

**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL****COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE****MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 27 JANUARY 1999 AT 1000 HOURS IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Gordon Cree, Gordon McCredie, Alan Campbell, Ann Hay, Daniel Coffey, David Fulton, David Macrae, Kim Nicoll, Robert McDill, Eric Ross, George Smith, Jimmy Carmichael and Robert Taylor.

**ATTENDING:** David Montgomery, Chief Executive; William Stafford, Director of Community Services; John F Crawford, Head of Protective Services; John Griffiths, Head of Leisure Services; Ian A Arnott, Corporate Accounting Manager; Julie Armstrong, Senior Administrative Officer; and Ian Gemmell, Administrative Officer.

**APOLOGIES:** Councillors John Smith, Drew McIntyre, Provost Robert Stirling, Councillors Jane Darnbrough, George Turnbull, David Sneller, and Tommy Farrell.

**CHAIR:** Councillor Gordon Cree (Vice-Chair).

**WEST OF SCOTLAND WATER AUTHORITY: PRESENTATION**

1. A presentation was given by Professor Alan Alexander, Chairman, Mr Ernest Chambers, Chief Executive and Mr Jarvis McFadzean, Customer and Environmental Services Director, West of Scotland Water Authority, on the work of the West of Scotland Water Authority in East Ayrshire.

The Members present then had an opportunity to ask questions.

The Chair then thanked the representatives from West of Scotland Water Authority for their presentation.

**ADJOURNMENT/RECONVENTION**

The Committee adjourned at 1050 hours and reconvened at 1100 hours.

Councillors Campbell and Nicoll left the meeting at this point.

**SUB-COMMITTEE MINUTES**

2. There were submitted and approved both as correct records and in respect of the recommendations contained therein, the undernoted Sub-Committee Minutes (circulated):-
  - 2.1 **LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE - 13 JANUARY 1999 (APPENDIX I)**
  - 2.2 **LEISURE SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE - 19 JANUARY 1999 (APPENDIX II)**

**BUDGETARY CONTROL SUMMARY STATEMENT: COMMUNITY SERVICES TO 4 DECEMBER 1998 (PERIOD 9)**

3. There was submitted a joint report dated 19 January 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Finance and the Director of Community Services on the current budgetary control position and the projected out-turn for the year for Community Services to 4 December 1998 (Period 9).

It was reported and noted that the revised projected out-turn for the year amounted to a saving of £47,000 and not £78,000 as stated in the report.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note that the Director of Community Services would submit for consideration in due course a report on possible alternative avenues for the disposal of waste paper, following the collapse of the waste paper market; and
- (ii) otherwise to note the report.

**BUDGETARY CONTROL SUMMARY STATEMENT: LEISURE MANAGEMENT TO 4 DECEMBER 1998 (PERIOD 9)**

4. There was submitted and noted a joint report dated 19 January 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Finance and the Director of Community Services on the current budgetary control position and the projected out-turn for the year for Leisure Management to 4 December 1998 (Period 9).

**BUDGETARY CONTROL SUMMARY STATEMENT: REFUSE COLLECTION AND STREET CLEANSING TO 4 DECEMBER 1998 (PERIOD 9)**

5. There was submitted and noted a joint report dated 19 January 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Finance and the Director of Community Services on the current budgetary control position and the projected out-turn for the year for Refuse Collection and Street Cleansing to 4 December 1998 (Period 9).

**SURPLUS PROPERTY: AREA OF GROUND AT THE CASTLE, NEW CUMNOCK**

**6.1 Declaration of Interest**

Councillors Ross and Taylor declared a non-pecuniary interest in the above matter.

- 6.2 There was submitted a report dated 16 December 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services, which requested that the Committee consider declaring a small area of ground at The Castle, New Cumnock, surplus to requirements.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to declare the area of ground at The Castle, New Cumnock surplus to the requirements of the Community Services Department; and
- (ii) that the Head of Property take the necessary action to dispose of the ground in question, in accordance with the agreed procedure.

**SURPLUS PROPERTY: 9 HENRIETTA STREET, GALSTON**

7. There was submitted a report dated 6 January 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which requested that the Committee consider declaring a small area of ground at 9 Henrietta Street, Galston, surplus to requirements.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to declare the area of ground at 9 Henrietta Street, Galston, surplus to the requirements of the Community Services Department; and
- (ii) that the Head of Property take the necessary action to dispose of the area of ground in question, in accordance with the agreed procedure.

## TITCHFIELD STREET HALLS, KILMARNOCK

### 8.1 Declaration of Interest

Councillor McCredie declared a non-pecuniary interest in respect of the decision shown at 8 (ii) below.

- 8.2 There was submitted a report dated 21 December 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which advised the Committee of the closure of the Titchfield Street Halls, Kilmarnock, and asked that the Committee consider the future of the building.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to declare the Titchfield Street Halls, Kilmarnock, surplus to the requirements of the Community Services Department;
- (ii) that the Head of Property take the necessary action to dispose of the property, in accordance with the agreed procedure and to investigate the possibility of disposing of the car park area to the Galleon Centre in order to extend the existing Galleon Centre car park.

Councillor Hay left the meeting during discussion of the above item.

## DEPARTMENTAL PROGRESS REPORT

9. There was submitted a report (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on progress within the Community Services Department.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the Director of Community Services, in consultation with appropriate Departments of the Council submit a report to a future meeting on a suggestion that, in view of the closure of a number of public toilet facilities throughout East Ayrshire, toilet facilities within public halls and community centres could be made accessible to the general public;
- (ii) that the Director of Community Services provide Councillor McCredie with information regarding a recent incident involving food irradiation; and
- (iii) otherwise to note the report.

## ACCEPTANCE OF TENDERS

10. There was submitted and noted a report dated 14 January 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services which provided details of the lowest satisfactory tenders which had been accepted in respect of Community Services contracts:-

| Contract   | Successful Contractor                          | Amount   |
|--|--|----------|
| Supply and Installation of Equipment - Material Recovery Facility Western Road, Kilmarnock | O.Kay Engineering Services Ltd, Leicestershire | £169,940 |

| <b>Contract</b>   | <b>Successful Contractor</b>      | <b>Amount</b> |
|---|-----------------------------------|---------------|
| Proposed Material Recovery Facility, Western Road, Kilmarnock                                     | McTaggart Construction Ltd, Dalry | £250,691.39   |
| Extension to Hamilton Sports Centre, Darvel and Internal Alterations to Hunter Centre, Kilmarnock | C T & C F, Lugton                 | £38,644.46    |

The meeting terminated at 1140 hours.