAND, STRATHCLYDE FIRE BRIGADE**

1. The Provost introduced Firemaster John Jamieson and David Kennedy, Assistant Firemaster, West Command, Strathclyde Fire Brigade to the meeting.

Firemaster John Jamieson then gave a presentation to the Council on the broad overview of the services provided by Strathclyde Fire Brigade which also addressed specific issues within East Ayrshire.

The presentation was followed by a question and answer session and the Provost then thanked Firemaster John Jamieson and Assistant Firemaster David Kennedy for coming along to give the presentation.

**PREVIOUS MINUTES**

2. There were submitted (circulated) Minutes of Council held on 25 September 1997 which were approved as a correct record.

**COMMITTEE MINUTES**

3. There were submitted (circulated) and approved, subject to the undernoted amendment, both as correct records and in respect of recommendations contained therein, the Minutes of the undernoted Committee meetings as follows, viz:-
  - 3.1.1 **SPECIAL SOUTHERN LOCAL PLANNING COMMITTEE OF 16 SEPTEMBER 1997 (pages 2486-2489).**

- 3.1.2 CUMNOCK AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE OF 17 SEPTEMBER 1997 (pages 2490-2497).**
- 3.1.3 DOON VALLEY LOCAL COMMITTEE OF 17 SEPTEMBER 1997 (pages 2498-2503).**
- 3.1.4 KILMARNOCK NORTH LOCAL COMMITTEE OF 18 SEPTEMBER 1997 (pages 2504-2508).**
- (i) NAMING OF STREETS BY LOCAL COMMITTEE - PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT AT GLASGOW ROAD, KILMARNOCK (Item 2, Page 2504)**
- It was agreed to amend the spelling of the new street name to "Grougar Gardens".
- 3.1.5 KILMARNOCK CENTRAL LOCAL COMMITTEE OF 23 SEPTEMBER 1997 (pages 2509-2514).**
- 3.1.6 IRVINE VALLEY LOCAL COMMITTEE OF 24 SEPTEMBER 1997 (pages 2515-2520).**
- 3.1.7 SOUTHERN LOCAL PLANNING COMMITTEE OF 30 SEPTEMBER 1997 (pages 2527-2530).**
- 3.1.8 NORTHERN AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE OF 30 SEPTEMBER 1997 (pages 2531-2536).**
- 3.1.9 KILMARNOCK SOUTH LOCAL COMMITTEE OF 1 OCTOBER 1997 (pages 2537-2541).**
- 3.1.10 SOCIAL WORK COMMITTEE OF 2 OCTOBER 1997 (pages 2542-2548).**
- 3.1.11 CENTRAL LOCAL PLANNING COMMITTEE OF 3 OCTOBER 1997 (pages 2549-2551).**
- 3.1.12 HOUSING COMMITTEE OF 8 OCTOBER 1997 (pages 2552-2559).**
- (i) PROPOSED HOUSING ALLOCATION POLICY - MEMBER/OFFICER HOUSING WORKING GROUP ON HARMONISATION ISSUES (Item 3, Page 2553)**
- It was noted that the Opposition Member appointed to serve on the Member/Officer Housing Working Group on Harmonisation Issues was Councillor Douglas Reid.
- 3.1.13 EDUCATION COMMITTEE OF 9 OCTOBER 1997 (pages 2560-2570).**
- 3.1.14 NORTHERN AREA LOCAL PLANNING COMMITTEE OF 10 OCTOBER 1997 (pages 2571-2576).**
- 3.1.15 COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE OF 15 OCTOBER 1997 (pages 2577-2584).**
- 3.1.16 COMMERCIAL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE OF 16 OCTOBER 1997 (pages 2585-2587).**
- 3.1.17 EMERGENCY POWERS COMMITTEE OF 21 OCTOBER 1997 (page 2588).**
- 3.1.18 DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE OF 21 OCTOBER 1997 (pages 2589-2603).**
- 3.1.19 POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE OF 23 OCTOBER 1997 (pages 2604-2630).**

**(i) REMIT FROM COMMITTEE - TOWARDS BEST VALUE - IMPLEMENTATION ARRANGEMENTS - BEST VALUE SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE - MEMBERSHIP (Item 6, Page 2605)**

It was agreed that the three additional Members of the Opposition to serve on the Sub-Committee be Councillors Ronald Brailsford, Daniel Coffey and Kim Nicoll.

**3.1.20 SPECIAL SOUTHERN LOCAL PLANNING COMMITTEE OF 23 OCTOBER 1997 (page 2631).**

**3.1.21 SPECIAL NORTHERN AREA LOCAL PLANNING COMMITTEE OF 24 OCTOBER 1997 (pages 2632-2633).**

**JOINT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE (TEACHERS)**

4. It was agreed that Councillor Eric Jackson replace Provost Robert Stirling on the Joint Consultative Committee (Teachers) and to assume any other duties to be carried out in his capacity as the Chair of the Personnel Sub-Committee of the Policy and Resources Committee.

**INCREASE IN MEMBERSHIP OF THE EMERGENCY POWERS COMMITTEE**

5. There was submitted a report dated 20 October 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services which recommended that Council increase the membership of the Emergency Powers Committee from five members to seven members.

It was agreed that the membership of the Emergency Powers Committee be increased by two members being Councillors Jimmy Boyd and Kim Nicoll and that the Scheme of Delegation be amended accordingly.

**MUSEUMS AND ARTS ACQUISITION AND DISPOSAL POLICY (Item 5, Page 2419)**

6. There was submitted a report dated 24 October 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which submitted the Museums and Arts Acquisition and Disposal Policy for approval by Council.

It was agreed to approve, subject to minor typographical amendment, the Museums and Arts Acquisition and Disposal Policy as shown in the Appendix to the report.

**WEST OF SCOTLAND ROAD SAFETY FORUM STEERING GROUP**

7. There was submitted a report dated 22 October 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which requested that the Council nominate a member to attend the above Steering Group.

Councillor Sneller, seconded by Councillor McIntyre, moved to nominate Councillor Fulton to attend the Steering Group.

Councillor McDill, seconded by Councillor Coffey, moved as an amendment to nominate Councillor Ronald Brailsford to attend the Steering Group.

On a division by a show of hands the motion was carried by 17 votes to 6.

**ZERO TOLERANCE CHARITABLE TRUST (Item 5, Page 2065)**

8. There was submitted a report dated 24 October 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work which provided Council with information in relation to the Zero Tolerance Charitable Trust and which requested the nomination of an Elected Member to the Trust's Consultative Forum.

It was noted that the annual affiliation fee of £4,000 to the Trust was subject to annual consideration.

Councillor Sneller, seconded by Councillor McIntyre, moved to nominate Councillor Jane Darnbrough to the Consultative Forum.

Councillor McDill, seconded by Councillor Reid, moved as an amendment to nominate Councillor Kathleen Hall to the Consultative Forum.

On a division by a show of hands the motion was carried by 17 votes to 6.

**INTERIM ARRANGEMENTS DURING ABSENCE OF CHAIR OF  
COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE**

9. It was agreed to suspend Standing Order 1.2 in order to consider this matter.

There was submitted a report dated 28 October 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services which invited Council to consider what interim arrangements should be put in place during the absence of the present Chair of the Community Services Committee, Councillor Bob Beattie.

It was agreed, during the absence of Councillor Bob Beattie the present Chair of the Community Services Committee, that

- (i) Councillor John Smith be appointed Chair and Councillor Gordon Cree be appointed Vice-Chair of the Community Services Committee;
- (ii) that Councillor John Smith assume any other duties carried out by Councillor Beattie in his capacity as Chair of the Community Services Committee which were not ex officio appointments;
- (iii) that Councillor John Smith replace Councillor Bob Beattie on the Licensing Sub-Committee of the Community Services Committee;
- (iv) that Councillor John Smith be appointed Chair of the Licensing Sub-Committee of the Community Services; and
- (v) that Councillor Gordon Cree be appointed Chair of the Leisure Sub-Committee of the Community Services Committee.

The Council extended to Councillor Beattie their best wishes for a full and speedy recovery.

The meeting terminated at 1143 hrs.