

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 26 JANUARY 1999 AT 1002 HOURS AND ON MONDAY 1 FEBRUARY 1999 AT 1118 HOURS IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK

PRESENT: Councillors Wilma Doyle, Kathleen Hall, John Knapp, Daniel Coffey, Robert McDill, Eric Ross, Jim Kelly, David Sneller, Jimmy Boyd, George Smith, Jimmy Carmichael, Robert Taylor and Tommy Farrell.

ATTENDING: David Montgomery, Chief Executive; Stephen Chorley, Director of Development Services; Robert Paton, Head of Economic Development; Alan Neish, Head of Planning and Building Control; Sandy Gillat, Acting Head of Roads and Transportation; David Mitchell, Principal Solicitor; Ian Arnott, Corporate Accounting Manager; Keith Orton, Principal Engineer, Traffic; Karen McLeod, Solicitor; Donald McVicar, Departmental Strategy Officer; Lorraine Russell, Accountancy Assistant; and Alex Hewetson, Administrative Officer.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Drew McIntyre and Douglas Reid; Provost Robert Stirling and Councillors David Fulton, Kim Nicoll and George Turnbull.

CHAIR: Councillor Eric Ross, Chair.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

1.1 APPLICATION NO 98/0503/FL: STEWART MILNE HOMES (Item 1.1, Page 3944)

The Administrative Officer reported that no objectors were present.

There was submitted a report dated 6 January 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services on the decision of the Special Meeting of the Northern Area Local Planning Committee held on 20 November 1998, which referred consideration of this planning application to this Committee, with a recommendation that the application be refused on the following grounds:- (1) overcrowding of the site; (2) insufficient information had been provided by the applicant regarding arrangements for power lines; and (3) inadequate analysis of the impact of the development on flooding, and a report dated 9 November 1998 (circulated) by the Head of Planning and Building Control on this full planning application for proposed erection of 74 semi and detached dwellinghouses at Cutsburn Road, Stewarton.

The Head of Planning and Building Control reported:-

- (i) the receipt of further information relating to the application, on behalf of the applicant; and
- (ii) that 7 letters of objection, a petition of objection with 43 signatories and a letter of representation from Stewarton and District Community Council had been received, details of which were contained within the report.

The Head of Planning and Building Control summarised the planning considerations in respect of the application, and recommended: Approval, subject to the following conditions, viz:- (1) The development to which this permission relates must be begun within five years from the date of this permission; (2) The proposed development shall be carried out in accordance with the application form and plans submitted on

30 June 1998 as revised by the site layout plan (3017 - 100 REV.D) received by the Planning Authority on 26 October 1998; (3) Full details of the construction of the secondary culvert and of alterations to the existing culvert, both under Cutsburn Road, shall be submitted to and approved by the Planning Authority prior to the commencement of development; (4) No houses shall be occupied on the site until traffic calming measures on Cutsburn Road and a footpath along the south east side of Cutsburn Road, adjacent to numbers 3 and 7 Cutsburn Place, have been installed. Such measures shall be agreed in writing with the Planning Authority prior to this installation; (5) Details/samples of external materials shall be submitted to and approved by the Planning Authority before any development commences on the site; (6) Details of a landscaping scheme, including the provision of play equipment, shall be submitted to and approved by the Planning Authority prior to the commencement of development. Such details shall address all the areas of public open space, and shall include details of the means and the form of maintenance of the area; (7) Full details of the means of ensuring the maintenance of the Cutsburn (i.e. of the legal missives as indicated in the applicant's letter of 21 October 1998) shall be submitted to and approved by the Planning Authority prior to the conclusion of the sale of any houses on the site. Such details as are approved shall be incorporated as a burden or condition in the title of each dwelling; (8) Details of the design and construction of all fences and walls to be erected on the site shall be submitted to and approved by the Planning Authority before any development commences on the site; and (9) Notwithstanding the plans hereby submitted, details of phasing of the development shall be submitted to and approved by the Planning Authority, prior to the commencement of any development of site; Condition (1) being imposed to comply with Section 58 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997; Condition (2) to ensure that the development is carried out in accordance with the approved details; Condition (3) to ensure that adequate measures are in place to reduce the risk of flooding of the site, and maintain this level of risk on a permanent basis; Condition (4) in the interest of road safety; Conditions (5) and (8) in the interest of visual amenity; Condition (6) in the interest of residential amenity; Condition (7) to ensure that adequate means of maintenance of the burn is provided for and that it is permanently maintained thereafter; and Condition (9) to ensure that adequate school place provision is available to serve residents at the development.

Councillor Hall, seconded by Councillor Coffey, moved that on the grounds of overcrowding of the site; insufficient information being provided by the applicant regarding arrangements for power lines; and inadequate analysis of the impact of the development on flooding, the application be refused.

Councillor Ross, seconded by Councillor Boyd, moved as an amendment to grant the application subject to the conditions and for the reasons detailed.

On a division by a show of hands, the amendment was carried by 9 votes to 3.

1.2 APPLICATION NO 98/0578/FL: MR G BELL (Item 2, Page 4071)

The Administrative Officer reported that the applicant was not present.

There was submitted a report dated 6 January 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services on the decision of the Special Meeting of the Southern Local Planning Committee held on 14 December 1998, which referred consideration of this planning application to this Committee with a recommendation, that as the proposal would not result in ribboning out of development from the built-up area of Mauchline,

permission be granted and a report dated 10 November 1998 (circulated) by the Head of Planning and Building Control on this full planning application for proposed erection of 4 houses at Haugh Road, Mauchline.

There was also submitted Note of Procedure (circulated) to be followed at the Hearing.

The Administrative Officer explained the procedure to be followed at the Hearing.

The Head of Planning and Building Control reported that 7 letters of objection and a further letter confirming the objection of the residents of Victoria Cottages, Mauchline, had been received, details of which were contained within the report; summarised the planning considerations in respect of the application and recommended: Refusal for the following reasons, viz:- (1) The proposed development will result in the erection of four dwellinghouses outwith the settlement boundary of Mauchline within the designated 'Countryside Around Towns' area. It is therefore contrary to Policy RES 13 of the Finalised Cumnock and Doon Valley District Local Plan which presumes against residential and other developments in the countryside; (2) The proposed development will result in ribboning out of development from the built up area of Mauchline outwith the settlement boundary. It is therefore contrary to Policy 17(e) of the Adopted Mauchline/Drongan/Ochiltree Local Plan which presumes in favour of single, small scale developments in the countryside except where there would be a ribboning out of development from the built up area; and (3) The design of the proposed houses are not appropriate for a rural area and therefore they fail to meet the design criteria of Policy RES 16 of the Finalised Cumnock and Doon Valley District Wide Local Plan.

1.2.1 PLANNING HEARING

The Committee then heard Mrs Hamilton, representative of the objectors, in support of their objections.

The Chair closed the Hearing.

1.2.2 DETERMINATION OF APPLICATION NO 98/0578/FL

The Head of Planning and Building Control reported on the planning issues which had been raised during the Hearing.

Councillor Ross, seconded by Councillor Hall, moved that the application be refused for the reasons detailed.

Councillor George Smith, seconded by Councillor Taylor, moved as an amendment, to grant the application subject to the following conditions, viz:- (1) The development to which this permission relates must be begun within five years from the date of this permission; (2) Notwithstanding the approved plans, the roofs of the proposed dwellinghouses shall incorporate a minimum roof pitch of 35° and shall be finished in either natural grey slate or slate size grey roof tiles, a sample of which shall be submitted to and approved by the Planning Authority prior to any works commencing on site; (3) Notwithstanding the approved plans, the fenestration of the proposed dwellinghouse shall incorporate windows with a traditional vertical emphasis and the applicant shall submit details of the windows to be used within the development for approval by the Planning Authority prior to any works commencing on site; (4) Notwithstanding the approved plans, the use of red facing brick and off-white dry dash render in the external wall finish of the proposed dwellinghouses is not

approved. The proposed dwellinghouses shall be finished in a render coloured to match the red sandstone finish of the existing residential properties at Victoria Cottages. The basecourse of the proposed dwellings shall be a smooth cement render or a stone substitute and smooth cement ribands shall be incorporated around all door and window openings. The applicant shall submit to and have approved by the Planning Authority a sample of the render or stone to be used in the external wall finish prior to the commencement of works on site; (5) Notwithstanding the provision of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (Scotland) Order 1992 (or any order or enactment replacing this), any future garages associated with the proposed dwellinghouses shall be of permanent construction and be finished in materials to match the finishes of the proposed dwellinghouses; (6) Prior to the commencement of works on the site, the applicant shall satisfy himself as to the suitability of the site for construction purposes; (7) Prior to the commencement of works on the site, the developer shall investigate the presence of methane gas on the site, details of the findings shall be submitted to the Planning Authority; (8) No trees shall be felled, lopped or have roots cut on the site without the written consent of the Planning Authority; (9) No site clearance or building operations shall be commenced until chestnut pale fencing of a height not less than 1.2m has been erected around the tree sited within the northern area of the site; (10) Visibility sightline splay areas of 2m by 20m shall be formed and maintained at the access with no obstruction greater than 1 metre in height allowed within these areas; (11) A 2 metre wide footway shall be constructed along the frontage of the site to East Ayrshire Roads Division specification and the satisfaction of the Planning Authority; (12) No surface water shall issue from the site onto the public road; (13) Notwithstanding the submitted plans that any gates to be provided shall open away from the public road to prevent obstruction; (14) Access to the site shall be taken via a driveway access crossing to East Ayrshire Roads Division standards and to the satisfaction of the Planning Authority; (15) Any roadside ditch shall be piped and protected beneath the proposed access; (16) Two car parking spaces shall be provided for each dwelling to the satisfaction of the Planning Authority; (17) Details of the arrangement to be made to prevent the transfer of surface water and/or soil or other materials from the site onto adjoining property and the public road during the construction of the proposed houses shall be submitted to and approved by the Planning Authority before the commencement of development; and (18) The developer shall ensure that the adjacent public road is kept free of dirt, mud and debris during the construction works on site; Condition (1) being imposed to comply with Section 58 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997; Conditions (2), (3) and (4) in the interests of visual amenity and to reflect the character of existing residential properties in the locality; Condition (5) in the interests of amenity; Conditions (6) and (7) in the interest of public safety; Condition (8) in the interest of visual amenity; Condition (9) to ensure the retention of the tree in the interests of visual amenity; Conditions (10), (11), (12), (13), (14), (15) and (16) in the interests of road safety; Condition (17) in the interests of residential amenity; and Condition (18) in the interests of residential amenity and road safety.

On a division by a show of hands, the motion was carried by 7 votes to 4.

ADOPTION OF HEARINGS PROCEDURE - TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDERS

2. There was submitted a report dated 14 January 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services which sought approval of a procedure to be followed at public Hearings held in respect of Traffic Regulation Orders.

It was agreed, subject to minor amendments to references on gender, to approve the procedure to be followed at public Hearings held in respect of Traffic Regulation Orders, as detailed in an Appendix to the report.

KILMARNOCK TOWN CENTRE OFF-STREET PARKING ORDER

3. The Principal Solicitor reported the receipt of a late letter of objection on behalf of the Kilmarnock and Loudoun Conservative and Unionist Association and a further letter of objection on behalf of The Salvation Army.

It was agreed to circulate the late letters of objection on behalf of the Kilmarnock and Loudoun Conservative and Unionist Association and The Salvation Army.

3.1 ADJOURNMENT

Following motion by the Chair, it was agreed to adjourn the meeting at 1025 hours for approximately 5 minutes to enable Members to peruse the late and further letters of objection.

3.2 RECONVENTION

The meeting reconvened at 1031 hours with the same Members and Officials present and in attendance.

The Chair introduced the Members and relevant Officials present and in attendance.

The Chair explained the procedure to be followed at the Hearing.

3.3 ROAD TRAFFIC ORDER HEARING

The Director of Development Services and the representative of the Acting Head of Roads and Transportation outlined the proposed Traffic Regulation Order and commented upon the objections and the Acting Head of Roads and Transportation's responses to those objections. Captain Frost, on behalf of the Salvation Army and Mr McCluskey, on behalf of the Kilmarnock Taxi Trades Council, stated their objections to the proposed Road Traffic Order. The representative of the Acting Head of Roads and Transportation responded to points raised by the objectors. Members of the Committee asked questions of the Director of Development Services, the representative of the Acting Head of Roads and Transportation and the objectors. The Director of Development Services summed up the case for the Road Traffic Order. The objectors summed up their respective positions.

The Chair closed the Hearing.

3.4 DETERMINATION OF ROAD TRAFFIC ORDER

ADJOURNMENT

- 3.5 Following motion by the Chair, it was agreed to adjourn the meeting at 1157 hours for approximately 15 minutes.

RECONVENTION

- 3.6** The Committee reconvened at 1210 hours with the same Members and Officials present and in attendance.

RESUMPTION OF DETERMINATION OF ROAD TRAFFIC ORDER

- 3.7** Councillor Coffey, seconded by Councillor McDill, moved to continue consideration of determination of the Road Traffic Order to enable further consultation with the objectors.

Councillor Boyd, seconded by Councillor McDill, moved as an amendment:-

- (i) to approve the Road Traffic Order with the following amendment, viz:- that four free spaces in East Sturrock Street Car Park, over and above the existing reserved mini-bus space, would be reserved for the exclusive use of The Salvation Army and marked accordingly, and that the implementation of the Order in relation to the number of taxi spaces available within Foregate South car park would be the subject of further discussions with Kilmarnock Taxi Trades Council;
- (ii) that the decision of the Committee would be advised in writing to objectors; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

On a division by a show of hands, the amendment was carried by 8 votes to 3.

Councillor Taylor left the meeting.

CHAIR'S REMARKS

- 4.** The Chair, at his discretion and in terms of Standing Order 15.1 agreed to alter the order of business and consider Item 8 followed by Items 25 to 30 inclusive, on the Agenda.

AYRSHIRE JOINT STRUCTURE PLAN: WRITTEN STATEMENT FINAL DRAFT (Item 3, Page 3110)

- 5.** There was submitted a report dated 13 January 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Development which sought approval of the Ayrshire Joint Structure Plan: Written Statement Final Draft.

The Head of Planning and Building Control reported:-

- (i) that the Appendix to the report had been withdrawn; and
- (ii) that the Secretary of State for Scotland had approved an alteration to the Glasgow and Clyde Valley Joint Structure Plan to the effect that 6 further large single user high amenity sites had been approved within that geographical area.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the Ayrshire Joint Structure Plan: Written Statement Final Draft subject to the amendments outlined in Paragraphs 3.4 and 3.5 of the report, as amended;

- (ii) to note that the Secretary of State for Scotland had approved an alteration to the Glasgow and Clyde Valley Joint Structure Plan to the effect that 6 further large single user high amenity sites had been approved for inclusion within that geographical area;
- (iii) that any further action taken in respect of the aforementioned ((ii), above), would be reported on in due course; and
- (iv) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

6. 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 items of business on the grounds that they involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 6 of Schedule 7A of the Act.

Councillor Hall left the meeting.

BUDGETARY CONTROL SUMMARY STATEMENT - ROADS DLO - TRADING SERVICES TO 4 DECEMBER 1998 (PERIOD 9)

7. There was submitted and noted a joint report dated 7 January 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Finance and the Director of Development Services on the current budgetary control position and the projected out-turn for the year for the Roads DLO - Trading Services for the period ended 4 December 1998 (Period 9).

LOAN FUNDING TO MANUFACTURING COMPANY

8. There was submitted a report dated 15 January 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which sought approval of loan funding to contribute to an overall financial package, involving other parties, to secure the continued trading and employment opportunities in a local manufacturing business.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve loan funding of £75,000, comprising £30,000 from the West of Scotland Loan Fund and £45,000 from the 1998/99 Capital Programme - Business Loans Allocation, for a term of 5 years with an initial capital repayment moratorium of one year, subject to the conditions outlined in Paragraph 8 of the report together with a floating charge over all group companies ranking pari passu with Ayrshire Development Fund Limited and immediately after the bank and invoice discounter; and
- (ii) to authorise the Head of Economic Development and the Solicitor to the Council to conduct negotiations with the client and their professional advisers to resolve any outstanding issues regarding liabilities attaching to the existing business and the proposed acquisition.

FUNDING REQUEST

9. There was submitted a report dated 11 January 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which sought approval of a funding request by a company to establish a permanent headquarters in East Ayrshire.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve a grant award of £30,000, to be met from within the existing business grants budget, subject to confirmation of capital expenditure being incurred to establish the headquarters premises in East Ayrshire; and
- (ii) that the grant would be repaid in the event of the company moving outwith East Ayrshire within a 3 year period.

FUNDING REQUEST

- 10.** There was submitted a report dated 11 January 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which sought approval of a funding request to assist a company to establish its headquarters in East Ayrshire.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the cost of recruitment support, of £1,000 for each new job supported which is in addition to the existing employee base, up to a maximum of 70 recruits, to be met from within the existing grants budget, as detailed within Paragraph 7 of the report; and
- (ii) that grant support would only be given where there is no further support available from the Government's "New Deal" programme.

FLOOD PREVENTION SCHEME, KILMARNOCK (Item 21, Page 3973)

- 11.** There was submitted a report dated 18 January 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which sought approval of the principles of a Minute of Agreement between the Council and a company in Kilmarnock to enable a Flood Prevention Scheme to proceed.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to authorise the Director of Development Services to make payment to the company for the cost of pre-contract work carried out in connection with the proposed flood prevention measures;
- (ii) to authorise the Solicitor to the Council to present a draft Minute of Agreement to the company's Solicitors formally based on the principles set out in Paragraph 3 of the report; and
- (iii) to authorise the Solicitor to the Council in consultation with the Director of Development Services to agree modifications in the terms, in consultation with the Chair of this Committee and the Chief Executive and consistent with the general principles set out in (i) and (ii), above.

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

ADJOURNMENT

- 12.** Following a motion by the Chair, it was agreed:-

- (i) to adjourn the meeting at 1222 hours; and
- (ii) that the Director of Support Services, in consultation with the Chair, would determine a suitable date and time for the reconvened meeting to be held.

RE-CONVENTION

- 13.** The Committee reconvened on Monday 1 February 1999 at 1118 hours in the same location with the undernoted Members and Officials present and in attendance.

PRESENT: Councillors Ann Hay, John Knapp, David Fulton, Robert McDill, Jim Kelly, David Sneller, George Smith, Jimmy Carmichael and Tommy Farrell.

ATTENDING: Stephen Chorley, Director of Development Services; Alan Neish, Head of Planning and Building Control; John Spooner, Business Development Manager; Ian Arnott, Corporate Accounting Manager; Brian Weadon, Area Engineer (Roads and Transportation); Karen McLeod, Solicitor; Julie Armstrong, Senior Administrative Officer; and Alex Hewetson, Administrative Officer.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Drew McIntyre and Douglas Reid, Provost Robert Stirling and Councillors Kathleen Hall, Daniel Coffey, Kim Nicoll, Eric Ross and Jimmy Boyd.

CHAIR: In the absence of the Chair and Vice-Chair, Councillor David Sneller was appointed to the Chair.

MONITORING REPORTS

14.1 UNEMPLOYMENT IN EAST AYRSHIRE - OCTOBER 1998

There was submitted and noted a report dated 7 January 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which provided statistics recently released by the Scottish Office for National Statistics relating to unemployment figures in Scotland, and East Ayrshire in particular, as at October 1998.

14.2 BUDGETARY CONTROL SUMMARY STATEMENT - DEVELOPMENT SERVICES TO 4 DECEMBER 1998 (PERIOD 9)

There was submitted and noted a joint report dated 7 January 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Finance and the Director of Development Services on the current budgetary control position and the projected out-turn for the year for the Department of Development Services for the period ended 4 December 1998 (Period 9).

14.3 BUSINESS GRANTS AND LOAN SCHEME STATUS REPORT

There was submitted a report dated 15 January 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services on grant and business loan support awarded to companies in East Ayrshire during the period 15 November to 31 December 1998; and which sought approval for the temporary suspension of the Management and Technology Training Grant, the Employment Grants Scheme and the Youth Employment and Training Initiative.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the grant and loan support awarded to companies in East Ayrshire during the period 15 November to 31 December 1998, as detailed in an Appendix to the report; and
- (ii) to approve the suspension of the Management and Technology Training Grant, the Employment Grants Scheme and the Youth Employment and Training Initiative, for the period from 1 January 1999.

AWARDING OF TENDERS

15. There was submitted and noted a report dated 11 January 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services which provided details of the lowest satisfactory tenders which had been awarded in respect of the undernoted Department of Development Services contracts:-

<u>CONTRACT</u>	<u>SUCCESSFUL CONTRACTOR</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Carriageway Resurfacing - A735 - Townhead, Kilmaurs	Barr Limited, Ayr	£19,929.79
Completion of Roads and Footways, Hillview, Darvel	J H Moodie, Dalmellington	£15,966.30
Barr Castle Gardens, Galston - Upgrading for Adoption	W Dick, Darvel	£29,042.28
Supply of Ayrshire Tourist Signs	Dee-Organ Limited, Paisley	£22,603.80

CONFERENCES ATTENDED

16. There was submitted and noted a report dated 18 January 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services on recent Conferences attended by a senior representative of the Department of Development Services.

SCOTTISH ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY: THE NATIONAL WASTE STRATEGY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SUB-STRATEGY

17. There was submitted a report dated 7 January 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services on the Scottish Environmental Protection Agency (SEPA): The National Waste Strategy Draft Planning and Development Sub-Strategy which sought the views of this Committee on issues raised; and which sought approval of a response to the Draft Planning and Development Sub-Strategy to be forwarded to SEPA as the Council's formal response.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the comments made in respect of the SEPA: The National Waste Strategy Planning and Development Sub-Strategy as detailed in Paragraph 4 of the report; and
- (ii) that a copy of the report be forwarded to SEPA as the Council's formal response to the SEPA: The National Waste Strategy Draft Planning and Development Sub-Strategy.

DRAFT NATIONAL PLANNING POLICY GUIDELINE: PLANNING AND THE HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT

18. There was submitted a report dated 19 January 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services on an assessment of the Draft National Planning Policy Guideline: Planning and the Historic Environment, in terms of policies contained within the Draft East Ayrshire Local Plan which examined whether any other significant issues relating to the Historic Environment should be included within the scope of the document; and on any implications for the Development Promotion process.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to endorse the Draft National Planning Policy Guideline: Planning and the Historic Environment;
- (ii) that the Head of Planning and Building Control would inform the Scottish Office Development Department of that endorsement; and
- (iii) that reports on any issues relating to this matter would be reported to this Committee, as appropriate.

DRAFT PLANNING ADVICE NOTE "PLANNING ENFORCEMENT" AND DRAFT CIRCULAR "PLANNING ENFORCEMENT"

19. There was submitted a report dated 6 January 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services on the Draft Planning Advice Note and Circular which set out best practice on the use of enforcement powers and consolidates previous guidance; which sought the views of this Committee on the key elements raised within these documents; and which sought approval of a response on the documents to be forwarded to The Scottish Office as the Council's formal response.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the comments made in respect of Draft Planning Advice Note "Planning Enforcement" and draft Circular "Planning Enforcement" as detailed in Paragraphs 4 and 5 of the report;
- (ii) that these comments ((i), above), would be forwarded to The Scottish Office as the Council's formal response; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

COMPLAINTS MONITORING - ANNUAL REPORT, 1998

20. There was submitted and noted a report dated 4 December 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services on the number and type of formal complaints received by the Department of Development Services in 1998 which had been dealt with within the context of the Council's Complaints Procedure.

DESIGNATION OF CATRINE VOES AND WOODLANDS - LOCAL NATURE RESERVE (Item 17, Page 3391)

21. There was submitted a report dated 11 January 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which sought approval of a Finalised Plan for the proposed Catrine Voes and Woodlands Local Nature Reserve.

It was agreed to approve the boundary, indicated on the plan attached as an Appendix to the report, which included the additional site, being adopted as the extent of the Catrine Voes and Woodlands Local Nature Reserve for the purposes of its formal declaration.

AYRSHIRE ACTION FOR JOBS

22. There was submitted a report dated 21 January 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services on progress made by the Ayrshire Economic Forum Partners on a bid for additional resources, to The Scottish Office, following recent job loss announcements in Ayrshire, such as Digital, Sweater Shop, Volvo and Sports Division.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the successful outcome of the bid for additional resources from Scottish Enterprise;
- (ii) to note the availability of the draft Strategy document: "Growth, Prosperity and Employment: A Strategy for Ayrshire"; and
- (iii) that the final version of the draft Strategy document: "Growth, Prosperity and Employment: A Strategy for Ayrshire" would be available in March 1999.

AYRSHIRE AND ARRAN TOURIST BOARD (Item 5, Page 3930)

23. There was submitted a report dated 19 January 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services on consideration by the Ayrshire and Arran Tourist Board of a financial rescue package offered by the public sector funding organisations; and which recommended one Member to represent the Council on the Ayrshire and Arran Tourist Board, in place of the current two Members.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the acceptance by the Annual General Meeting of the Ayrshire and Arran Tourist Board of the principal terms of the financial rescue package presented by the public sector funding partners at the end of 1998; and
- (ii) to remit to Council the nomination of one Elected Member to represent the Council on the Ayrshire and Arran Tourist Board.

AYRSHIRE LOCATION SERVICE - TRAINING FOR NEW AND EXPANDING COMPANIES

24. There was submitted a report dated 8 January 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which sought authority to make a funding contribution of £40,000 towards costs incurred in the 1998/99 and 1999/2000 financial years towards the cost of operating an Ayrshire wide training project focused on providing employment opportunities for recently unemployed people in the new and emerging skills areas of the future.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve a funding contribution of £40,000 in 1999/2000, to be met from within the business grants budget, subject to a status report on the evaluation of the 1998/99 training programme outputs, which would be submitted to this Committee in due course; and

- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

1999/2000 PROGRAMME OF STRUCTURAL MAINTENANCE OF ROADS AND FOOTWAYS

25. There was submitted a report dated 7 January 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which sought approval of the 1999/2000 programme of structural maintenance of roads and footways.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the programme of inescapable schemes for the structural maintenance of roads and footways;
- (ii) to note the footway programme options which would be presented to Local Committees; and
- (iii) that the Head of Roads and Transportation accommodate any further reduction in the anticipated structural maintenance budget by reducing the footway resurfacing programme.

STRUCTURAL ASSESSMENT AND STRENGTHENING OF ROAD BRIDGES

26. There was submitted and noted a report dated 15 January 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services on the current status of the Bridge Assessment Programme.

TRANSPORTATION REPORT

27. There was submitted a report dated 18 January 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services on a number of transportation issues to be addressed as a result of the publication of the Scottish White Paper on Integrated Transport, entitled 'Travel Choices for Scotland' and a supplement to the report dated 21 January 1999 by the Director of Development Services on the outcome of a further meeting of an informal group of Council representatives which had been developing proposals for a West of Scotland Transport Partnership.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the preparation of a Local Transport Strategy;
- (ii) to authorise the Director of Development Services to open discussions with the other Ayrshire Local Authorities, Enterprise Ayrshire and Scottish Passenger Transport on the establishment of an Ayrshire Transportation Group;
- (iii) to approve participation in principle in the proposed West of Scotland Partnership conditional upon clarification of the relationship between the proposed West of Scotland Partnership, the Ayrshire Joint Structure Plan Committee and Scottish Passenger Transport;
- (iv) that the informal group of Council representatives would be requested to consider deleting Paragraph 2.2 from the Draft Constitution, attached as an Appendix to the report; viz:- "an official may act as substitute for the Member"; and the whole of Paragraph 7; and

- C** (v) to recommend to Council that Councillor Ross be the Member representative to the West of Scotland Transport Partnership. **C**

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

GLEBE ROAD, GALSTON - RETAINING WALL COLLAPSE

28. There was submitted a report dated 11 January 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services on the unexpected collapse of the road retaining wall in Glebe Road, Galston; on the alternative solutions considered; and which sought authorisation to meet the expenditure for the engineering works proposed.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve expenditure of £160,000 on the proposed works to be met from within the Council's Capital Programme; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

AYRSHIRE TIMBER TRANSPORT LIAISON GROUP

29. There was submitted a report dated 11 January 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which advised that an Ayrshire Timber Transport Liaison Group had been formed; and which sought approval for the participation of East Ayrshire Officers in that Group.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the participation of Officers from East Ayrshire Council's Road and Transportation Division in the Ayrshire Timber Transport Liaison Group; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

CAPITAL ALLOCATIONS PUBLIC TRANSPORT FUND

30. There was submitted a report dated 15 January 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services on the procedures announced by The Scottish Office for Local Authorities and the Strathclyde Passenger Transport Authority (SPTA) to apply to the Public Transport Fund as part of the capital allocation arrangements for 1999/2000 onwards; and which sought approval for a development of projects for submission to The Scottish Office for an allocation from the Public Transport Fund in 2000/2001.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note that The Scottish Office had published procedures for Local Authorities and SPTA bids for the Public Transport Fund;
- (ii) to note the offer of assistance by Scottish Passenger Transport (SPT) in developing the proposals identified in Paragraph 5.3 of the report together with a Transport Model for Ayrshire;
- (iii) to note that the projects identified within Paragraph 5.2 of the report are the subject to continuing study by the SPT and may be implemented without recourse to the Public Transport Fund; and
- (iv) to authorise the Director of Development Services to agree a programme with the SPT for taking forward all the outline proposals identified within Paragraphs 5.2 and 5.3 of the report.

RURAL PUBLIC TRANSPORT GRANT

31. There was submitted a report dated 11 January 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services on an allocation to East Ayrshire Council by The Scottish Office, of £46,000 for socially desirable bus services in rural areas; which sought approval for expenditure on services for that part of East Ayrshire outwith the Scottish Passenger Transport Authority (SPTA) area; which advised of the enhanced bus services secured by Scottish Passenger Transport (SPT) in East Ayrshire within the SPTA area; and of other expenditure proposed by SPT under the Initiative.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the allocation of £46,000 from The Scottish Office to East Ayrshire Council as Rural Transport Grant;
- (ii) to approve the expenditure on rural services for that part of East Ayrshire outwith the SPT area as detailed within Paragraph 3 of the report;
- (iii) to note the enhanced bus services secured by SPT in East Ayrshire within the SPTA area, as described within Paragraph 3.2 of the report, by means of the Rural Public Transport Grant allocation; and
- (iv) to note the further expenditure arising from the award of the grant, as detailed in Paragraph 3.3 of the report, by SPT on capital expenditure items.

LAND SURPLUS TO REQUIREMENTS AT HOLMES ROAD, KILMARNOCK

32. There was submitted a report dated 14 December 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which sought approval for land forming two corners of a field adjacent to Holmes Road, Kilmarnock, to be declared surplus to requirements.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to declare the land forming two corners of a field adjacent to Holmes Road, Kilmarnock, surplus to requirements; and
- (ii) to remit the matter to the Personnel and Property Sub-Committee of the Policy and Resources Committee.

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

33. 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.

FLOOD PREVENTION - KILMARNOCK

34. There was submitted a report dated 28 January 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which sought approval to enter into a contract for a flood prevention works project in Kilmarnock.

It was agreed to enter into a contract for a flood prevention works project in Kilmarnock on the terms detailed within Paragraphs 3.1 and 4.1 of the report.

The meeting terminated at 1208 hours.