

## **EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

### **COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE**

#### **MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 24 NOVEMBER 1999 AT 1000 HOURS IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Robert Taylor, Katie Hall, Daniel Coffey, John Weir, Drew McIntyre, Harry Wilson, Iain Linton, Finlay MacLean, Julie Faulds, William Menzies, Eric Ross, Elaine Dinwoodie, and Jimmy Carmichael.

**ATTENDING:** David Montgomery, Chief Executive; William Stafford, Director of Community Services; Graham Short, Depute Director of Education; John F Crawford, Head of Protective Services; John Griffiths, Head of Leisure Services; Tim Baulk, Financial Services Manager; Charlie Woodward, Museums and Arts Manager; David Mitchell, Principal Solicitor; Julie Armstrong, Senior Administrative Officer; and Ian Gemmell, Administrative Officer.

**APOLOGIES:** Councillors Ann Hay, Stephanie Young, Brian Reeves, David Macrae, Jane Darnbrough, Eric Jackson and Tommy Farrell.

**CHAIR:** Councillor Robert Taylor, Chair.

#### **ORDER OF BUSINESS**

1. The Chair, at his discretion, and in terms of Standing Order 15.1, agreed to alter the order of business and to consider the Item regarding the Government proposal for a Holocaust Remembrance Day at the start of the meeting.

#### **GOVERNMENT PROPOSAL FOR A HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY - PROPOSED DATE: 27 JANUARY 2001 (Item 7, Page 556, 99/02)**

2. There was submitted a report dated 22 November 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Corporate Services to enable the Committee to participate in the consultation regarding the Government's proposal for a Holocaust Remembrance Day and to compile a response by 30 November 1999.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to support the proposal in principle, and to request the Directors of Education and of Community Services to investigate further appropriate activities in support of the event; and
- (ii) that Members wishing to comment individually on the matter should do so direct to the Director of Community Services by Friday 26 November 1999.

#### **SUB-COMMITTEE MINUTES**

3. There were submitted and approved both as a correct record and in respect of the recommendations contained therein, the undernoted Sub-Committee Minutes (circulated):-
- 3.1 **LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE - 10 NOVEMBER 1999 - APPENDIX I.**

Councillor Weir joined the meeting at this point.

**BUDGETARY CONTROL SUMMARY STATEMENT: COMMUNITY SERVICES TO  
24 SEPTEMBER 1999 (PERIOD 6)**

4. There was submitted and noted a joint report dated 10 November 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Finance and the Director of Community Services on the current budgetary control position and the projected out-turn for the year for the Community Services Department for the period ended 24 September 1999 (Period 6).

**DEPARTMENTAL PROGRESS REPORT**

5. There was submitted and noted a report dated 5 November 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on progress within the Community Services Department.

**STATUTORY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS**

6. There was submitted and noted a report dated 10 November 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on the outcome of Statutory Performance Indicators within the Community Services Department for the period 1 April 1998 to 31 March 1999.

**NON STATUTORY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS**

7. There was submitted and noted a report dated 10 November 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on the outcome of agreed Non Statutory Performance Indicators within the Community Services Department.

**ABSENCE MANAGEMENT REPORT: QUARTER - 5 JULY-1 OCTOBER 1999**

8. There was submitted and noted a report dated 10 November 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on absence rates for the Department of Community Services for the quarterly period ended 1 October 1999.

**DISPOSAL OF SURPLUS PROPERTY: HENRIETTA STREET, GALSTON**

9. There was submitted a report dated 4 November 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which invited the Committee to declare premises at Henrietta Street, Galston, surplus to requirements for disposal in accordance with Council policy.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to declare the premises at Henrietta Street, Galston, surplus to requirements;
- (ii) that the Director of Community Services advise the Director of Development Services accordingly; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the report.

**CELEBRATING SCOTLAND: A CONSULTATION PAPER ON A NATIONAL  
CULTURAL STRATEGY**

10. There was submitted a report dated 27 October 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which advised of the publication of "Celebrating Scotland" a consultation document on a national cultural strategy issued by the Scottish

Executive, and which presented a draft response to this document for consideration by the Committee.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the Director of Community Services make an appropriate amendment to the proposed response to “Celebrating Scotland” in order to emphasise the importance of Scotland’s history in the cultural strategy;
- (ii) otherwise to approve the proposed response contained in the Director’s report;
- (iii) that, in future, consultation papers should, where the timescale permits, be referred to the Council’s Local Committees for comment; and
- (iv) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

### **KILMARNOCK LEISURE CENTRE TRUST: PROGRESS REPORT**

#### **11.1 Declaration of Interest**

Councillors Taylor and Carmichael declared a non pecuniary interest in this matter.

#### **11.2 Consideration of Item**

There was submitted and noted a report dated 11 August 1999 (circulated) by the Head of Leisure Services which requested the Committee to note the continued financial assistance provided by the Council to the Kilmarnock Leisure Centre Trust, and the ongoing progress made by the Trust in managing the Galleon Leisure Centre.

### **PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENT LICENSING - PROPOSED PROCEDURES AND ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS IN RESPECT OF FAIRGROUNDS**

12. There was submitted a report dated 10 August 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which invited the Committee to consider proposed procedures and additional conditions in respect of public entertainment licensing of travelling fairs.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the additional licence conditions, the procedures and the criteria for suitable sites as detailed in the Appendices to the report;
- (ii) that the respective Community Councils should be notified of applications submitted for Public Entertainment Licenses for fairgrounds; and
- (iii) that applications in respect of fairgrounds should be advertised in the local press, and that the cost of such advertising should be met by the applicants.

### **THE SUPPORT OF SPORTING EXCELLENCE SCHEME - GRANT AWARDS**

13. There was submitted a report dated 28 October 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on applications for support of sporting excellence grant assistance to individuals.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the award of grant aid to the 64 sports persons detailed in the Appendix to the report; and

- (ii) that the Director of Community Services arrange for a press release in order to congratulate the persons concerned on behalf of the Council.

**GRANTS TO VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS SCHEME: APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

14. There was submitted a report dated 28 October 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on applications for financial assistance under the Grants to Voluntary Organisations Scheme.

In respect of the submitted applications, the following decisions were made:-

- (i) East Ayrshire Gardening Club - £600;  
(ii) Citizens Theatre - £500;  
(iii) The Arts is Magic - £1,000 (conditional on successful lottery award and work with at least one Ayrshire Group approved by Social Work Department); and  
(iv) Kuloc - £2,000.

**AWARDING OF CONTRACTS**

15. There was submitted and noted a report dated 11 November 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Corporate Services which provided for information details of the lowest satisfactory tenders in respect of contracts which had been awarded as follows:-

<u>CONTRACT</u>	<u>SUCCESSFUL CONTRACTOR</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Supply and Delivery of two 3.5 Tonnes Chassis Cab Tippers	Arnold Clark Automobiles Ltd, Kilmarnock	£29,268.00
Supply and Delivery of two Refuse Freighters	PDE Geesink Ltd, Pontyclun	£230,340.00
Supply and Delivery of one "4x4 Pick-up"	Kerr & Smith, Cumnock	£14,244.00
Repairs to Carriageways and Footpaths at Dalmellington Cemetery	Lymburn Contractors Ltd, Dalrymple	£29,987.03
Erection and Dismantling of Seasonal Street and Tree Lighting, 1999/2000 Programme	John Girvan and Sons Ltd, Ayr	£31,265.06
Galston Library Internal Refurbishment, Re-roofing and Asbestos Removal	East Ayrshire Council, Building and Works	£73,878.19

**50TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE SCOTTISH ACCIDENT PREVENTION COUNCIL**

16. There was submitted and noted a report dated 17 November 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on the above Conference held on 6 and 7

September 1999 in Perth, which had been attended by a Member and Officers of East Ayrshire Council.

**EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

17. The Committee resolved that under Section 50A(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, as amended, the Press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 6 of Schedule 7A to the Act.

**BUDGETARY CONTROL SUMMARY STATEMENT: GROUNDS MAINTENANCE AND LEISURE MANAGEMENT TO 24 SEPTEMBER 1999 (PERIOD 6)**

18. There was submitted and noted a joint report dated 10 November 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Finance and the Director of Community Services on the current budgetary control position and the projected out-turn for the year for Grounds Maintenance and Leisure Management for the period ended 24 September 1999 (Period 6).

**BUDGETARY CONTROL SUMMARY STATEMENT: REFUSE COLLECTION AND STREET CLEANSING TO 24 SEPTEMBER 1999 (PERIOD 6)**

19. There was submitted and noted a joint report dated 10 November 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Finance and the Director of Community Services on the current budgetary control position and the projected out-turn for the year for Refuse Collection and Street Cleansing for the period ended 24 September 1999 (Period 6).

The meeting terminated at 1040 hours.