

APPENDIX IX

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

**DECENTRALISATION SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE POLICY AND RESOURCES
COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY 29 JANUARY 1999 AT 1000 HOURS
IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD,
KILMARNOCK**

PRESENT: Councillors David Fulton, Wilma Doyle, Ann Hay, James Kelly and Tommy Farrell.

ATTENDING: Fiona Lees, Depute Chief Executive; Barbara Haughan, Director of Support Services; Ken Hathaway, Client Services Manager, Contracting and Technical Services; Connie Kerr, Training Officer, Personnel Services; Donald McVicar, Departmental Strategy Officer; and Robert Beaton, Administrative Officer.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Drew McIntyre, Jane Darnbrough, Kathleen Hall, Kim Nicoll, Robert McDill, David Sneller and Eric Jackson.

CHAIR: Councillor David Fulton, Chair.

REMIT FROM CUMNOCK AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE

1.1 FUNDING FOR PRIZES/AWARDS ETC

There was submitted a report dated 20 January 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services requesting that the remit of Local Committees be amended to allow the disbursement of funds in respect of prizes or awards etc for certain activities.

It was agreed to recommend to the Policy and Resources Committee that the remit of Local Committees be extended to allow disbursement of funds from the Local Community Grants Scheme in respect of prizes or awards etc for certain activities which the Local Committees might promote from time to time subject to a maximum annual expenditure per Committee of £300.

1.2 COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME

The Director of Support Services reported of the decision of Cumnock Area Local Committee of 14 January 1999 which (a) required local organisations to submit applications for Community Grant for 1999/2000, no later than 31 March 1999; (b) that all applications received by the due date be considered at a future meeting of the Local Committee; (c) that the Director of Support Services would report on those applications received by 31 March 1999 in order for the Committee to consider the date on which the applications could be dealt with, taking into account of any operational or any other matters; (d) considered whether a portion of the financial allocation for Community Grants available for 1999/2000 be set aside to enable other applications received throughout the year, to be considered; and (e) suggested that other Local Committees might wish to consider this approach.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the Cumnock Area Local Committee's arrangements for considering Community Grant applications for 1999/2000;
- (ii) to note that due to the timescales involved, it would not be practical for Local Committees to consider applying the arrangements for 1999/2000; and
- (iii) to refer the matter to Local Committees to consider the appropriateness or otherwise for applying the principles of the Cumnock Area Local Committee's disbursement of Community Grants for 2000/2001 or succeeding years.

Councillor Kelly joined the meeting during discussion of this item.

ANNUAL SEMINAR FOR COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES

2. There was submitted a report dated 18 January 1999 (circulated) by the Working Party which advised of the outcome of the Annual Seminar for Local Committee Community Representatives held on 28 November 1998 and identified issues arising for the Council to consider.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to extend the Sub-Committee's appreciation to staff for their efforts in making the 1998 Annual Seminar for Community Representatives such a success;
- (ii) to recommend that the Working Party of Community Representatives established to progress the Annual Seminar, continues and meets as appropriate in relation to preparatory work for the Annual Seminar in 1999 taking into account the evaluation feedback from the 1998 Seminar and that the Director of Support Services in consultation with appropriate Officers provide the necessary support;
- (iii) to recommend that the issues and comments contained within Appendix 4 of the report be remitted to the Chief Executive to progress in consultation with appropriate Departments, as part of the Council's review of the Decentralisation Scheme at the appropriate time; and
- (iv) agreed that the Director of Support Services collate comments made by Community Representatives about Chairing of Local Committee meetings and circulate to all Local Committee Councillors on an informal basis for noting.

CROSSHOUSE INFORMATION AND ADVICE PROVISION

3. There was submitted a report dated 26 January 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services which reported on the outcome of the investigation panel's consideration of options for a proposed Crosshouse Local Office.

It was agreed that the Director of Support Services in conjunction with the Director of Education report back to a future meeting of the Decentralisation Sub-Committee with a detailed plan for Local Office provision within Crosshouse Education Centre and provide up-to-date costings.

DALMELLINGTON AREA CENTRE - PROPOSAL

4. There was submitted a report dated 22 January 1999 (circulated) by the Chief Executive which informed of the proposal to develop a multi-use Area Centre using the former Dalmellington Primary School and requesting that the matter be remitted

to the Policy and Resources Committee, seeking approval in principle, for further preparatory work to be undertaken.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the work undertaken to date regarding the development of the draft project brief;
- (ii) to remit the matter to the Policy and Resources Committee to seek approval, in principle, for further preparatory work to be undertaken;
- (iii) agreed that the Director of Support Services be requested to identify the potential capital receipts which might be realised from the implementation of the Dalmellington Area Centre; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the terms of the report.

The meeting terminated at 1050 hours.