

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE****MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 20 JANUARY 2000 AT 1030 HOURS IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK**

PRESENT: Councillors Eric Ross, Stephanie Young, Daniel Coffey, Drew McIntyre, Harry Wilson, Iain Linton, John Knapp, Finlay MacLean, Eric Jackson, George Smith, Jimmy Kelly, Tommy Farrell, Julie Faulds, Provost Jimmy Boyd and Councillors Robert Taylor and Jimmy Carmichael.

ATTENDING: David Montgomery, Chief Executive; Stephen Chorley, Director of Development Services; Robert Paton, Head of Economic Development; Alan Neish, Head of Planning and Building Control; Douglas Campbell, Head of Public Relations and Marketing; Bill Taylor, Head of Roads and Transportation; David Mitchell, Principal Solicitor; Chris Johnston, Financial Services Manager; Julie Armstrong, Senior Administrative Officer; and Alex Hewetson, Administrative Officer.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Willie Coffey, Douglas Reid, Jim Raymond and Robert McDill.

CHAIR: Councillor Eric Ross, Chair.

MONITORING REPORTS**1.1 BUDGETARY CONTROL SUMMARY STATEMENT - DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT SERVICES TO 19 NOVEMBER 1999 (PERIOD 8)**

There was submitted and noted a joint report dated 30 December 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Finance and the Director of Development Services on the current budgetary control position and the projected out-turn for the year for the Department of Development Services for the period ended 19 November 1999 (Period 8).

1.2 UNEMPLOYMENT IN EAST AYRSHIRE - OCTOBER 1999

There was submitted and noted a report dated 5 January 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services on unemployment levels in East Ayrshire as at October 1999.

**THE PUBLIC POUND - WEST OF SCOTLAND ARCHAEOLOGY SERVICE
(Item 13, Page 3969, 96/99)**

2. There was submitted a report dated 6 January 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services on the performance of the West of Scotland Archaeology Service in financial year 1998/99; and its budgetary position in terms of the Code of Practice and Funding External Bodies and Following the Public Pound.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the activity and the expenditure of the West of Scotland Archaeology Service in financial year 1998/99; and
- (ii) that a report, outlining the conclusions of the West of Scotland Archaeology Service Business Review Report; any other service delivery options not

considered in the Business Review Report; and the implications, financial and otherwise, for East Ayrshire Council in meeting its obligations under National Planning Policy Guideline 5, would be submitted to a future meeting of this Committee.

MOBILE PHONE MASTS - POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

3. There was submitted a report dated 13 January 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services on limitations in the Council's current powers to control the installation of mobile phone masts; and which recommended action to improve information available to local communities prior to installation.

It was agreed:-

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- (i) to recommend the proposals for Interim Council Policy, as described in Paragraph 7 of the report, with the aim of increasing the influence of the Council and local communities over the future development of mobile phone installations; and
 - (ii) that the Director of Development Services would, thereafter, submit the Policy Statement on mobile phone masts to the Scottish Executive and Scottish Parliament as a contribution to their current review of controls over mobile phone operatives.
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WINNING AND WORKING OF COAL BY OPENCAST EXTRACTION AT GLENMUCKLOCH, KIRKCONNEL, DUMFRIES AND GALLOWAY

4. There was submitted a report dated 19 January 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services on planning application no 99/P/30571, received for consultation purposes, from Dumfries and Galloway Council, on a proposal by Scottish Coal for the winning and working of coal by opencast methods at Glenmuckloch, Kirkconnel, Dumfries and Galloway.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to object to planning application no 99/P/30571 for the reasons described in Paragraphs 3.1 and 3.2 of the report;
- (ii) to recommend to Dumfries and Galloway Council that, if it is of a mind to approve the application, due consideration should be given to suggestions made in Paragraphs 3.1 to 3.5 of the report regarding the formation of Liaison Committees; subscription to the Transportation by Roads Protocol; provision of a by-pass for Ochiltree and New Cumnock; and transportation of coal from the site by rail; and
- (iii) to authorise the Director of Development Services:-
 - (a) to respond to Dumfries and Galloway Council on planning application no 99/P/30571 in the terms described in Paragraph 3 of the report;
 - (b) to enter into negotiations with Dumfries and Galloway Council, if the application were to be approved, regarding the preparation of any Section 75 Agreements that may be agreed, insofar as they relate to East Ayrshire Council; and
 - (c) to withdraw the formal objection ((i), above) if the coal were to be transported by rail.

AWARDING OF CONTRACTS

5. There was submitted and noted a report dated 10 January 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Corporate Services which provided details of the lowest satisfactory tenders which had been accepted in respect of the undernoted Department of Development Services' contracts:-

<u>CONTRACT</u>	<u>SUCCESSFUL CONTRACTOR</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Patching North Area - No 3	J H Civils, Airdrie	£49,331.00
A76 Patching - No 2	Barr Limited, Ayr	£19,143.67
Footways - New Farm Loch	Alistair Dick, Darvel	£17,819.80
Refurbishment of Dalmellington Industrial Estate, Dalmellington	East Ayrshire Council, Building and Works Division, Kilmarnock	£399,999.92
Supply and Delivery of Two 3.5 tonne High Roof Panel Vans	Arnold Clark Automobiles, Kilmarnock	£19,606.36
Supply and Delivery of Two Four Wheel Drive Loading Shovels	Finning (UK) Limited, Hamilton	£107,942.48
Supply and Delivery of One Snowblower	Bunce (Ashbury) Limited, Swindon	£27,250.00

LAND SURPLUS TO REQUIREMENTS - 113 PATHHEAD, NEW CUMNOCK

6. There was submitted a report dated 14 December 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which sought approval for land at 113 Pathhead, New Cumnock, to be declared surplus to requirements; and to thereafter proceed to sell the ground.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to declare the land at 113 Pathhead, New Cumnock, surplus to operational requirements for the purpose of a disposal to the party named within the report; and
- (ii) that the Director of Development Services in conjunction with the Solicitor to the Council would proceed to complete the required negotiations and arrangements for the sale of the ground in accordance with the terms of the Scheme of Delegation.

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

7. 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 of the Act.

MONITORING REPORTS

8.1 BUDGETARY CONTROL SUMMARY STATEMENT ROADS DLO - TRADING SERVICES TO 19 NOVEMBER 1999 (PERIOD 8)

There was submitted and noted a joint report dated 29 December 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Finance and the Director of Development Services on the current budgetary control position and the projected out-turn for the year for the Roads DLO - Trading Services for the period ended 19 November 1999 (Period 8).

8.2 BUDGETARY CONTROL SUMMARY STATEMENT VEHICLE MAINTENANCE DSO - TRADING SERVICES TO 19 NOVEMBER 1999 (PERIOD 8)

There was submitted and noted a joint report dated 30 December 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Finance and the Director of Development Services on the current budgetary control position and the projected out-turn for the year for the Vehicle Maintenance DSO - Trading Services for the period ended 19 November 1999 (Period 8).

FUNDING SUPPORT - KILMARNOCK COMPANY

9. There was submitted a report dated 5 January 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which sought approval for the contribution of a special wage subsidy to a company in Kilmarnock.

It was agreed to approve, in principle, a special employment grant of £15,000, which would be drawn from the proposed 2000/01 Business Grants Budget, subject to the terms and conditions described within the report.

FUNDING SUPPORT TO MANUFACTURING COMPANY IN KILMARNOCK

10. There was submitted a report dated 13 January 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which sought approval for grant funding support to a company in Kilmarnock.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve, in principle, grant funding of up to a maximum of £19,000, which would be drawn from the proposed 2000/01 Business Grants Budget, subject to the principles described in Paragraph 4 of the report, which would be incorporated in a formal agreement prepared by the Solicitor to the Council; and
- (ii) to note that a report relating to the proposals which arose from the discussions referred to in Paragraph 2.7 of the report, would be submitted to a future meeting of this Committee.

FUNDING SUPPORT - EXTERNAL SUPPORTED ORGANISATION

11.1 Declaration of Interest

Councillors Tommy Farrell and Robert Taylor declared a non-pecuniary interest in respect of the following Item: 11.2 and took no part in its consideration.

11.2 There was submitted a report dated 6 January 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which sought approval for temporary loan funding to an external supported organisation.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve a temporary loan of £50,000, which would be drawn from the 1999/00 Capital Programme - Business Loans Budget, in accordance with Paragraph 4.2 of the report, subject to the conditions set out in Paragraph 4.3 of the report;
- (ii) that a report, which outlined options for the continued operation of the external supported organisation's activities later in 2000, would be submitted to a future meeting of this Committee; and
- (iii) that quarterly reports on relevant statistics relating to the organisation's commercial activities would be submitted, for information, to this Committee.

The meeting terminated at 1117 hours.