

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE****MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 6 JUNE 2000 AT 1002 HOURS IN
THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD,
KILMARNOCK**

PRESENT: Councillors Eric Ross, Stephanie Young, Daniel Coffey, Douglas Reid, Drew McIntyre, Harry Wilson, Iain Linton, John Knapp, Jim Raymond, Robert McDill, Eric Jackson, George Smith, Jimmy Kelly, Tommy Farrell, Julie Faulds, Provost Jimmy Boyd and Councillors Robert Taylor and Jimmy Carmichael.

ATTENDING: Stephen Chorley, Director of Development Services; Robert Paton, Head of Economic Development; Alan Neish, Head of Planning and Building Control; Sandy Gillatt, Chief Engineer; Jim Kane, Chief Engineer; Bill Walkinshaw, Principal Administrative Officer; David Mitchell, Principal Solicitor; Hugh Melvin, Technical Planning Officer; and Alex Hewetson, Administrative Officer.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Willie Coffey and Finlay MacLean.

CHAIR: Councillor Eric Ross, Chair.

PLANNING APPLICATION

Councillor Eric Jackson left the meeting at this point.

1.1 PROCEDURE

There was submitted Note of Procedure (circulated) to be followed at the Hearing. The Principal Administrative Officer explained the procedure to be followed at the Hearing.

1.2 APPLICATION NO 00/0791/FL: R J B MINING (UK) LIMITED

There was submitted an executive summary sheet and a report dated 1 June 2000 (both circulated) by the Director of Development Services on a full planning application for winning and working of coal by surface mining methods and restoration of those areas to a mixture of woodland and moorland as extension to Burnfoot Moor Opencast Site (Amended Application), Burnfoot Moor Extension, Muirkirk.

The Head of Planning and Building Control reported that 56 letters of objection and 8 letters and a petition containing 297 signatures in support had been received, details of which were contained within the report; summarised the planning considerations in respect of the application and recommended: (i) that the application be approved 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 development hereby permitted shall enure for the benefit of the applicant only, and shall be commenced within 6 months of the date of the issued notice of decision and the approved operations shall be completed within three and a half years of the commencement date of the operations, or at such other time as may be agreed formally in writing with the Planning Authority; (3) The applicant shall give notice to the Planning Authority, in writing, of the commencement of operations on site, one

month prior to their commencement; (4) Prior to the commencement of works on site the applicant shall submit and have approved by the Planning Authority details of the proposed new site access junction which shall be the subject of prior consultation with the Roads Authority. The details to be submitted include:- (i) provision for the extension of street lighting from Henderson Drive in Muirkirk to cover the new junction on the A70 road; (ii) a visibility splay of 4.5m by 215 metres to the west of the proposed access must be provided and maintained with no object greater than 1 metre in height allowed within this area; (iii) the visibility splay of 4.5 metres by 140 metres to the east of the access shall be maximised by the lowering of the verge and setting back the fence line on the inside of the bend; (iv) the provision of appropriate countdown speed limit signs at agreed locations; (v) a junction design incorporating the requirements of the Design Manual for Roads and Bridges, Volume 6, Section 2, with kerbed 15 metres radii, and incorporating drainage to prevent water discharging onto the public road; and (vi) provision for the widening of the A70 road to 7.3 metres at the junction position with structural strengthening over a kerbed length of 30 metres either side of the proposed access point; (5) No coal shall be dispatched from the development site until the new access road and junction have been completed to the satisfaction of the Planning Authority and Roads Authority; (6) Appropriate measures shall be taken to prevent mud, dirt, dust, slurry, coal or stones being carried onto the highway and such steps shall include the provision and use of hardstanding areas and a full wheel and body vehicle wash facility for the cleaning of all lorries, dump trucks, other heavy vehicles and plant leaving the site; the wheel and body wash facilities shall operate on a closed cycle system; (7) The access road and public road adjacent to the site shall be kept clear of mud or other deposited materials at all times of mechanical brushing as appropriate. The proposed access road shall be bituminously surfaced from the access point on the A70 road to the proposed coal preparation area; (8) Prior to any road vehicle loaded with coal or other minerals leaving the site, the load shall be suitably hopped to ensure there is no escape of materials. A hardstanding area shall be provided within the coal preparation area to facilitate the hopping of haulage vehicles. Vehicles returning to the site shall also be hopped to minimise traffic noise associated with empty vehicles; (9) Prior to excavation works commencing on site statutory undertakers' apparatus shall be protected and diverted as required, to the satisfaction of the respective statutory undertakers and at the expense of the developer; (10) The developer shall make stock-proof and maintain, until the restoration of the site is completed, all existing perimeter hedges and fences and shall protect these from damage during operational works. Where the site boundary does not coincide with an existing hedge or fence, then the developer shall provide and maintain stock-proof fencing with gates or cattle grids at every opening. Where the developer has the right to do so, undisturbed hedgerows, within or bounding the site, shall be maintained, the hedgerows to be cut and trimmed at the proper season throughout the period of working and restoration of the site. Where dry stone dykes are to be removed, the stone shall be stored and later re-used in the restoration of these dykes; (11) Topsoil and sub-soil shall only be stripped when the soils are sufficiently dry so that when moved no damage will be done to the structure of the soils. Apart from the works required to enclose the site, no operations shall be carried out until the top soil is fully stripped and stored in the designated areas within the site, in accordance with the phased programme of extraction as described in the Environmental Statement which forms part of the planning application; (12) Topsoils shall be stripped to full available depth from all areas within the site except those areas designated in the approved

plans as topsoil dumps. Following topsoil stripping operations from any areas of land, sub-soil shall be stripped as a separate operation to a depth, where possible, to achieve topsoil and sub-soil not less than 0.9 metre at restoration; (13) The developer shall give at least two working days notice to the Planning Authority before work commences on the stripping of topsoil and sub-soil. The Planning Authority reserves the right to suspend operations during adverse conditions or to impose any conditions as it sees fit for the safe keeping of top soil and sub-soil; (14) Bind-free soil forming material found during the course of the operations shall be reserved where practicable and stored for later use in the final restoration of the land. This material shall be used to replace shortages of sub-soil or topsoil, or otherwise used to cap overburden mounds. All peat encountered during the operations shall be retained and stored within suitable peat storage areas until restoration of the site. No peat shall be taken off site for commercial purposes; (15) Topsoil, sub-soil and overburden shall be carefully stored in separate mounds with appropriate separation of storage mounds to prevent soils from mixing. Topsoil mounds and sub-soil mounds shall not exceed 10 metres in height. Topsoil and sub-soil mounds shall be evenly graded and tops shaped to prevent water ponding; (16) In the first available seeding season following their formation, all mounds of topsoil, sub-soil and soil making materials shall be seeded in grass and shall be so maintained until the soils are required for use in the restoration of the site except as may be otherwise agreed with the Planning Authority. The existing overburden mound shall be graded and faces hydro-seeded in grass upon completion and shall remain so until commencement of restoration of the site. The overburden mound shall not exceed 25 metres in height; (17) All weeds on the site, particularly those on the topsoil and sub-soil storage mounds, shall be treated with weed killer or cut to prevent spreading within the site or onto adjoining agricultural land; (18) The location of baffle embankments shall generally be as indicated on the approved plans. Their specific location should be chosen to assist in the visual screening of the site and their form should be such as to present a natural looking feature, particularly for the screen bunding located adjacent to the proposed new site access road and to the west of Middlefield Drive; (19) Where the soils are to be used in the restoration of land to forestry, then the stripping and storage of soils shall be to the general requirements and specifications of the Forestry Commission; (20) All water treatment areas/settlement lagoons shall be enclosed by a 1.8 metres high stock-proof fence; (21) Throughout the period of site working, agricultural restoration and after-care, the developer shall protect and maintain or divert any ditch, stream, watercourse or culvert passing through the site so as not to impair the flow nor render less effective drainage onto and from adjacent lands. Prior to the diversion of any burn, the applicant shall undertake a detailed ecological survey of aquatic flora and fauna associated with the watercourse, the detail of which shall be submitted to the Planning Authority for information. The information collated shall be used to promote the burn diversion in such a manner as to prevent degradation of the habitat in the area; (22) Appropriate provision shall be made at all times to ensure that under drainage is maintained for land outwith the working areas. Standing water must not be allowed to gather in any area where the topsoil and sub-soil has not been stripped; (23) Alternative arrangements shall be made for any interruption of adjacent drainage systems. New interceptor leaders shall be laid, or ditches cut, to ring the site and bleed in existing lateral drains from adjoining undisturbed land; (24) All contained drainage and run-off from the site roadways, interception ditches, overburden and other tips, coal handling and stocking areas, the working areas of the

excavations and pump mine water shall receive adequate and appropriate treatment prior to being discharged to any watercourse, such treatment being to the satisfaction of the Planning Authority; (25) Appropriate precautions shall be taken to prevent the discharge of oil from fueling, oil storage, plant maintenance and vehicle wash areas within the site; (26) All fuel, oil or other chemical storage tanks on the site shall be sited on impervious bases and surrounded by tank bund walls. The bunded areas shall be capable of containing 110% of the tank's volume and shall enclose all fill and draw pipes. If the storage tanks are to be sited at a single compound, the bund wall shall be capable of containing 110% of the volume of the large storage tank. All fill and draw points shall be padlocked when not in use; (27) All foul drainage from sanitary facilities, canteens etc shall be treated prior to discharge to a soakaway system. In the event that percolation tests indicate that the ground is not suitable for discharge to soakaway system then additional treatment will be necessary in order to discharge sewage effluent to any watercourse; (28) No surface water from the site shall be permitted to discharge onto the adjacent public roads and all surface water from the topsoil, sub-soil and overburden mounds shall be prevented from reaching the road by cut-off ditches or other means outwith the highway boundary. These cut-off drains and ditches must not connect into the roadside drainage; (29) The formation of soil mounds shall be carried out in such a manner as to reduce noise nuisance to a minimum and, whenever possible, during the hours of darkness, warning lights shall be used instead of beepers as a warning device on plant and maintenance vehicles, or other appropriate warning devices the details of which shall be submitted to and approved by the Planning Authority; (30) The operational conduct of the site shall be in accordance with the Development Description contained within the submitted Environmental Statement which forms part of the approved details of the application; (31) The conduct of the site and method of operation shall comply with British Standards 5228 and Part 3 of the 1984 Code of Practice for Noise Control Application to Surface Coal Extraction by Opencast Methods. Except during the formation and removal of baffle mounds and the stripping and replacement of soils, the noise limit during daytime (0700 to 1900 hours) shall not exceed 55dB Laeq, 1h and 40dB Laeq, 1h during night-time (1900 to 0700 hours) at noise sensitive properties. During the formation and removal of baffle mounds and the stripping and replacement of soils, the noise limit shall not exceed 70dB Laeq, 1h at noise sensitive properties with such works only taking place during daylight hours; (32) An appropriate noise monitoring programme shall be undertaken during the operational life of the site, using appropriate equipment and recording devices, the details of which shall be agreed with the Planning Authority the results of which shall be submitted to the Planning Authority on a monthly basis during the operational life of the site. The noise monitoring programme shall be in place prior to the commencement of works on site; (33) A dust monitoring programme shall be agreed with the Planning Authority in consultation with the Environmental Health Authority and undertaken using appropriate equipment and recording devices, the results and records to be made available to the Planning Authority on a monthly basis during the operational life of the site. The dust monitoring programme shall be in place prior to the commencement of operations on site; (34) Except in the case of emergency, the hours of working on site will be confined between 0700 hours and 1900 hours Monday to Friday, 0800 hours and 1300 hours on a Saturday. With the exception of essential site maintenance and the maintenance of plant and machinery, no work shall take place on Sundays or on recognised public holidays in East Ayrshire; (35) Except in cases of emergency, the dispatch of coal from the site shall

be confined between 0800 hours and 1800 hours Mondays to Fridays. There shall be no dispatch of coal on Saturdays or Sundays; (36) Prior to the commencement of blasting operations on site the applicant shall submit and have approved by the Planning Authority, details of the proposed blasting hours for the site which shall be the subject of prior consultation with the Council's Parks and Cemeteries Section. No blasting operations shall take place on Saturdays or Sundays, on recognised East Ayrshire Public Holidays, during the hours of darkness or during periods of adverse visibility; (37) Blasting operations shall be carried out in such a manner that no component of the peak particle velocity attributable to any blast, measured at any point immediately adjacent to any building outside the boundaries of the site, exceeds a vibration criterion of 6mm/second at a 95% confidence level. Blasting nets shall be used in all blasting operations undertaken within the development site; (38) An appropriate blast monitoring scheme shall be undertaken during the operational life of the site the details of which shall be agreed with the Planning Authority in consultation with the Environmental Health Authority, using appropriate equipment and recording devices, the results of which shall be submitted to the Planning Authority on a monthly basis. The blast monitoring scheme shall be in place prior to any blast operations being undertaken on site; (39) All opencast machinery not in use shall be parked, as far as practicable, in an inconspicuous position and shall not be astride soil or overburden mounds; (40) Any plant or machinery that becomes redundant from use during the operational life of the site shall be permanently removed from the site; (41) Any rubbish and scrap materials generated on the site shall, as far as is practicable, be kept in a screened position until disposed of in an approved manner to the satisfaction of the Planning Authority; (42) The site shall be progressively restored in accordance with the scheme submitted with the planning application. The procedures for replacement of overburden, sub-soil and topsoil shall accord with those indicated in the Project Description contained within the Environmental Statement and to the satisfaction of the Planning Authority. The applicant shall submit details of the progress of site restoration on a quarterly basis; (43) No materials for filling shall be introduced to the site from sources external to it; (44) The restored site shall be progressively landscaped in accordance with the afteruse scheme submitted with the planning application; (45) The restored site shall be subsequently managed in accordance with the aftercare scheme as indicated within the submitted Environmental Statement; (46) There shall be an annual formal review to consider all the operations that have taken place on the site during the previous year, and to consider the programme for the ensuing year. The parties involved in the review shall include the applicant, the Mineral Operator, the owners of the land and the Planning Authority; (47) Two weeks prior to the annual formal review an updated plan will be forwarded to the Planning Authority indicating the previous years work on the site and showing the anticipated work programme for the ensuing year; and (48) Any right of way which has been diverted or temporarily stopped-off shall be fully re-instated on completion of restoration works; 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, which is temporary in nature, is commenced and completed within an acceptable timescale. The development is acceptable only because of the individual circumstances pertaining to the applicant and on a temporary basis; Condition (3) to ensure that appropriate monitoring systems are in place prior to the commencement of operations on site; Conditions (4) and (5) in the interests of public road safety; Condition (6) In the interest of road safety and to prevent pollution of

watercourses; Condition (7) in the interest of road safety and to prevent any material being carried onto the public carriageway Condition (8) in the interests of road safety and minimising noise impact; Conditions (9) and (20) in the interest of public safety; Condition (10) in the interest of preserving the rural landscape; Condition (11) to ensure that the topsoil and sub-soil will be suitable for the restoration of the site following storage; Condition (12) in the interests of achieving maximum restoration potential; Condition (13) to prevent damage to soils and to ensure that the topsoil and sub-soil to be stored will be suitable for use during restoration of the site; Condition (14) to ensure that sufficient soils are available during restoration of the site and to ensure that peat is retained to facilitate proper site restoration; Condition (15) to prevent damage occurring to soils and in the interest of visual amenity; Conditions (16), (39), (40) and (41) in the interests of visual amenity; Condition (17) to prevent weed contamination of soils in the interests of proper site restoration; Condition (18) in the interest of visual and residential amenity; Condition (19) in the interests of site restoration; Condition (21) to prevent a detrimental effect upon adjacent agricultural and other operations and to assist in the protection of aquatic habitats; Conditions (22) and (23) to prevent damage to adjacent land and soils; Conditions (24) and (25) to prevent contamination of watercourses; Condition (26) in the interest of public safety and to prevent any pollution of watercourses; Condition (27) to ensure proper drainage of the site; Condition (28) in the interest of road safety; Condition (29) in the interest of minimising noise impact; Condition (30) to ensure that the development is undertaken in accordance with the details approved; Condition (31) in the interests of residential amenity; Condition (32) to monitor noise levels and ensure that appropriate environmental standards are maintained throughout the life of the site; Condition (33) to monitor dust emissions and ensure that appropriate environmental standards are maintained throughout the life of the site; Conditions (34) and (35) in the interests of the amenity of the area; Condition (36) in the interest of amenity and public safety and to minimise impact on Muirkirk Cemetery; Condition (37) in the interests of protecting residential and other buildings from any potential damage and in the interests of public safety; Condition (38) to monitor blasting operations and ensure that appropriate environmental standards are maintained throughout the life of the site; Condition (42) to ensure appropriate progressive restoration of the site; Condition (43) to enable the Planning Authority to retain control over development of site; Condition (44) to secure appropriate restoration features and habitat enhancement; Condition (45) in the interests of securing appropriate afteruse of the site; Condition (46) to enable Planning Authority to be updated regarding the operation of the site in the light of any difficulties encountered and to monitor progress of site operations; Condition (47) to assess and monitor the operational status of the site; and Condition (48) to protect any existing rights of way affected by the proposed development; and (ii) that the issue of the Decision Notice be withheld until the Solicitor to the Council has satisfactorily concluded a formal agreement under Section 75 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 with the applicant and other landowners requiring to be parties to the agreement in respect of the matters described in Paragraph 8.8 of the report.

1.2.1 PLANNING HEARING

The Chair advised the order in which objectors would be heard in supplement to their written objections.

The Committee then heard Mrs Greta Roberts and Mrs Mary Gordon on behalf of Mining and Environment Group: Ayrshire and Mrs Elaine Kelso, Mr Angus Beck, Mr Ian Barrie and Mr Eric Crawford, on their own behalf, in support of their objections and Mr Mark Johnson, Mr Gordon Railton, Mr Raymond Forman and Mr Jim Currie, on behalf of the applicant, in support of the application. Members asked questions of the objectors and the representatives of the applicant. The representatives of the applicant responded to issues raised by several objectors, all in accordance with the Hearing procedure.

Councillor Linton left the meeting during Members questions stage of the Hearing procedure.

The Chair closed the Hearing.

1.2.2 DETERMINATION OF APPLICATION NO 99/0791/FL

The Head of Planning and Building Control reported on the planning issues which had been raised during the Hearing. The Principal Solicitor commented upon the status of a petition lodged in support of the application.

Councillor Jim Raymond left the meeting at this point.

Councillor George Smith, seconded by Councillor Eric Ross, moved:-

- (i) to grant the application subject to the conditions and for the reasons detailed above; and
- (ii) that the issue of the decision notice be withheld until the Solicitor to the Council had satisfactorily concluded a formal agreement under Section 75 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 with the applicant and other land owners requiring to be parties to the agreement, in respect of the matters described in Paragraph 8.8 of the report.

Councillor Julie Faulds, seconded by Councillor Robert McDill, moved as an amendment to refuse the application on the grounds that it would be contrary to Policy E13 of the Ayrshire Joint Structure Plan.

On a division by a show of hands, the motion was carried by nine votes to six.

ADJOURNMENT

- 2.1 The Chair agreed to adjourn the meeting at 1230 hours for approximately 5 minutes.

RECONVENTION

- 2.2 The Committee recommenced at 1235 hours with the same Members and Officials present and in attendance with the exceptions that Councillor Eric Jackson re-joined the meeting and Councillors Douglas Reid and Drew McIntyre were not present.

MONITORING REPORT - BUSINESS GRANTS AND LOANS SCHEME STATUS REPORT

3. There was submitted and noted a report dated 19 May 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services on local companies awarded financial support under the Council's Business Grants and Loans Schemes, during the period 1 April to 19 May 2000.

UPDATE ON ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT ACTION PLANS AND APPLICATIONS TO COALFIELDS REGENERATION TRUST BY COMMUNITY GROUPS

4. There was submitted a report dated 24 May 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services on progress on the preparation of Environmental Improvement Action Plans for the Coalfield Social Inclusion Partnership Area and which sought approval of funding applications to the Coalfields Regeneration Trust for various environmental improvement projects.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the action undertaken to prepare Action Plans for environmental improvement of Coalfield Social Inclusion Partnership Areas; and
- (ii) to approve the implementation of the projects described in Paragraph 4.1 of the report, subject to successful applications for external funding.

**INTERIM LOCAL TRANSPORT STRATEGY - PUBLIC CONSULTATION REPORT
(Item 3, Page 449, 99/02)**

5. There was submitted a report dated 1 June 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services on the outcome of public consultations on the East Ayrshire Interim Local Transportation Strategy: Consultative Drafts; and which sought agreement for the programme to complete the full Local Transport Strategy.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the findings of the public consultation on the East Ayrshire Interim Local Transportation Strategy: Consultative Drafts;
- (ii) that the Director of Development Services prepare draft implementation programmes and targets based on the consultation findings; and
- (iii) to approve the timetable of events described in Paragraph 8.3 for the development of the East Ayrshire Council's Full Local Transport Strategy.

PROPERTY RELATED BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

6. There was submitted a report dated 1 June 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which sought approval of an outline programme of property related business projects for East Ayrshire.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the property related business development programme described in Paragraph 4 of the report;
- (ii) to authorise the Director of Development Services to arrange for feasibility studies and other preliminary discussions as described in the Implementation Plan in Paragraph 5 of the report; and
- (iii) to note that individual projects would be brought back to this Committee for consideration before any commitment would be made to the implementation of each project.

**ROAD SAFETY MEASURES - MONITORING REPORT
(Item 3.3, Page 2194, 96/99)**

7. There was submitted and noted a report dated 21 May 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services on an initial appraisal of the road safety measures which had been implemented in East Ayrshire.

Councillor Douglas Reid re-joined the meeting at this point.

ROAD SAFETY CAPITAL PROGRAMME (Item 3, Page 773, 99/02)

8. There was submitted a report dated 22 May 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which sought approval for the road safety capital programme.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the road safety programme as described in tables 1, 2 and 3 of the report to be implemented in 2000/01 and subsequent years; and
- (ii) that the Director of Development Services carry out consultations as appropriate, including the relevant Local Committees, on the details of designs proposed.

M77 - PROGRESS UPDATE (Item 7, Page 700, 99/02)

9. There was submitted and noted a report dated 24 May 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services on current progress on the M77 project.

1999/2000 WINTER MAINTENANCE OPERATIONS

10. There was submitted and noted a report dated 22 May 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services on the performance of the 1999/2000 Winter Maintenance Operations.

EXTRAORDINARY DAMAGE TO THE ROAD NETWORK CAUSED BY TIMBER VEHICLES (Item 4, Page 964, 99/02)

11. There was submitted a report dated 24 May 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services on the powers available to the Council to recover extraordinary expenses for repairing roads damaged by timber vehicles; and action taken and proposed, to monitor and control the damage caused.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the work of the Timber Transport Liaison Group to minimise the impact of increased transport on the road network; and
- (ii) that the Director of Development Services:-
 - (a) continue to explore and promote options for transferring timber transport from road to rail;
 - (b) arrange for monitoring of the impact of timber transport on the condition of roads in East Ayrshire; and
 - (c) investigate the feasibility of Elected Member membership on the Timber Transport Liaison Group and report thereon to the next meeting of this Committee to be held on 1 August 2000.

FLOOD PREVENTION

12. There was submitted a report dated 24 May 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which sought approval for the capital programme for flood mitigation preparation works for 2000/2001.

It was agreed to approve the capital programme for flood mitigation preparation works for 2000/2001 as described in Paragraph 3.2 of the report.

LEASE OF SALT BARN AND WEIGHBRIDGE FOR GAUCHALLAND DEPOT, GALSTON (Item 22, Page 3393, 96/99)

13. There was submitted a report dated 22 May 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which sought approval to lease a Salt Barn and Weighbridge for Gauchalland Depot, Galston.

It was agreed to authorise the Director of Development Services to arrange for a Salt Barn and Weighbridge to be leased for the Gauchalland Depot in accordance with the Council's Standing Orders relating to contracts.

EXTENSION OF 30 MPH SPEED LIMIT ORDERS A70 AND B7083 CUMNOCK

14. There was submitted a report dated 30 May 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which sought approval for extensions to the 30 mph speed limit on the A70 Ayr Road and Barrhill Road and on the B7083 at Glaisnock Road.

It was agreed to approve the order for the extension of the 30 mph speed limit on the A70 Ayr Road and Barrhill Road and on the B7083 at Glaisnock Road, Cumnock.

PURCHASE OF A NEW COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM FOR THE ROADS CONTRACT UNIT

15. There was submitted a report dated 17 May 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which sought approval to purchase a new communications system for the Roads Contracts Unit, combined with a vehicle tracking, data transfer and emergency alarm system.

It was agreed to authorise the Head of Roads and Transportation to lease a suitable communication and vehicle tracking system for the Roads Contracts Unit.

SHOPMOBILITY SCHEME (Item 6, Page 4486, 96/99)

16. There was submitted a report dated 19 May 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services on work undertaken to date, to explore the feasibility of a Shopmobility Scheme based in Kilmarnock; and which sought agreement to implement the recommendations contained within the report.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to authorise the Director of Development Services to liaise with Enterprise Ayrshire to prepare a full brief on the development of a Shopmobility Scheme in Kilmarnock Town Centre for consideration by a future meeting of this Committee; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

AWARDING OF CONTRACTS

17. There was submitted and noted a report dated 23 May 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Corporate Services which provided details of the lowest satisfactory tenders which had been accepted in respect of the undernoted Department of Development Services' contracts:-

<u>CONTRACT</u>	<u>SUCCESSFUL CONTRACTOR</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Patching Works, B, C and U Class Roads - No 1	J H Moodie, Dalmellington	£43,518.12
A71 Galston By-pass River Bridge Concrete Repairs and Foot Water Proofing	Kelburne Construction, Kilmarnock	£128,354.90
Burnton, Dalmellington - Carriageway Resurfacing - Phase 2	Lymburn Contractors Ltd, Dalrymple	£34,240.80
Supply of Traffic Signs 2000	Dee Organ Ltd, Paisley	Up to the contract value of £20,000

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

18. 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.

**REPORT ON 6-38 JOHN FINNIE STREET, KILMARNOCK; 12-14; 24-26 STRAND STREET, KILMARNOCK; AND 1-5 DUNLOP STREET, KILMARNOCK
(Item 26, Page 3394, 96/99)**

19. There was submitted a joint report dated 23 May 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Homes and Technical Services and the Director of Development Services on the current situation with regard to the sites at 6-38 John Finnie Street, Kilmarnock, 12-14, 24-26 Strand Street, Kilmarnock, and 1-5 Dunlop Street, Kilmarnock; and which recommended that a course of action to secure the re-development of the site.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to authorise the pursuance of the various actions outlined in Paragraph 9 of this report;
- (ii) that the Director of Homes and Technical Services and the Director of Development Services report on progress to future meetings of the relevant Committees; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

MOORFIELD INDUSTRIAL ESTATE, KILMARNOCK - CONTRIBUTION TO IMPROVED ROAD ACCESS

20. There was submitted a report dated 31 May 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which sought approval in principle of financial support towards the costs of work to improve an access point from the A759 to the Moorfield Industrial Estate, Kilmarnock.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve participation with Scottish Enterprise Ayrshire and Billy Bowie Tanker Services Limited on the project to improve the entrance and junction into the Moorfield Industrial Estate on the A759;
- (ii) to authorise the Director of Development Services to negotiate a funding package which would involve equal contributions from the Scottish Enterprise Ayrshire and East Ayrshire Council, together with an appropriate contribution from Billy Bowie Tanker Services Ltd; and
- (iii) that the Solicitor to the Council, on conclusion of the negotiations, prepare and execute a formal agreement with the relevant parties.

FUNDING REQUEST - CUMNOCK COMPANY

21. There was submitted a report dated 1 June 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which requested authority to fund a business loan for a Cumnock Company.

It was agreed to contribute to the additional round of funding as described in Paragraph 4.3 of the report subject to other sources of funding as described in Paragraph 4.2 of the report.

FUNDING REQUEST - NEW CUMNOCK COMPANY

22. There was submitted a report dated 1 June 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services requesting authority to fund a training grant for a New Cumnock Company.

It was agreed to the one-off training grant subject to the submission of a detailed training programme with appropriate records.

The meeting terminated at 1302 hours.