

APPENDIX**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL****COMMUNITY SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE****MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 17 DECEMBER 1996 AT
1000 HOURS IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS,
LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK**

PRESENT: Councillors Tommy Farrell, Gordon McCredie, Drew McIntyre, John Knapp, Kim Nicoll, David Sneller, Robert Taylor and Eric Jackson; Parent Representative, Mrs Shelagh McKerrall and Church Representative, John McHugh.

ATTENDING: Margaret Burnell, Senior Depute Director of Education; Sue Angus, Depute Director of Education; Jennifer Wallace, Depute Director of Education; Tom Williams, Principal Psychologist; Bernard Chisholm, Educational Psychologist; Hugh Carswell, Service Officer (Children & Families); Janie Allen, Principal Officer, Pre-Five Services; Anne Jackson, Principal Community Education Officer; Bill Walkinshaw, Principal Administrative Officer; Anne Marie Carr, Administrative Officer and Lesley-Ann Wallace, Administrative Assistant.

APOLOGIES: Councillors David Fulton and George Turnbull.

CHAIR: Councillor Tommy Farrell, Chair.

YOUTH SUPPORT PROJECT (Item 2, Page 570)

1. There were submitted joint reports dated 3 December 1996 (both circulated) by the Directors of Education and of Social Work on the growth finance package agreed by Council on 5 March 1996 regarding a proposal for a joint youth support project between the Education and Social Work Departments and seeking detailed approval.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the proposal in respect of the report issued on 10 December 1996 and remit to the Director of Personnel for appropriate action;
- (ii) that the matter of non-teaching staff implications be remitted to the Personnel Sub-Committee of the Policy and Resources Committee, subject to consultation with the Trade Unions as per the report issued on 13 December 1996;
- (iii) that the Directors of Education and of Social Work be authorised to develop the next phase of this development targeting other parts of the Council's area as per the report issued on 10 December 1996; and
- (iv) that the Directors of Education and of Social Work provide further information to the Community Sub-Committee on the outcomes of the project's activity within the Council's Children's Service Plan as per the report issued on 10 December 1996.

Councillor Nicoll joined the meeting during discussion of this item.

**MID-YEAR REPORT ON THE UPTAKE OF FOOTWEAR AND CLOTHING
GRANTS AND FREE SCHOOL MEALS**

2. There was submitted a report dated 2 December 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Education which provided details of the level of uptake of footwear and clothing grants and free school meals by pupils who had attended schools within East Ayrshire.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the Director of Education continue to monitor the uptake of free meals and footwear and clothing grants; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

**A CURRICULUM FRAMEWORK FOR CHILDREN IN THEIR PRE-SCHOOL YEAR
- CONSULTATIVE DRAFT**

3. There was submitted a report dated 29 November 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Education on the consultative process linked to the draft document "A Curriculum Framework for Children in their Pre-School Year".

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the Director of Education respond to the Scottish Consultative Council on the curriculum in respect of the draft Consultative Document;
- (ii) that the Director of Education report his findings to a future meeting of the Community Sub-Committee on completion of the consultation process; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

PRE-FIVE CHARGING POLICY - UPDATE (Item 1, Page 1109)

4. There was submitted a report dated 2 December 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Education on the progress in monitoring and reviewing the Pre-Five Charging Policy.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the proposal to extend the categories of exemption from nursery fees as detailed below be approved:-
 - children whose entry to Primary 1 had been delayed on the recommendation of the Educational Psychological Service;
 - children with a chronic medical condition; the children who are in this category are absent from nursery on a regular basis due to the nature of their condition, regular hospital appointments and admissions to hospital for short periods of time;
 - children whose absence due to ill health can be supported with written medical advice; and
 - children in exceptional circumstances: bereavement, custody disputes, families in extreme financial difficulties.
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF PRE-FIVE PROVISION

5. There was submitted a report dated 6 December 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Education which provided information regarding the further development of Pre-Five Services.

Councillor Farrell, seconded by Councillor Taylor moved:-

- (i) to note the progress being made in the delivery of pre-five education in East Ayrshire;
- (ii) that the expansion of pre-five education in the Northern Area and Kilmarnock Central Local Committee areas as detailed in the report be approved;
- (iii) that the Director of Education make the necessary arrangements to introduce the expansion in pre-five education to be effective from 1 February 1997 or as soon as is practicable; and
- (iv) that the expansion of the pre-five education be based upon the existing Council policy on income generation be approved.

Councillor Nicoll, seconded by Councillor McCredie moved as an amendment:-

- (i) to note the progress being made in the delivery of pre-five education in East Ayrshire;
- (ii) that the expansion of pre-five education in the Northern Area and Kilmarnock Central Local Committee areas as detailed in the report be approved;
- (iii) that the Director of Education make the necessary arrangements to introduce the expansion in pre-five education to be effective from 1 February 1997 or as soon as is practicable.

On a division by a show of hands the motion was carried by 7 votes to 2.

It was also agreed to note that the reference to Cumnock within the report should read the Cumnock Area.

CONSULTATIVE DOCUMENT - DELINEATION OF STEWARTON ACADEMY

6. There was submitted a report dated November 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Education on the proposals to create the delineation of Stewarton Academy.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to amend line 1 of paragraph 1 of section 7 of the report to read "it is recommended that the Community Sub-Committee of the Education Committee agree to adopt the proposal that";
- (ii) that a delineated area be created for Stewarton Academy and that it be formed by the aggregation of the delineated areas of the existing associated Primary Schools as shown in Appendix I of the report;
- (iii) that the report be issued as a Consultative Document and made available to all interested parties;
- (iv) that all interested parties, including relevant School Boards, be asked to make written representation on the proposals to John Mulgrew, Director of Education, East Ayrshire Council, Council Headquarters, London Road, Kilmarnock KA3 7BU, no later than 30 January 1997; and

- (v) that the Director of Education prepare a report on the results of the consultative process for consideration at a future meeting of the Education Committee.

APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE - NATIONAL UNION OF STUDENTS

7. There was submitted a report dated 9 December 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Education on an application for financial assistance which had been made to the Council by the National Union of Students, West of Scotland Area Branch and which recommended an award of £2,000.

It was agreed to award a grant of £2,000 to the National Union of Students, West of Scotland Branch and to note the work undertaken by the group.

NEWMILNS GIRL GUIDES - CATEGORY B APPLICATION

8. There was submitted a report dated 11 December 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Education which sought financial support for Newmilns Girl Guides Local Capital Grant Scheme application.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the Scottish Office funding of £21,000 for this project;
- (ii) to note the contribution from the Irvine Valley Local Committee of £5,250; and
- (iii) to approve a 50% contribution to the Council's share of £10,500, ie £5,250 towards the project valued at £42,000.

CHAIR'S REMARKS

As this was the last Community Sub-Committee meeting this year, the Chair extended his best wishes for the festive season.

The meeting terminated at 1040 hours.