

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 7 JUNE 2000 AT 1000 HOURS
IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD,
KILMARNOCK**

PRESENT: Councillors Robert Taylor, Ann Hay, Brian Reeves, Daniel Coffey, John Weir, Drew McIntyre, David Macrae, Harry Wilson, Jane Darnbrough, Eric Jackson, Tommy Farrell, Julie Faulds, William Menzies, Eric Ross, Elaine Dinwoodie and Jimmy Carmichael.

ATTENDING: David Montgomery, Chief Executive; William Stafford, Director of Community Services; John Griffiths, Head of Leisure Services; John F Crawford, Head of Protective Services; David Mitchell, Principal Solicitor; David Morgan, Public Relations Officer; Julie Armstrong, Senior Administrative Officer; Nicholas Duffy, Trainee Solicitor; and Ian Gemmell, Administrative Officer.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Kathleen Hall, Stephanie Young, Iain Linton and Finlay MacLean.

CHAIR: Councillor Robert Taylor, Chair.

CHAIR'S REMARKS

1. The Chair intimated that Item 19 on the Agenda (regarding the disposal of surplus land - Loreny Industrial Estate, Simonsburn Road, Kilmarnock) had been withdrawn.

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 **SPECIAL LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE OF 26 APRIL 2000 - (APPENDIX I).**
 - 2.2 **LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE OF 4 MAY 2000 - (APPENDIX II).**

DEPARTMENT PROGRESS REPORT

3. There was submitted and noted a report dated 5 April 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on progress within the Community Services Department.

REPORT ON NON-STATUTORY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

4. There was submitted and noted a report dated 30 May 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on the development of non-statutory performance indicators within the Community Services Department.

It was reported and noted that Appendix II of the report had been amended, the last column heading being changed from "Full Year" to "Average %".

ABSENCE MANAGEMENT REPORT: QUARTER 1 (3 JANUARY - 31 MARCH 2000)

5. There was submitted and noted a report dated 2 May 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on absence rates for the Department of Community Services for the quarterly period ending 31 March 2000.

KAY PARK KILMARNOCK - EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FROM THE KAY PARK TRUST

6. There was submitted a report dated 30 May 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which sought approval for expenditure on a programme of improvement works in Kay Park, Kilmarnock.

It was agreed to approve the expenditure of the total funds transferred from the Kay Park Trust as follows:- (i) repairs to Reformer's Monument; (ii) replacement of fencing to pond; (iii) resurfacing of paths/roadways; and (iv) improvements to children's play area.

AMALGAMATION OF REGISTRATION DISTRICTS

7. There was submitted a report dated 9 May 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which sought approval for amalgamation of the Registration Districts of Darvel, Galston and Newmilns and which requested authority to carry out the necessary consultation process.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to recommend to the General Register Office the amalgamation of the three Registration Districts of Darvel, Galston and Newmilns; and
- (ii) following approval from the General Register Office, to authorise the necessary consultation procedures.

FINAL MEASUREMENT - LOCAL OFFICE AT PATNA LIBRARY

8. There was submitted and noted a report dated 11 May 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which provided information on final measurements for the contract to construct a Local Office within Patna Library at Doonside Avenue, Patna.

FINAL MEASUREMENT - CCTV SYSTEMS PHASE 2, CLOSED CIRCUIT TELEVISION SYSTEMS AT KILMAURS, STEWARTON, GALSTON AND CUMNOCK TOWN CENTRES

9. There was submitted and noted a report dated 11 May 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which provided information on final measurements for the contract to install closed circuit television systems at Kilmaurs, Stewarton, Galston and Cumnock Town Centres.

MUSEUMS AND ARTS SECTION: TWO MEDALS

10. There was submitted a report dated 17 May 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which sought approval for the transfer of ownership of two medals to the original donor in accordance with the acquisition and disposal policy of the Museums and Arts Section.

It was agreed to approve the transfer of the two medals to the original donor in accordance with the Museums and Arts Acquisition and Disposal Policy.

CLOSING ORDER - 24 GARDEN STREET, GALSTON

11. There was submitted a report dated 9 May 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which invited the Committee to make a Closing Order in respect of the above unoccupied property.

It was agreed to authorise the Director of Community Services to make a Closing Order prohibiting the use of the above premises for human habitation.

CLOSING ORDER - WEST HUNGRYHILL FARM, GALSTON

12. There was submitted a report dated 9 May 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which invited the Committee to make a Closing Order on the above premises which failed to meet the statutory tolerable standard.

It was agreed to authorise the Director of Community Services to make a Closing Order prohibiting the use of the above premises for human habitation.

NATIONAL WASTE STRATEGY: PROGRESS REPORT

13. There was submitted a report dated 10 May 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on a meeting concerning the progression of the National Waste Strategy.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to amend the report at Paragraph 5.1 to read "the landfill directive is required to be translated into law in the UK by July 2001"; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

AYRSHIRE BIODIVERSITY ACTION PLAN: PROGRESS REPORT

14. There was submitted and noted a report dated 16 May 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on progress made on preparing a draft Local Biodiversity Action Plan for Ayrshire.

SCOTTISH CLIMATE CHANGE PROGRAMME - CONSULTATION

15. There was submitted and noted a report dated 11 May 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on the Scottish Climate Change Programme Consultation which was currently taking place and on which East Ayrshire Council had been asked to comment.

CLEANSING: VEHICLE REPLACEMENTS

16. There was submitted a report dated 30 May 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which advised the Committee of three vehicles and a trailer which had been written off as total losses as a result of recent vandalism at Western Road Depot and which sought approval for the urgent acquisition of suitable replacements.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the acquisition of a 26 tonne refuse collection vehicle at a capital cost of £107,032 and a 22.5 tonne refuse collection vehicle at a capital cost of £110,045;
- (ii) to approve the acquisition of a 3.5 tonne pick-up at an estimated capital cost of £16,000;
- (iii) to approve the acquisition of a trailer at an estimated capital cost of £3,000; and
- (iv) that the Director of Finance secure the appropriate operating leases for (i) and (ii) above.

GRANTS TO VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS SCHEME: APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

17. There was submitted a report dated 19 May 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on applications for financial assistance under the Grants to Voluntary Organisations Scheme.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the undernoted grants:-

Heritage

- (a) Doors Open Day - £1,300;
- (b) Council for Scottish Archaeology - £200;

Environmental

- (a) West of Scotland Begonia Society - £100;

Recreation

- (a) Cumnock Cage Bird Society - £150;
- (b) West Lowland Hike - £1,300;
- (c) Boys and Girls Club (Glasgow and South West Scotland) - £1,000;
- (d) Sports for Special Needs - £2,000;

Arts and Cultural

- (a) Kilmarnock Fellowship of Churches - £1,000;
- (ii) to note the advice to be forwarded to other applicants to the Scheme during the financial year 2000/01; and
- (iii) that the Grants to Voluntary Organisations Scheme within Community Services be reviewed and criteria developed to inform the process for the financial year 2001/2002.

GRANTS TO VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS: AWARDS TO BANDS

18. There was submitted a report dated 16 May 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on applications for financial assistance under the Awards to Bands Scheme, and outlining, as a result of the Council's financial savings package, revised funding arrangements for local bands.

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

- (i) Kilmarnock Pipe Band - £400;
- (ii) Newmilns and Galston Band - £400;
- (iii) Dalmellington Junior Band - £400;
- (iv) Dalmellington Band - £400; and
- (v) Dunaskin Doon Band - £400.

SURPLUS PROPERTY - TOWNHOLM, NEWMILNS

- 19.** There was submitted a report dated 6 June 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which invited the Committee to declare premises at Townholm, Newmilns, as surplus to requirements.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to declare the Cleansing Depot at Townholm, Newmilns, as surplus to requirements;
- (ii) that the Director of Community Services advise the Director of Development Services in accordance with agreed procedures; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

The meeting terminated at 1028 hours.