

**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

**COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 2 FEBRUARY 2000 AT 1000 HOURS IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Robert Taylor, Stephanie Young, Brian Reeves, Daniel Coffey, John Weir, Drew McIntyre, David Macrae, Harry Wilson, Iain Linton, Jane Darnbrough, Finlay MacLean, Eric Jackson, Julie Faulds, William Menzies, Eric Ross and Elaine Dinwoodie.

**ATTENDING:** David Montgomery, Chief Executive; Fiona Lees, Depute Chief Executive; William Stafford, Director Community Services; John Griffiths, Head of Leisure Services; John F Crawford, Head of Protective Services; Tim Baulk, Financial Services Manager; Bobby McCulloch, Outdoor Amenities Manager; David Mitchell, Principal Solicitor; Julie Armstrong, Senior Administrative Officer; and Ian Gemmell, Administrative Officer.

**APOLOGIES:** Councillors Ann Hay, Tommy Farrell and Jimmy Carmichael.

**CHAIR:** Councillor Robert Taylor (Chair).

**MINUTES**

1. There was submitted and approved, both as a correct record and in respect of the recommendations contained therein, the undernoted Sub-Committee Minute (circulated):-

**1.1 LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE OF 19 JANUARY 2000 (APPENDIX I)**

**BUDGETARY CONTROL SUMMARY STATEMENT: COMMUNITY SERVICES TO 17 DECEMBER 1999 (PERIOD 9)**

2. There was submitted and noted a joint report dated 19 January 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Finance and the Director of Community Services on the current budgetary control position and the projected outturn for the year for the Community Services Department for the period ended 17 December 1999 (Period 9).

**DEPARTMENTAL PROGRESS REPORT**

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

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the Council's legal adviser write to the Lord Advocate expressing the Council's concern at the Procurator Fiscal's decision not to proceed with prosecution following certain complaints by the Trading Standards Service; and
- (ii) otherwise to note the report.

### **COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT - HEALTH AND SAFETY POLICY**

4. There was submitted a report dated 17 January 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which sought the adoption of a revised Departmental Health and Safety Policy.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the proposed Departmental Health and Safety Policy as submitted;
- (ii) that the Director of Community Services communicate the adopted Departmental policy to all Community Services Department employees; and
- (iii) otherwise to note the report.

### **DISPOSAL OF SURPLUS LAND - PARK ROAD AUCHINLECK**

5. There was submitted a report dated 3 December 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which requested the Committee to declare an area of ground in Park Road, Auchinleck as surplus to the Community Services Department's requirements in accordance with Council policy.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to declare approximately 200 m<sup>2</sup> of land at Park Road, Auchinleck as surplus to the requirements of the Community Services Department;
- (ii) that the Director of Community Services advise the Director of Development Services accordingly; and
- (iii) otherwise to note the report.

### **NATIONAL WASTE STRATEGY: SCOTLAND**

6. There was submitted a report dated 7 January 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on the launch of the National Waste Strategy: Scotland.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the Director of Community Services raise with the Convention of Scottish Local Authorities the Council's concern at the Scottish Environmental Protection Agency's proposal that Dumfries and Galloway be included with the three Ayrshire Councils as a single Waste Strategy Area, and the potential difficulties associated with this proposal; and
- (ii) otherwise to note the report.

Councillor Ross left the meeting at this point.

### **EXPOSURE TO POWER-FREQUENCY MAGNETIC FIELDS AND THE RISK OF CHILDHOOD CANCER**

7. There was submitted a report dated 10 January 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on the outcome of an independent study of potential links between overhead power cables and childhood cancer.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the Director of Community Services submit a report on the matter to Kilmarnock South, Doon Valley and Cumnock Area Local Committees; and

- (ii) otherwise to note the report.

### **REMOVAL OF THE RETAIL BAN ON BEEF-ON-THE-BONE**

8. There was submitted and noted a report dated 9 December 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on proposed amendments to the Beef Bones Regulations 1997.

### **THE BREEDING AND SALE OF DOGS (WELFARE) ACT 1999**

9. There was submitted and noted a report dated 6 January 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on the implications of the Breeding and Sale of Dogs (Welfare) Act 1999, which had come into force on 30 December 1999.

Councillor Ross rejoined the meeting at this point.

### **ADOPTION OF UPDATED CEMETERY MANAGEMENT RULES**

10. There was submitted a report dated 11 January 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which sought approval for the adoption of revised Cemetery Management Rules for all East Ayrshire Council operated cemeteries.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the publication of updated cemetery management rules for public consultation for a period of not less than 30 days;
- (ii) that the Director of Community Services consider any representations made during the public consultation exercise and if necessary report back to a future meeting of this Committee; and
- (iii) otherwise to note the report.

### **BELLFIELD COMMUNITY SPORTS CLUB PROJECT 2000**

11. There was submitted a report dated 18 January 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on the proposed Bellfield Community Sports Club Project 2000, and which sought approval to carry out further investigations on the project.

Councillor Taylor seconded by Councillor Jackson moved that the Committee approve further investigation of the Project 2000 in Bellfield and that the Director of Community Services report the progress of the Project and its aims and membership to a future meeting of this Committee.

Councillor Daniel Coffey seconded by Councillor Linton moved as an amendment that consideration of this matter be continued until the next meeting of this Committee, and that the Director of Community Services submit a further report on this matter with additional information to that meeting.

On a division by a show of hands the motion was carried by 9 votes to 7.

### **TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF THE DICK INSTITUTE, KILMARNOCK**

12. There was submitted a report dated 18 January 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on the temporary closure of the Dick Institute from mid February until May 2000, to allow essential maintenance work to take place.

It was agreed to note the intended closure of the Dick Institute from mid February till late May 2000 and the temporary arrangements being made to provide book lending services during the closure period.

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

13. There was submitted a report dated 15 December 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:-

#### **Applications Approved (for the purposes stated in the report):-**

- (i) Cairntable Race Committee (Muirkirk Community Association) - £800.00; and
- (ii) Kilmarnock District History Group - £1,000.00.

### **GRANTS TO VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS : AWARDS TO BANDS**

14. There was submitted a report dated 15 December 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on applications for financial assistance under the Awards to Bands Scheme.

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

#### **Applications Approved**

- (i) Dalmellington Band - £800.00; and
- (ii) Dalmellington Junior Band - £800.00.

### **AWARDING OF CONTRACTS**

15. There was submitted and noted a report dated 18 January 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Corporate Services which provided for information details of the lowest satisfactory tender in respect of contracts which had been awarded as follows:-

<b>CONTRACT</b>	<b>SUCCESSFUL CONTRACTOR</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
Supply and Delivery of one 3.5 Tonne Crew Cab Tipper	Arnold Clark Automobiles, Kilmarnock	£16,048.00
Supply and Delivery of one 3.5 Tonne High Roof Panel Van	Arnold Clark Automobiles, Kilmarnock	£13,534.00

### **EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

16. 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 17 DECEMBER 1999  
(PERIOD 9)**

17. There was submitted and noted a joint report dated 19 January 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Finance and the Director of Community Services on the current budgetary control position and the projected outturn for the year for Grounds Maintenance and Leisure Management to 17 December 1999 (Period 9).

**BUDGETARY CONTROL SUMMARY STATEMENT: REFUSE COLLECTION  
AND STREET CLEANSING TO 17 DECEMBER 1999 (PERIOD 9)**

18. There was submitted and noted a joint report dated 19 January 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Finance and the Director of Community Services on the current budgetary control position and the projected outturn for the year for Refuse Collection and Street Cleansing to 17 December 1999 (Period 9).

The meeting terminated at 1129 hours.