

**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

**COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 21 JANUARY 1998 AT 1000 HOURS IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK**

**PRESENT:** Councillors John Smith, Gordon McCredie, Drew McIntyre, Gordon Cree, Ronald Brailsford, Jane Darnbrough, George Smith, Jimmy Carmichael and Robert Taylor.

**ATTENDING:** Fiona Lees, Depute Chief Executive; William Stafford, Director of Community Services; John F Crawford, Head of Protective Services; Alistair Gardner, Senior Accountant; David Morgan, Public Relations Officer; Douglas Blyth, Senior Solicitor; Julie Armstrong, Senior Administrative Officer; and Ian Gemmell, Administrative Officer.

**APOLOGIES:** Councillors Alan Campbell, Kathleen Hall and Tommy Farrell.

**CHAIR:** Councillor John Smith, Chair.

**SUB-COMMITTEE MINUTES**

1. There were submitted and approved both as correct records and in respect of the recommendations contained therein, the undernoted Sub-Committee Minutes (circulated).
- 1.1 **LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE - 7 JANUARY 1998 - APPENDIX I.**
- 1.2 **LEISURE SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE - 14 JANUARY 1998 - APPENDIX II.**

**BUDGETARY CONTROL SUMMARY STATEMENT: COMMUNITY SERVICES TO 7 NOVEMBER 1997 (PERIOD 8)**

2. There was submitted and noted a report dated 5 December 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Finance on the current budgetary control position and the projected out-turn for the year for the Community Services Department for the period ended 7 November 1997 (Period 8).

**CAPITAL PROGRAMME 1997/98**

3. There was submitted a report dated 15 January 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which sought approval for two capital projects as part of the capital programme for 1997/98.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve, as part of the Health and Safety initiative, the following projects, as outlined in the Director's report, at the estimated costs stated:-
  - (a) Replacement of wheeled bins for use in the Refuse Collection Service - £25,000; and

- (b) Provision of new shelving and other equipment for use within the Library Service - £20,000; and
- (ii) to authorise the total expenditure of up to £45,000 on the projects, to be met from the capital allocation for 1997/98.

Councillors Darnbrough and Taylor joined the meeting at this point.

#### **DEPARTMENTAL PROGRESS REPORT**

- 4. There was submitted and noted a report dated 22 December 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on progress within the Community Services Department.

#### **BAN ON THE SALE OF "BONE IN BEEF"**

- 5. There was submitted and noted a report dated 11 December 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on action taken following the Government's announcement of new legislation relating to the de-boning of all beef and the prevention of the sale of the resultant bones and their use in the preparation of food.

#### **THE IMPORTED FOOD REGULATIONS 1997**

- 6. There was submitted and noted a report dated 5 January 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on the Imported Food Regulations 1997, which came into force on 17 November 1997.

#### **SCOTTISH ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION AGENCY AUTHORISATION OF PROCESS - EGGER (BARONY) LIMITED, AUCHINLECK**

- 7. There was submitted a report dated 29 December 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on the issue by the Scottish Environment Protection Agency of the Authorisation for the timber process to be carried out by Egger (Barony) Limited at the premises at Barony Road, Auchinleck.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that information on air quality monitoring being carried out in the vicinity of the Plant should in future be included in the Director's Departmental Progress Report; and
- (ii) otherwise to note the report.

#### **WATER SUPPLY – MUIRKIRK (Item 16, Page 2731)**

- 8. There was submitted a report dated 30 December 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on the current position regarding the quality of the water supply to Muirkirk.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to refer the above report to the Cumnock Area Local Committee for information; and
- (ii) otherwise to note the report.

**DEVELOPMENT OF WASTE DISPOSAL STRATEGY - RESPONSE TO INVITATION TO EXPRESS INTEREST**

9. There was submitted a report dated 17 December 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which advised the Committee of responses to an invitation circulated to appropriate companies and organisations to express an interest in participating with the Council in developing its Waste Disposal Strategy.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the Director of Community Services evaluate expressions of interest received and arrange presentations to a Member/Officer Working Group comprising the Chair and Vice-Chair of this Committee, Councillor McIntyre and Councillor McCredie (Councillor Brailsford to be the Member if Councillor McCredie was not available), and appropriate Officers;
- (ii) that the Director of Community Services submit a further report in due course; and
- (iii) otherwise to note the report.

**LANDFILL TAX CREDITS**

10. There was submitted a report dated 17 December 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on arrangements made by the Council's Waste Disposal contractor to pay Landfill Tax credits into an Environmental Trust Fund, which would be administered by SCORE Environment Ltd.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to confirm support of the action taken so far by Barr Environmental Limited and Officers from the Community Services Department;
- (ii) to nominate the Director of Community Services to represent the Council on the Advisory Committee to be set up to oversee the planning and implementation of projects funded by the SCORE Environment Ltd; and
- (iii) otherwise to note the report.

**LOCAL BIODIVERSITY ACTION PLAN REPORT**

11. There was submitted a report dated 19 December 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on the development of Local Biodiversity Action Plans, and which recommended the preparation of a joint plan with neighbouring authorities and other partners.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the establishment of a partnership with the other Ayrshire Local Authorities and other partners to develop an Ayrshire Local Biodiversity Action Plan; and
- (ii) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

**DOG FOULING - PROPOSAL TO IMPLEMENT A COMPREHENSIVE PILOT SCHEME OF CONTROL**

12. There was submitted a report dated 11 December 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which invited the Committee to consider the introduction of a pilot scheme to improve control of the dog fouling problem.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to invite each of the seven Local Committees to select an area from a short list to be submitted by the Community Service staff in which a 3 month pilot scheme could be carried out to highlight public awareness of the dog fouling problem;
- (ii) that the Director of Community Services submit a further report on completion of the pilot scheme; and
- (iii) otherwise to note the report.

**EXTENSION OF CLOSED CIRCUIT TELEVISION**

13. There was submitted a report dated 18 December 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on action taken to extend closed circuit television in East Ayrshire.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the Director of Community Services submit a further report in due course on the outcome of the Council's current application for Scottish Office funding in respect of additional closed circuit television coverage in East Ayrshire in the following areas:- Loanhead Street, London Road, Holehouse Road, Glencairn Square, and Queens Drive (all Kilmarnock); Hurlford Cross; Mauchline Cross; Dalmellington Square; and Auchinleck Main Street; and
- (ii) otherwise to note the report.

**CIVIC GOVERNMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 1982 - LICENSING OF CAR AUCTION MARKETS**

14. There was submitted a report dated 16 December 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on the need for car auction markets to be licensable to enable the Trading Standards Service to provide protection to the general public and the legitimate car trade in East Ayrshire.

It was agreed that the Convention of Scottish Local Authorities be requested to support an approach to the Secretary of State for Scotland to seek an order by statutory instrument to include motor auctions as an additional licensable activity under Section 44 of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982.

**AWARDING OF TENDER**

15. There was submitted and noted a report dated 8 January 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services which provided the details of the undernoted tenders which had been awarded in respect of a Community Service contract viz:-

<b>Contract</b>	<b>Successful Contractor</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Proposed Cemetery Extension, Riccarton Cemetery, Kilmarnock	Commercial Operations Department, East Ayrshire Council	£172,790.28

The meeting terminated at 1112 hours.