

**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

**BUSINESS SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 16 MAY 1996 AT 1400 HRS  
IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS,  
LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Robert Taylor, Gordon McCredie, Irene Reeves, Gordon Cree, Daniel Coffey, Kim Nicoll, George Smith, Jimmy Carmichael; and Church representatives William McConnell and Matthew Sullivan.

**ATTENDING:** David Montgomery, Chief Executive; Jennifer Wallace, Depute Director of Education; Stewart Gillan, Operations Manager; Bill Walkinshaw, Principal Administrative Officer; and James Lally, Administrative Officer.

**APOLOGIES:** Councillors David Macrae and Tommy Farrell.

**CHAIR:** Councillor Robert Taylor, Chair.

**DECLARATION OF SURPLUS PROPERTIES**

**1.1 GLAISNOCK HOUSE, CUMNOCK**

There was submitted a report dated 23 April 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Education advising of the cessation of use of Glaisnock House, Cumnock and recommending that the property be declared surplus to the requirements of the Education Department.

It was agreed:

- (i) to declare Glaisnock House, Cumnock surplus to the requirements of the Education Department;
- (ii) to instruct the Director of Education to refer the property to the Head of Property for disposal.

**1.2 CROSSROADS SCHOOL HOUSE**

There was submitted a report dated 9 May 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Education advising of the cessation of use of Crossroads School House and recommending that the property be declared surplus to the requirements of the Education Department.

Councillor Taylor, seconded by Councillor G Smith, moved:

- (i) to declare Crossroads School House surplus to the requirements of the Education Department; and
- (ii) to instruct the Director of Education to refer the property to the Head of Property for disposal.

Councillor Nicoll, seconded by Councillor McCredie, moved as an amendment, that this matter be continued until the next meeting of the Education Committee in order to establish if Crossroads School House would provide suitable accommodation for the Outdoor Learning Centre.

On a division by a show of hands the motion was carried by five votes to three.

### **EDUCATION SCHOOL MILK (Item 1.1.1, Page 741)**

2. There was submitted a report dated 1 May 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Education advising of the potential effect on the selling price of school milk should a European Community subsidy be obtained.

It was agreed:

- (i) that the Director of Education should make application to the European Community for a School Milk Subsidy for Primary Schools within East Ayrshire to reduce the price of milk from 15p to 10p in Primary Schools and leave the price at 15p in Secondary Schools subject to confirmation of the Intervention Board;
- (ii) that the Director of Education, in consultation with the Director of Commercial Operations, in considering future supplies of school milk, continue to investigate methods in reducing costs associated with distribution and supply; and
- (iii) that the Director of Education advise Councillor Coffey of the position with regard to subsidies for school milk and their application in respect of special needs schools.

### **HEALTH AND SAFETY POLICY (Item 3, Page 751)**

3. There was submitted a report dated 16 May 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Education providing an update on the consultation currently being carried out with staff and Trade Unions in respect of the Department's Health and Safety Policy.

It was agreed to note the observations and comments received to date, as detailed in the report and that the Director of Education should finalise responses and make appropriate amendments to the draft Departmental Health and Safety Policy, based on the responses received and including the suggestion that visitors to schools should also receive appropriate instruction on health and safety matters.

### **EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

4. The Sub-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 it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 8 Schedule 7A of the Act.

### **TRANSPORT FACILITIES FOR SCHOOL SESSION 1996/97 FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL AND/OR MEDICAL NEEDS**

5. There was submitted a report dated 8 May 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Education advising of the current position regarding contracts to transport children to special/mainstream nursery schools and the psychological services and language unit.

It was agreed to continue consideration of this item until a future meeting of this Sub-Committee in order to allow the Director of Education to prepare a more detailed report.

The meeting terminated at 1435 hrs.