

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE****MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 28 MAY 1997 AT 1100 HOURS
IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD,
KILMARNOCK**

PRESENT: Councillors Bob Beattie Gordon McCredie, Gordon Cree, Kathleen Hall, David Macrae, Kim Nicoll, George Smith and Robert Taylor.

ATTENDING: William Stafford, Director of Community Services; John F Crawford, Head of Protective Services; John A Griffiths, Head of Leisure Services; Irene Townson, Principal Solicitor; Bill Walkinshaw, Principal Administrative Officer; David Morgan, Public Relations Officer; and Ian Gemmell, Administrative Officer.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Alan Campbell, John Smith and Tommy Farrell.

CHAIR: Councillor Bob Beattie, Chair

CHAIR'S REMARKS

1. The Chair made reference to the recent untimely death of Mrs Carol Gilmour, and the Committee agreed to express its condolences to her husband, Mr Bruce Gilmour, on his bereavement.

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) as contained in Appendices I and II of these Minutes.
 - 2.1 **LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE - 14 MAY 1997 - APPENDIX I.**
 - 2.2 **LEISURE SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE - 20 MAY 1997 - APPENDIX II.**

THREE YEAR CAPITAL PROGRAMME

3. There was submitted a report dated 12 May 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services providing details of a proposed programme of Capital Works for the financial years 1998/99 and 1999/2000.

It was agreed to adopt in principle the Capital Programme as outlined in the Director's report.

LEISURE STRATEGY - CONSULTATION DRAFT (Item 3, Page 1390)

4. There was submitted a report dated 24 April 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services presenting for approval, the Consultation Draft of the Council's Leisure Strategy, prior to its referral to a wide range of individuals and organisations for comment.

It was agreed to approve the contents of the Consultation Draft Leisure Strategy as submitted.

**URBAN PROGRAMME TERMINATING PROJECT EVALUATION REPORT -
THE HEALTHY LIFESTYLE PROJECT**

5. There was submitted a report dated 13 May 1997 (circulated) on the recommendations of the evaluation panel number 3, which evaluated the Healthy Lifestyle Urban Programme Project, which was due to terminate its funding in August 1997.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note that Kilmarnock South Local Committee had supported the mainstreaming of the above project;
- (ii) to adopt the findings of the Evaluation Panel ie. (a) that the project be funded at a cost of £26,300 per annum with part year costs of £15,341 for 1997/98; and (b) that the Director of Community Services examine alternative sources of funding eg. from the Ayrshire & Arran Health Board, the Health Education Council and any other partner(s) as identified to assist in the development of this project.

PROGRESS REPORT - COMMUNITY SERVICES

6. There was submitted and noted a report dated 14 May 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on progress within the Community Services Department.

**APPOINTMENT OF PUBLIC ANALYST, AGRICULTURAL ANALYST AND
FOOD EXAMINERS**

7. There was submitted a report dated 6 May 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services inviting the Committee to make appropriate changes in current appointments of statutory posts within the Council.

It was agreed to appoint Dr C McDonald as Agricultural Analyst and Mr G Walker as Public Analyst and Deputy Agricultural Analyst; to retain the existing appointments of Mr S Joyce as Public Analyst and Deputy Agricultural Analyst and Dr C McDonald as Public Analyst; and to appoint Dr C McDonald, Mr J Waddell and Mrs K Stanton as Food Examiners.

**WATER SUPPLY - REVISED UNDERTAKING TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE,
AND REVISED RELAXATIONS OF WATER QUALITY STANDARDS SUBMITTED
BY WEST OF SCOTLAND WATER**

8. There was submitted a report dated 9 May 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services advising of statutory information submitted by West of Scotland to the Secretary of State and reporting progress on remedial works.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to welcome West of Scotland Water's decision to institute remedial works to the water supplies to Newmilns and Darvel earlier than anticipated; and
- (ii) that the Director of Community Services make an approach to West of Scotland Water requesting them to consider the possibility of similar action in

respect of other supplies falling below statutory standards in East Ayrshire;
and

- (iii) otherwise to note the report.

MEAT HYGIENE - TRAINING

9. There was submitted and noted a report dated 13 May 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services advising of arrangements made for a seminar organised in association with the Scottish Meat Traders Federation at the Dean Castle Visitors' Centre on 25 June 1997 to provide basic training on the principles of Hazard Analysis at Critical Control Points.

FOOD STANDARDS AGENCY: REPORT BY PROFESSOR PHILIP JAMES

10. There was submitted a report dated 13 May 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services advising of the content of Professor James' report on the establishment of a Food Standards Agency, and seeking authority to respond by 20 June 1999 to a request from the Cabinet Office (Office of Public Services) for observations.

It was agreed that the Director of Community Services in consultation with the Chair, submit appropriate representations to the Cabinet Office on Professor James' report.

PROVISION OF WEIGHBRIDGE FACILITIES WESTERN ROAD KILMARNOCK

11. There was submitted a report dated 2 May 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on the position relating to the Weighbridge facility at the Western Road Depot Kilmarnock, having regard to condition, usage and future viability, and recommending that the Weighbridge be closed.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to authorise the closure of the Weighbridge;
- (ii) that the Director of Community Services make alternative arrangements for weighing recyclable waste; and
- (iii) that the Director of Community Services consult Trade Unions on re-deployment of staff.

LICENSING OF SECOND HAND CAR DEALERS

12. There was submitted a report dated 18 April 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on proposals to harmonise licensing of second hand car dealers.

It was agreed to support the professional view that franchise dealers were not entitled to exemption from licensing of second hand dealers on the basis that such dealing was incidental to another business, and therefore all second hand car dealers falling within this category be licensed.

POLICE SECONDMENT

13. There was submitted and noted a report dated 25 April 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services advising the Committee that he proposed to accept an offer by the Chief Constable to second a Police Officer to East Ayrshire Council to assist in the development and implementation of various projects including Community Safety.

DISPOSAL OF SURPLUS PROPERTY

14. There was submitted a report dated 29 April 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services inviting the Committee to consider declaring former public conveniences as being surplus to departmental requirements.

It was agreed to declare as surplus to requirements the former public conveniences in Sorn, Kilmaurs, Crosshouse, Stewarton and Kilmarnock (Sandbed and Riccarton Bridge), the properties to be dealt with in accordance with current Council Policy.

REVISED EDITION OF THE GUIDE TO SAFETY AT SPORTS GROUNDS (THE GREEN GUIDE)

15. There was submitted and noted a report dated 7 May 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on the recently published fourth edition of the Guide to Safety at Sports Grounds, known as "The Green Guide".

The meeting terminated at 1145 hours.