

APPENDIX II

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

LEISURE SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 14 JANUARY 1998 AT 1400 HOURS IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK

PRESENT: Councillors Gordon Cree, Gordon McCredie, Ronald Brailsford, James Carmichael, John Smith and Tommy Farrell.

ATTENDING: Fiona Lees, Depute Chief Executive; William Stafford, Director of Community Services; John Griffiths, Head of Leisure Services; Alan Hasson, Library and Information Services Manager; Irene Townson, Principal Solicitor; Julie Armstrong, Senior Administrative Officer and Ian Gemmell, Administrative Officer.

CHAIR: Councillor Gordon Cree, Chair.

RECREATION SERVICES EVENTS PROGRAMME 1998/99

1. There was submitted a report dated 18 December 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on the proposed Recreation Services events programme for the year 1998/99.

Councillor Cree, seconded by Councillor Smith moved as follows:-

- (i) that the Committee approve in principle the Recreation Services Event List for 1998/99, as contained in the Director's report;
- (ii) that the Committee approve, in principal, the removal of Burns Day from the annual Events Programme and that a consultation exercise take place to ascertain views of this proposal; and
- (iii) that the Director of Community Services submit reports to Local Committees to assess local opinion regarding the Events Programme, and reporting back to the Sub-Committee following confirmation of the budget for 1998/99, incorporating any views of Elected Members.

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

- (i) that the Committee approve in principle the Recreation Services Event List for 1998/99 as detailed in the Director's report;
- (ii) that, in addition, an annual Burns Day Commemoration Event be retained and that the Committee agree to examine ways in which, by utilising the same funds, members of the public, including tourists, might be encouraged to participate in Burns Day, and to appreciate the works of the National Bard; and
- (iii) that the Director of Community Services submit reports to Local Committees to assess local opinion regarding the Events Programme.

On a division by a show of hands, the motion was carried by four votes to two.

BURNS MONUMENT, KAY PARK, KILMARNOCK

2. There was submitted a report dated 15 December 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on the condition of the Burns Monument in the Kay Park, Kilmarnock and which sought approval of expenditure for essential repair work.

It was agreed that the Head of Property Services carry out the essential work required at the Kay Park Monument in order to prevent further deterioration of the building.

USE OF THE FORMER TECHNICAL BLOCK, ELMBANK AVENUE, KILMARNOCK

3. There was submitted a report dated 15 December 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on a proposed development project at the former Technical Block of Kilmarnock Academy.

It was agreed to continue consideration of this matter to a future meeting.

PALACE THEATRE: CHARGING POLICY FOR CHILDREN AGED TWO AND UNDER

4. There was submitted a report dated 16 December 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which sought approval for a revised pricing policy at the Palace Theatre, Kilmarnock, to give children, aged two and under, free admission to shows and events.

It was agreed to recommend that Council approve a revised pricing policy to give free admission to children aged two and under to shows and events at the Palace Theatre, Kilmarnock.

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EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL'S CHILDREN'S SERVICE PLAN

5. There was submitted a report dated 28 November 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on the Council's statutory duty to prepare and publish a Children's Service Plan by 1 April 1998, following public consultation.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the proposals contained in the Director's report;
- (ii) that the Director of Community Services monitor and report further to the Committee as necessary on implications of the Children's Service Plan for the Community Services Department; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the report.

HOMES OF FOOTBALL EXHIBITION: UPDATE

6. There was submitted a report dated 18 December 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on progress with the Homes of Football exhibition and events programme.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the relevant wording of paragraph 3.3 of the Director's report be amended to read "KFC 1997 Scottish Cup Win"; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the report.

**GRANTS TO VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS SCHEME:
APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

7. There was submitted a report dated 18 December 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on a number of applications for financial assistance submitted under the Grants to Voluntary Organisations Scheme.

In respect of the submitted applications, the following decisions were made, viz:-

- (i) Kilmarnock Photographic Club – to continue consideration of this application to a future meeting, the Director of Community Services to submit a further report with additional background information;
- (ii) Scottish SPCA - £200;
- (iii) Scottish Wildlife and Countryside Link – it was agreed to refuse the application;
- (iv) Glasgow Gaelic Drama Association - £150; and
- (v) Burns Federation - £3,000.

GRANTS TO VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS: AWARDS TO BANDS

8. There was submitted a report dated 18 December 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on two applications for financial assistance under the Awards to Bands Scheme.

In respect of the submitted applications the following decisions were made, viz:-

- (i) Kilmarnock Pipe Band - £800; and
- (ii) Mauchline and District Pipe Band - £800.

LIBRARY CHARGES

9. There was submitted a report dated 21 December 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which provided an update on the implementation of a charging scheme within Libraries.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the relevant sentence in paragraph 7.1 of the Director's report be amended to read "no increase in the loss of children's material has been noted";
- (ii) otherwise, to note the report.

NATIONAL LIBRARIES WEEK

10. There was submitted and noted a report dated 21 December 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on the activities undertaken by Library and Information Services during National Libraries Week, 2-9 November 1997.

SECRETARY OF STATE'S CHALLENGE FUND FOR PUBLIC LIBRARIES

11. There was submitted a report dated 21 December 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on the establishment of the Secretary of State's Challenge Fund for Public Libraries, and which sought approval for the submission of a bid.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that paragraph 2.2 of the Director's report be amended by substituting the word "shortleeted" for the word "shortlisted";
- (ii) to welcome the opportunity provided by the Secretary of State's Challenge Fund for Public Libraries to improve services to the public;
- (iii) to approve the submission of a final proposal being the site at Drongan Community Library to the Scottish Office within the parameters set out in the Director's report; and
- (iv) otherwise, to note the report.

GOVERNMENT REPORT "NEW LIBRARY: THE PEOPLE'S NETWORK"

12. There was submitted a report dated 21 December 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on the recommendations for the future of the Public Library Service in the UK, as set out in the Government's report "New Library: The People's Network", and which outlined implications for East Ayrshire.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to welcome the Government report referred to;
- (ii) to recognise the need for investment in information and computer technology resources for the Public Library Service, and to approve such provision as and when resources permit; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the report.

CoSLA STANDARDS FOR THE PUBLIC LIBRARY SERVICE IN SCOTLAND

13. There was submitted and noted a report dated 21 December 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services advising of progress in meeting the minimum standards of provision laid out in the CoSLA "Standards for the Public Library Service in Scotland".

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the Director of Community Services provide a further report; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the report.

The meeting terminated at 1458 hours.