

## **EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

### **EXTERNAL AGENCIES COMMITTEE**

**Minutes of meeting held on Friday 23 June 1995 at 10am  
in the Council Chambers, Civic Centre, Kilmarnock**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Eric Ross (Chair), Tommy Farrell, James Kelly, Drew McIntyre, Dave Sneller and Robert Stirling.

**ATTENDING:** D McVicar, G Fraser and J Murray, Chief Executive's Department.; D Stewart, (KLDC); Andrew Cahill, (KLDC); Elizabeth Morton, Director of Administration and Legal Services (KLDC); Eileen McKenna and Morag McClurg, Scottish Pre-School Playgroup Association; Brian Gardner, Strathclyde Regional Council; Maeve McDonald, Strathclyde Children's Panel Advisory Committee; and David Wiseman, Principal Officer (Social Strategy), Social Work Department, Strathclyde Regional Council.

**APOLOGIES:** Councillors D Coffey, G McCredie and J Smith.

#### **1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Submitted and approved as a correct record Minutes of meeting dated 7 June 1995 (previously circulated).

#### **2. MATTERS ARISING**

##### **(a) STRATHCLYDE REGIONAL COUNCIL**

There was submitted and noted a copy of an information pack prepared by Strathclyde Regional Council detailing grants and support given to Voluntary Organisations. A copy of the information pack was tabled for perusal by Members prior to the Meeting.

##### **(b)(i) STRATHCLYDE REGIONAL COUNCIL**

There was submitted a copy of Strathclyde Regional Council's Community Grants Scheme (Conditions of Grant & Application Form).

Mr. D. McVicar, gave a presentation highlighting relevant points regarding Strathclyde Regional Council's Community Grants Scheme after which there followed a question and answer session.

The position was noted.

##### **(ii) DISTRICT COUNCIL GRANTS**

There was submitted copies of the following documents, namely:-

- (a) Local Authority Funding of Voluntary Organisations (Scotland) Directions 1995 (tabled).

- (b) Kilmarnock and Loudoun District Council Grants/Donations Information Pack.
- (c) Cumnock and Doon Valley District Council Grants/Donations Information Pack.

Mr A Cahill and Ms E Morton highlighted the relevant points regarding (b)(ii)(a) above after which there followed a question and answer session.

It was noted that further information in the requested data base form would be available from both Kilmarnock and Loudoun District Council and Cumnock and Doon Valley District Council within the time period specified by The Scottish Office.

It was agreed that further information be sought regarding the Kilmarnock and Loudoun Common Good Fund and enquiries made as to the possibility of continuing this practice within the new Authority.

### **(iii) URBAN PROGRAMME**

There was submitted copy of a briefing note prepared by the Chief Executive's Department.

Mr. G. Fraser, gave a brief presentation highlighting relevant points after which there followed a question and answer session.

Arising from the discussion, it was noted that an evaluation of Urban Aid Projects by Strathclyde Regional Council will take place in August/September of this year and it was agreed to seek approval from Strathclyde Regional Council that Members of this Council should be involved in the evaluation process.

It was also noted that a report prepared by the Chief Executive, detailing funding of the projects involved, would be submitted to the Policy and Resources Committee.

### **(iv) SCOTTISH PRE-SCHOOL PLAYGROUP ASSOCIATION**

There was submitted a copy of an information pack prepared by Scottish Pre-School Play Association.

Eileen McKenna and Morag McLurg of the Scottish Pre-School Playgroup Association gave a presentation highlighting relevant points after which there followed a question and answer session.

It was noted that a one-day working conference 'The Future of Pre-Five Services' would be held in Glasgow on 31st August 1995 and it was agreed to refer this matter to the Education Committee for nomination of delegates.

### **(v) SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT GRANTS**

Mr D Wiseman gave a presentation highlighting relevant points after which there followed a question and answer session. (A copy of the overheads used during the presentation were circulated prior to the presentation).

It was noted that Strathclyde Regional Council interpreted the law relating to Section 10 funding as being such that only a Social Work Committee could approve a grant and therefore a local Committee's involvement would be in the form of recommending to the central committee approval of particular grants for their local areas.

### **(vi) EDUCATION DEPARTMENT GRANTS**

There was submitted a copy of a paper entitled 'Grants to Voluntary Organisations' prepared by Strathclyde Regional Council suggesting issues for consideration by the Committee.

Mr. B. Gardner gave a presentation summarising the wide range of grants available after which there followed a question and answer session.

The position was noted.

### **3. CHILDREN'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Mrs. M. McDonald gave a presentation detailing the functions and aims of the Children's' Panel Advisory Committee after which there followed an question and answer session.

It was noted that representatives from East Ayrshire Council for the aforementioned Committee were required as soon as possible. It was agreed that nominations would be sought and referred to a future Policy and Resources Committee after final Council Committee structures have been agreed and appropriate members could be identified.

### **4. AYRSHIRE AND ARRAN HEALTH BOARD CONSULTATION DOCUMENT**

There was tabled at the Meeting a copy of a Consultation Document prepared by Ayrshire and Arran Health Board on the future provision of healthcare services for Cumnock, Mauchline and surrounding areas.

After discussion it was agreed to respond to Ayrshire and Arran Health Board highlighting:

- (i) concern that the consultation document appeared to concentrate on a debate about sites rather than service provision;
- (ii) that with regard to priority issues:
  - (a) there was a need to ensure the continuing support for elderly people as the proposal to reduce the number of bed spaces was implemented;
  - (b) the requirement to ensure that tenders for the provision of NHS services be limited to NHS providers and that staff are working for NHS employers; and
- (iii) support for the development of the site at Ballochmyle.