

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

BI-ANNUAL MEETING BETWEEN EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL AND THE FORUMS ON DISABILITY

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 27 MARCH 2001 AT 1115 HOURS IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK

PRESENT: Councillors David Macrae, Drew McIntyre, Jane Darnbrough, Eric Jackson.

ATTENDING: Fiona Lees, Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources; Graham Haugh, Head of Personnel; Jim Kane, Head of Roads and Transportation; Nicola Thom, Assistant Area Housing Manager; Morven Gemmill, Service Manager, Independent Living; Anna Gallagher, Team Leader, Legal Services; and Robert Beaton, Administrative Officer; and representing Kilmarnock Forum on Disability: Jim 8 Bryan, David Porter and Dorothy McGowan; and representing East Ayrshire (South) Forum on Disability: William Frew, Kevin Dorman and Jean Smith.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Harry Wilson, Julie Faulds and Alan Campbell.

CHAIR: Councillor Jane Darnbrough item 2 onwards.

APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR

1. In response to a request from Councillor Macrae to observe the meeting, the Administrative Officer invited nominations for the Chair from those Elected Members present.

Councillor Darnbrough was appointed Chair.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

2. The Minutes of the previous meeting of 11 May 2000 were agreed in terms of accuracy.

MATTERS ARISING

3. The following matters arose from the minutes:-
 - Transportation Issues - noted that a meeting had been held on 19 October 2000 which resolved a number of transportation issues raised by Disability Forum Representatives.
 - Issue of Officer Contact List - noted that an advice list of Officer contacts had been issued by the Administrative Officer to all Disability Representatives with the aim of enabling issues to be raised as quickly as possible with a service officer.

Councillor McIntyre left the meeting at this point.

UPDATE ON AIDS AND ADAPTATIONS SERVICE, REHABILITATION SERVICE FOR PEOPLE WITH A SENSORY IMPAIRMENT AND HOUSING ALLOCATION POLICY

4. The Service Manager Independent Living provided a verbal update on the Aids and Adaptations Service and thereafter the Assistant Housing Manager gave a presentation on the East Ayrshire Council Housing Allocation Policy.

Following discussion, it was agreed:-

- (i) to note the update on the Aids and Adaptations Service and Rehabilitation Service for People with a Sensory Impairment;
- (ii) otherwise, to note the presentation on the East Ayrshire Housing Allocation Policy.

SUPPORT TO FORUMS

5. The Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources indicated that this item had been requested by the Kilmarnock Forum on Disability for assistance regarding Identification of suitable premises and administrative support and that a similar request had been made by the Southern Forum on Disability regarding access to accommodation for meetings and access to the Internet/Intranet.

Following discussion, it was agreed to request the Head of Community Support to hold a meeting with both Forums to identify their requirements for an administrative base and to examine suitable premises.

UPDATE ON SHOPMOBILITY, TRANSPORT AND PARKING ISSUES

6. The Head of Roads and Transportation gave an update on current progress in relation to the Kilmarnock Shopmobility Scheme and responded to questions raised by Disability Representatives in relation to parking and transportation issues.

Following discussion it was agreed:-

- (i) to note that in relation to Shopmobility, a consultant had been appointed to examine the feasibility of a Shopmobility Scheme, and that any final report from the consultants would involve consultation with representatives from both Disability Forums;
- (ii) to note that the Head of Roads had reviewed the layout and design of bollards at the Gateway Centre, Kilmarnock and had confirmed that the bollards had been installed to ensure that the ramp was kept clear, and to ease parking congestion at the Gateway, a special parking zone would be put in place shortly and display signs put in place;
- (iii) to note that the Head of Roads had established with the Strathclyde Passenger Transport Authority that it was a condition of the operators' contract for Disability Awareness Training to be provided to bus drivers involved in the Dial-A-Bus Scheme;
- (iv) to note that the Head of Roads and Transportation would review adaptations for Disabled users as part of the transportation statutory review.

**UPDATE ON EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL AS A DISABILITY SYMBOL
EMPLOYER**

7. There was submitted a report dated 17 March 2001 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources which advised Members of the Forum of the review by the Employment Service of East Ayrshire Council as a Disability Symbol user .

Having heard the Head of Personnel it was agreed to note the Council's continued status as an employer that was recognised by the Employment Service as being positive about disabled people.

The meeting terminated at 1305 hours.