

**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

**EMERGENCY POWERS COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 23 DECEMBER 1997 AT 1000 HRS  
IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS,  
LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK**

**PRESENT:** Councillors David Sneller, Drew McIntyre, Provost Robert Stirling and Councillors Daniel Coffey, Eric Ross and Jimmy Boyd.

**ATTENDING:** David Montgomery, Chief Executive; Roddy Wallace, Head of Administration; Robert Paton, Head of Economic Development; Michael Gillespie, Solicitor; and Julie Armstrong, Senior Administrative Officer.

**APOLOGY:** Councillor Kim Nicoll.

**CHAIR:** Councillor David Sneller, Chair.

**EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

1. 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 item of business on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 6 of Schedule 7A of the Act.

**FUNDING REQUEST - CUMNOCK COMPANY**

2. There was submitted a report dated 19 December 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services regarding a funding request from a Cumnock company.

It was agreed:

- (i) to dispose of the Council's interest in the existing property subject to the satisfaction of the Head of Property Services;
- (ii) to provide loan support to the company of £218,000 repayable over an 11 year period at 2% over bank base rate, secured after the bank's new mortgage;
- (iii) to provide a guarantee in conjunction with Enterprise Ayrshire to the bank as detailed in the report;
- (iv) that the guarantee in (iii) above expire once the level of indebtedness to the bank reached the sum as detailed in the report;
- (v) that the above be subject to the satisfaction of the Head of Legal Services;
- (vi) that in respect of ensuring value for money in terms of the Joint Guidance issued by the Audit Commission and CoSLA on "Following The Public Pound" the following additional information be provided to the Council, viz:-
  - (a) copy quarterly management accounts within two months of the period end; and
  - (b) copy audited annual accounts; and
- (vii) that an annual statement be submitted to Committee on the progress of the project, covering business trading activity and jobs supported, together with a report on the Council's exposure on the guarantees.

The meeting terminated at 1012 hrs.