

**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 18 DECEMBER 1997 AT  
1000 HRS IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS,  
LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK**

**PRESENT:** Provost Robert Stirling and Councillors Gordon McCredie, Drew McIntyre, Irene Reeves, Gordon Cree, Douglas Reid, Wilma Doyle, Ronald Brailsford, Jane Darnbrough, Jim O'Neill, John Knapp, Daniel Coffey, David Fulton, David Macrae, Kim Nicoll, Robert McDill, Eric Ross, David Sneller, Jimmy Boyd, George Smith, Jimmy Carmichael, Robert Taylor, John Smith, Tommy Farrell and Eric Jackson.

**ATTENDING:** David Montgomery, Chief Executive; Fiona Lees, Depute Chief Executive; Des Tierney, Director of Commercial Operations; Bill Stafford, Director of Community Services; Stephen Chorley, Director of Development Services; John Mulgrew, Director of Education; John Hillis, Director of Housing; Iain McLachlan, Director of Personnel Services; Douglas Bulloch, Director of Social Work; Barbara Haughan, Director of Support Services; Bill McKenzie, Senior Depute Director of Commercial Operations; Alex McPhee, Senior Depute Director of Finance; Helen Dick, Depute Director of Finance; Roddy Wallace, Head of Administration; Bill Walkinshaw, Principal Administrative Officer; and Julie Armstrong, Senior Administrative Officer.

**APOLOGIES:** Councillors Alan Campbell, Kathleen Hall, George Turnbull and Jim Kelly.

**CHAIR:** Provost Robert Stirling, Chair.

**DEATH OF COUNCILLOR ROBERT BEATTIE**

1. The Provost commented that it was his sad duty at this final full Council meeting of 1997 to report to Members and Officers the death of Councillor Bob Beattie.

The Provost advised the Council that he wished to say a few words to mark the passing of Councillor Beattie.

The Provost intimated that Councillor Beattie sadly died on Friday 5 December in Crosshouse Hospital after a short illness. Councillor Beattie served the people of Kilmaurs, Fenwick and Waterside and until recently was Chair of the Community Services Committee and the Licensing Board.

The Provost stated that Bob had been committed to public life and that he had been unstinting in his endeavours to serve his local people. His warmth and concern for everyone in the community meant that he had been respected as a friend and gentleman by all who knew him.

The Provost further stated that this respect had crossed party political lines and that he was sure that everyone at the meeting would miss him.

The Provost continued by saying that the loss to the Council was of course nothing compared to that of his family and that everyone's thoughts, today, were with Bob's wife Mae, daughters Pauline and Pamela, son David and grandchildren Heather and Pamela.

The Provost confirmed that Members and Officers would endeavour to keep in touch with Bob's family and to do all that they could to help them through this most difficult of times.

The Provost then asked all present to be upstanding and to join him in a minute's silence as a mark of their respect for their late friend and colleague, Bob Beattie.

The Council then observed a minute's silence.

Following the minute's silence the Council agreed that an extract of these Minutes be sent to Councillor Beattie's family.

### **INTRODUCTION OF CHIEF SUPERINTENDENT IAIN ANDERSON, DIVISIONAL COMMANDER, 'U' DIVISION**

2. The Provost extended a warm welcome to Chief Superintendent Iain M Anderson, recently appointed Divisional Commander of 'U' Division, Strathclyde Police. Mr Anderson replaced Chief Superintendent Andrew Cameron who had been transferred to the Human Resources Division within Force Headquarters at Pitt Street, Glasgow.

He commented that Chief Superintendent Anderson was a native of Newmilns and now resides in Troon. He has previously served at a number of ranks in 'U' Division and the Provost welcomed his return.

Chief Superintendent Iain Anderson then addressed the meeting and stated that he looked forward to working with East Ayrshire Council.

### **PREVIOUS MINUTES**

3. There were submitted (circulated) Minutes of Council held on 6 November 1997 which were approved as a correct record.

### **COMMITTEE MINUTES**

4. There were submitted (circulated) and approved subject to the undernoted amendments, both as correct records and in respect of recommendations contained therein the Minutes of the undernoted Committee meetings as follows, viz:-
  - 4.1. **CUMNOCK AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE OF 28 OCTOBER 1997 (pages 2634-2640)**
  - 4.2 **SPECIAL SOUTHERN LOCAL PLANNING COMMITTEE OF 29 OCTOBER 1997 (page 2641).**
  - 4.3 **DOON VALLEY LOCAL COMMITTEE OF 29 OCTOBER 1997 (pages 2642-2646).**
  - 4.4 **KILMARNOCK NORTH LOCAL COMMITTEE OF 30 OCTOBER 1997 (pages 2647-2651).**
    - 4.4.1 **LONGPARK STRATEGY INCLUDING PROBLEM HOUSING AREAS AND REMEDIAL WORKS (Items 7 & 8, Page 2649)**

It was agreed that the last paragraph read "It was agreed that three public meetings be held in the relevant communities, involving appropriate Departments, at which problems relating to housing and other matters could be discussed".

- 4.4.2 **COMMUNITY FACILITIES AT NEW FARM LOCH (Item 10, Page 2649)**

It was agreed that the beginning of the first paragraph should read "Councillor McCredie intimated that due to other Council business and to seek further information from the report compilers....". The rest of the paragraph to read as per the Minute.

**4.5 KILMARNOCK CENTRAL LOCAL COMMITTEE OF 4 NOVEMBER 1997 (pages 2652-2656).**

**4.6 IRVINE VALLEY LOCAL COMMITTEE OF 5 NOVEMBER 1997 (pages 2657-2661).**

**4.6.1 MATTERS ARISING**

**A71 ROAD THROUGH THE IRVINE VALLEY (Item 13, Page 2660)**

It was agreed that a letter be issued to Henry McLeish MP, the new Minister for Roads and Transportation inviting him to meet with representatives of East Ayrshire Council, including appropriate members of relevant Local Committees, to discuss the trunking of the A71 and other East Ayrshire Council road policy principles.

**4.7 SPECIAL DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE OF 7 NOVEMBER 1997 (pages 2666-2669).**

**4.8 SOUTHERN LOCAL PLANNING COMMITTEE OF 11 NOVEMBER 1997 (pages 2670-2671).**

**4.9 NORTHERN AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE OF 11 NOVEMBER 1997 (pages 2672-2677).**

**4.10 KILMARNOCK SOUTH LOCAL COMMITTEE OF 12 NOVEMBER 1997 (pages 2678-2681).**

**4.11 SOCIAL WORK COMMITTEE OF 13 NOVEMBER 1997 (pages 2682-2688).**

**4.12 CENTRAL LOCAL PLANNING COMMITTEE OF 14 NOVEMBER 1997 (pages 2689-2692).**

**4.13 HOUSING COMMITTEE OF 19 NOVEMBER 1997 (pages 2693-2704).**

**4.14 EDUCATION COMMITTEE OF 20 NOVEMBER 1997 (pages 2705-2722).**

**4.15 NORTHERN AREA LOCAL PLANNING COMMITTEE OF 21 NOVEMBER 1997 (pages 2723-2727).**

**4.16 COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE OF 26 NOVEMBER 1997 (pages 2728-2739).**

**4.16.1 MATTERS ARISING**

**LEISURE SUB-COMMITTEE OF 18 NOVEMBER 1997 - CHANGES TO THE 18TH HOLE AT CAPRINGTON GOLF COURSE (Item 1.2, Page 2728)**

It was noted that the Director of Community Services would provide Councillor McCredie with information on the outcome of the consultation with the Head of Legal Services on whether any reimbursement was due in respect of the cost of the work to relocate the 18th hole at Caprington Golf Course.

**4.17 COMMERCIAL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE OF 27 NOVEMBER 1997 (pages 2740-2742).**

**4.18 SPECIAL CENTRAL LOCAL PLANNING COMMITTEE OF 27 NOVEMBER 1997 (pages 2743-2745).**

**4.19 DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE OF 2 DECEMBER 1997 (pages 2746-2756).**

**4.20 POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE OF 4 DECEMBER 1997 (pages 2757-2791).**

**4.20.1 MATTERS ARISING**

**ANTI-POVERTY STRATEGY (Item 14, Page 2763)**

Councillor Sneller, seconded by Councillor Jackson, moved approval of the Minutes as a correct record.

Councillor McCredie, seconded by Councillor Nicoll, moved as an amendment that the Council write to local Members of Parliament to state that the Government's proposal to reduce the income to loan parents was a direct attack on the poor.

On a division by a show of hands the motion was carried by 17 votes to 6.

**4.21 SPECIAL NORTHERN AREA LOCAL PLANNING COMMITTEE OF 5 DECEMBER 1997 (pages 2792-2794).**

**EAST AYRSHIRE ACCIDENT PREVENTION COMMITTEE**

5. There were submitted and noted Minutes of Meeting held on 3 December 1997 (circulated) as shown in the Appendix to these Minutes.

**DRAFT EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL MEETINGS CALENDAR  
FOR 31 MARCH 1998 TO 13 MAY 1999**

6. There was submitted a report dated 9 December 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services which enclosed, for consideration of Council, a draft meetings list.

Councillor Carmichael left the meeting at this point.

Councillor Sneller, seconded by Councillor McIntyre, moved to approve the draft meetings calendar and to remit to the Director of Support Services to implement any transitional arrangements in consultation with the appropriate Chairs.

Councillor Coffey, seconded by Councillor Nicoll, moved as an amendment that the Chief Executive carry out a comprehensive review of the structure of the Council, Committees and Sub-Committees.

On a division by a show of hands the motion was carried by 17 votes to 6.

**STATUTORY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS 1996/97**

7. There was submitted a report dated 16 December 1997 (circulated) by the Chief Executive on the statutory performance indicator information for the financial year 1996/97 in terms of the 1996 Direction which included arrangements for publication.

There was also submitted (circulated) additional Appendices 2 and 3 providing an update on the report.

It was agreed:

(i) to note the Statutory Performance Indicators 1996/97;

- (ii) to the publication of the Finalised Statutory Performance Indicators 1996/97 in the local Press;
- (iii) to note the action to be taken by the Council's Officers in consultation with the external auditors to address areas of operational difficulty in respect of 1996/97 and so ensure compliance with the Council's reporting requirements for 1997/98; and
- (iv) otherwise to note the terms of the report.

The meeting terminated at 1050 hrs.