

APPENDIX VIII

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

**FINANCE AND PROPERTY SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE POLICY AND
RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 20 JANUARY 1998 AT 1400
HOURS IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON
ROAD, KILMARNOCK**

PRESENT: Councillors Douglas Reid, Wilma Doyle, David Fulton, Kim Nicoll, Eric Ross and Tommy Farrell.

ATTENDING: David Montgomery, Chief Executive; Barbara Haughan, Director of Support Services; Alex McPhee, Senior Depute Director of Finance; Robert McLeary, Head of Property Services; David Mitchell, Acting Head of Legal Services; Bill Walkinshaw, Principal Administrative Officer and Alex Hewetson, Administrative Officer.

APOLOGIES: Councillors David Sneller, Drew McIntyre, Jane Darnbrough, Daniel Coffey and Jim Kelly.

CHAIR: In the absence of the Chair, Councillor Tommy Farrell was unanimously appointed to the Chair.

**BUDGETARY CONTROL SUMMARY STATEMENT - GENERAL SERVICES
REVENUE ACCOUNT TO 7 NOVEMBER 1997 (PERIOD 8)**

1. There was submitted and noted a report dated 13 January 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Finance on the current budgetary control position and the projected out-turn for the year for the General Services Revenue Account for the period ended 7 November 1997 (Period 8).

Councillor Ross joined the meeting during discussion of the above item.

**BUDGETARY CONTROL SUMMARY STATEMENT - HOUSING REVENUE
ACCOUNT TO 7 NOVEMBER 1997 (PERIOD 8)**

2. There was submitted and noted a report dated 13 January 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Finance on the current budgetary control position and the projected out-turn for the year of the Housing Revenue Account for the period ended 7 November 1997 (Period 8).

STATISTICAL INFORMATION ON REVENUE COLLECTION

3. There was submitted and noted a report dated 31 December 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Finance on the position of the billing and collection of local taxes for the Council as at 7 November 1997.

CAPITAL RECEIPTS UPDATE

4. There was submitted report dated 17 December 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services on progress in achieving the Capital Receipts target set for financial year 1997/98. The Head of Property Services advised the Sub-Committee

that the total of concluded transactions, by Legal Services, in respect of Capital Receipts had exceeded £800,000.

In response to a question by a Member the Head of Property Services confirmed that appropriate measures would be taken to maintain the security of Crosshouse Community Centre while it remains in Council ownership.

It was agreed to note the position.

PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS

5. There was submitted and noted a report dated 15 December 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services on various Property Transactions which had been undertaken by the Head of Property Services on behalf of the Council since 2 September 1997.

PROPOSED RE-ALLOCATION OF RENTAL INCOME IN CONNECTION WITH KILMARNOCK WOMEN'S AID HOSTEL, KILMARNOCK

6. There was submitted a report dated 16 December 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services seeking authority to re-allocate rental income from Kilmarnock Women's Aid Hostel held within the Women's Aid Suspense Account, for the purpose of carrying out repairs to the establishment and to transfer the balance of funds remaining within the Women's Aid Suspense Account and future rental income to the Department of Social Work.

It was agreed to recommend approval.

WAYLEAVE REQUEST - QUEEN'S DRIVE, KILMARNOCK (Item 4, Page 2242)

7. There was submitted a report dated 30 December 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Support Service seeking authorisation for the Head of Property Services to grant a wayleave to Dawn Developments Ltd allowing the company to lay a surface water drain between land within Council ownership at Queen's Drive, Kilmarnock.

It was agreed to authorise the Head of Property Services to grant a wayleave, if required, to Dawn Developments Ltd, to allow the company to lay a surface water drain beneath land within Council ownership at Queen's Drive, subject to terms and conditions to be agreed with the Head of Property Services.

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

8. The Sub-Committee resolved that under Section 50A (4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, as amended, that 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 9 of Schedule 7A of the Act.

PROPOSED DISPOSAL OF THE SITE OF THE FORMER COMMUNITY HALL AT MAIN ROAD, GATEHEAD (Item 2, Page 2418)

9. There was submitted a report dated 29 December 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services seeking authority for the Head of Legal Services to sell the site of the former Community Hall, Main Road, Gatehead, to the adjoining proprietors, Mr and Mrs M Gemmill.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to sell the site of the former Community Hall at Main Road, Gatehead, to the adjoining proprietors, Mr and Mrs M Gemmill, at a price of £1,050 on the terms and conditions outlined in the report; and
- (ii) to note that the Head of Property Services would ensure that there was no adverse effect on the right-of-way adjacent to the subjects being sold.

**PROPOSED ACQUISITION OF LAND AT REAR OF MAIN STREET, TOWNHEAD
AND LADESIDE ROAD, KILMAURS (Item 10, Page 2696)**

- 10.** There was submitted a report dated 30 December 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services seeking authorisation for the Head of Legal Services to proceed with the acquisition of land at the rear of Main Street, Townhead, and Ladeside Road, Kilmaurs, in connection with a proposed new housing partnership involving East Ayrshire Council, Scottish Homes, Ayrshire and Arran Health Board and Horizon Housing Association Limited.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to authorise the Head of Legal Services to proceed with the acquisition of the land interests identified within the report, at rear of Main Street, Townhead and Ladeside Road, Kilmaurs, which were required to assemble the proposed new housing partnership project development site on the terms and conditions outlined within Paragraph 7 of the report; and
- (ii) to approve the transfer of the surplus Building and Works depot, Townhead, Kilmaurs, and other land interests, as detailed within the report to the new housing partnership of East Ayrshire Council, Scottish Homes, Ayrshire and Arran Health Board and Horizon Housing Association Limited.

**PROPOSED DISPOSAL OF LAND AT MILLBANK, LUGAR STREET, CUMNOCK
(Item 4, Page 2686)**

- 11.** There was submitted a report dated 31 December 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services requesting the Sub-Committee to declare land at Millbank, Lugar Street, Cumnock surplus to requirements and seeking authorisation for the Head of Property Services to negotiate appropriate terms and conditions for the sale of the land to NCH Action for Children.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to declare the subjects surplus to requirements;
- (ii) to remit to the Head of Property Services to negotiate appropriate terms and conditions for the sale of the land at Millbank, Lugar Street, Cumnock to NCH Action for Children; and
- (iii) to authorise the Head of Legal Services to dispose of land at Millbank, Lugar Street, Cumnock to NCH Action for Children.

**PROPOSED DISPOSAL OF FORMER GROUGAR PRIMARY SCHOOL, MOSCOW
(Item 6.5, Page 886)**

12. There was submitted a report dated 16 December 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services seeking authority for the Head of Legal Services to sell the former Grougar Primary School, Moscow.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to authorise the Head of Legal Services to accept an offer of £85,000 for the former Grougar Primary School, Moscow from James Cuthbert on the terms and conditions outlined in Paragraph 7 of the report; and
- (ii) to remit to the Director of Support Services (Head of Legal Services) to ensure that the term of disposal protecting the use of the subjects for community use, provided for, as far as reasonable, the continued use of the subjects by local community groups as presently under Council ownership.

RENT REVIEW AT UNIT 2, GLAISNOCK SHOPPING CENTRE, CUMNOCK

13. There was submitted a report dated 16 December 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services advising of the outcome of the review of rental at Unit 2, Glaisnock Shopping Centre, Cumnock.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that there would be no increase in the rental at Unit 2, Glaisnock Shopping Centre, Cumnock to Safeway Stores plc from 11 November 1997 until the next review date of 11 November 2004; and
- (ii) to authorise the Head of Legal Services to conclude matters on behalf of the Council.

The meeting terminated at 1425 hours.