

**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 16 MAY 1996 AT 1000 HRS  
IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS,  
LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Gordon McCredie, Drew McIntyre, Irene Reeves, Gordon Cree, Douglas Reid, Wilma Doyle, Ronald Brailsford, Jane Darnbrough, Jim O'Neill, Kathleen Hall, Bob Beattie, John Knapp, Daniel Coffey, David Fulton, Kim Nicoll, George Tumbull, Robert McDill, Jim Kelly, David Sneller, George Smith, Jimmy Carmichael, Robert Taylor, Tommy Farrell and Eric Jackson.

**ATTENDING:** David Montgomery, Chief Executive; Fiona Lees, Depute Chief Executive; Stephen Chorley, Director of Development Services; Gordon Clark, Director of Finance; John Hillis, Director of Housing; Jim Dickie, Director of Social Work; Barbara Haughan, Director of Support Services; Roddy Wallace, Head of Administration; Douglas Campbell, Head of Public Relations and Marketing; Bill Walkinshaw, Principal Administrative Officer; and Julie Armstrong, Senior Administrative Officer.

**APOLOGIES:** Provost Stirling and Councillors Alan Campbell, David Macrae, Eric Ross, Jimmy Boyd and John Smith.

**CHAIR:** In the absence of Provost Stirling and Depute Provost Boyd, Councillor Sneller was unanimously appointed to the Chair.

**PREVIOUS MINUTES**

1. There were submitted (circulated) Minutes of the Council meeting held on 2 April 1996 which were approved as a correct record.

**COMMITTEE MINUTES**

- 2.1 There were submitted (circulated) and, except as undernoted, approved both as correct records and in respect of recommendations contained therein, the Minutes of the undernoted Committee meetings as follows, viz:-

**2.1.1 DOON VALLEY LOCAL COMMITTEE OF 27 MARCH 1996**

**2.1.2 KILMARNOCK CENTRAL LOCAL COMMITTEE OF 28 MARCH 1996**

**2.1.3 IRVINE VALLEY LOCAL COMMITTEE OF 29 MARCH 1996**

Subject to the following:

Page 698, Item 3 "Community Involvement in the Local Committee Process" - Point (i)(f) Inclusion of Galston Old People's Welfare Association.

**2. 1.4 NORTHERN AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE OF 29 MARCH 1996**

**2.1.5 KILMARNOCK NORTH LOCAL COMMITTEE OF 3 APRIL 1996**

**2. 1.6 KILMARNOCK SOUTH LOCAL COMMITTEE OF 4 APRIL 1996**

Subject to the following:-

Page 723 Item I "Chair's Remarks" - Reference to "he" being replaced by "she" and Page 724, Item 4 "Community Involvement in the Local Committee Process", paragraph (i)(d) "Riccarton Community Association" be replaced by "Shortlees Community Association".

### **2.1.7 CUMNOCK AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE OF 4 APRIL 1996**

### **2.1.8 SOCIAL WORK COMMITTEE OF 11 APRIL 1996**

### **2.1.9 HOUSING COMMITTEE OF 17 APRIL 1996**

### **2.1.10 EDUCATION COMMITTEE OF 18 APRIL 1996**

### **2.1.11 COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE OF 24 APRIL 1996**

### **2.1.12 DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE OF 25 APRIL 1996**

### **2.1.13 COMMERCIAL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE OF 30 APRIL 1996**

### **2.1.14 POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE OF 1 MAY 1996**

## **2.2 EDUCATION COMMITTEE OF 18 APRIL 1996**

### **2.2.1 MATTERS ARISING**

#### **(i) POSSIBLE RATIONALISATION OF SCHOOLS (Item 2, Page 742)**

Arising from a question by Councillor Nicoll, the Director of Support Services reported that following approval of the Scheme of Delegation by the Council on 2 April (Item 8, Page 714), Committees could exercise full delegated powers. The Education Committee had full powers to discharge the functions of the Council as an Education Authority. Any request to reconsider any matter agreed within six months would require, in terms of Standing Order 51, agreement by two-thirds of the Members for the time being present and voting.

The motion by Councillor Nicoll, seconded by Councillor Coffey, to reconsider in terms of Standing Order 51, the decision regarding possible rationalisation of schools by the above Education Committee was defeated by 17 votes to 7 and failed to achieve the requisite two-thirds majority of Members voting.

## **2.3 COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE OF 24 APRIL 1996**

### **2.3.1 REMIT**

#### **(i) LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE (Item 8, Page 758)**

It was agreed that the Members appointed to serve on the above Sub-Committee be

Councillors Bob Beattie (Chair), Gordon McCredie, Jane Darnbrough, Robert Taylor and Tommy Farrell.

## **2.4 DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE OF 25 APRIL 1996**

### **2.4.1 REMIT**

#### **(i) SCHEME OF DELEGATION - BUSINESS GRANTS (Item 75 Page 763)**

It was agreed to include in the Scheme of Delegation: Determination by any two of the Director of Development Services, Head of Economic Development or the Manager of Business Services of applications for business grants and loans subject to eligibility criteria agreed annually (or more frequently if required) by the Development Services Committee subject to consultation with the Chair or Vice-Chair for grants of loans greater than the limits prescribed annually (or more frequently) by Committee as detailed in page 772 of the Minutes.

### **2.4.2 MATTERS ARISING**

#### **(i) PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS IN RAIL AND BUS SERVICES (Item 35 Page 761)**

Arising from discussion on the proposed changes to bus services by Strathclyde Passenger Transport Executive, it was agreed to remit to Chief Executive and Director of Support Services in consultation with Councillors Sneller and Tumbull, along with Councillors Ross and Knapp, the Council representatives to the Strathclyde Passenger Transport Executive and substitute representatives being Councillors Carmichael and Nicoll to take part in discussions with the Strathclyde Passenger Transport Executive in respect of this issue and take appropriate action on behalf of the Council.

## **2.5 POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE OF 1 MAY 1996**

### **2.5.1 REMIT**

#### **(i) CoSLA: APPOINTMENT TO CONVENTION AND FORUMS (Item 2, Page 777)**

It was agreed to appoint Councillor Coffey to the Convention and the following Members to the undernoted Forums:-

Strategy Forum -	Councillor David Sneller
Education and Cultural Services Forum	Councillor Tommy Farrell
Social Affairs Forum -	Councillor Jimmy Boyd
Development Services Forum -	Councillor George Tumbull
Protective Services Forum -	Councillor Bob Beattie
Rural Affairs Forum	Councillor David Fulton

It was reported by Director of Support Services that a letter dated 1 May 1996 had been received from CoSLA intimating that the Council may wish to appoint substitute members to the Forums.

Councillor Sneller, seconded by Councillor McIntyre, moved that the appointments of substitute members to the Forums be as follows, viz:-

Strategy Forum -

Councillor Drew McIntyre

Education and Cultural Services Forum -

Councillor Bob Beattie

Social Affairs Forum -

Councillor Jim Kelly

Development Services Forum -	Councillor Eric Ross
Protective Services Forum -	Councillor Gordon Cree
Rural Affairs Forum -	Councillor Robert Taylor

Councillor Coffey, seconded by Councillor McDill, moved as an amendment that the appointments of substitute Members to the Forums be as follows, viz:-

Strategy Forum -	Councillor Daniel Coffey
Education and Cultural Services Forum	Councillor Kim Nicoll
Social Affairs Forum	Councillor Kathleen Hall
Development Services Forum	Councillor Ronald Brailsford
Protective Services Forum	Councillor Gordon McCredie
Rural Affairs Forum	Councillor Robert McDill

On a division by a show of hands the motion was carried by 17 votes to 7.

**REQUEST FROM EAST AYRSHIRE SPORTS COUNCIL TO APPOINT ELECTED MEMBERS TO BE REPRESENTED ON THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

3. There was submitted a report dated 26 April 1996 (circulated) by Director of Community Services regarding a request by East Ayrshire Sports Council to nominate an additional three Elected Members from the Leisure Sub-Committee to serve on the Sports Council's Executive Committee.

It was agreed:

- (i) that Councillors Gordon McCredie, George Smith and James Carmichael be elected to serve on East Ayrshire Sports Council's Executive Committee; and
- (ii) that the Director of Community Services inform East Ayrshire Sports Council of the nominations.

**KILMARNOCK LEISURE CENTRE TRUSTEES (Item 4.9, Page 711)**

4. There was submitted and noted a report dated 9 May 1996 (circulated) by Director of Support Services informing Council that following the appointment of Councillor Robert Stirling as Provost of East Ayrshire Council at the Council meeting on 2 April 1996, in terms of the Trust Deed for the Kilmarnock Leisure Centre Trust, the Provost was an ex officio Trustee of the Kilmarnock Leisure Centre Trust and that Provost Stirling had confirmed his acceptance of appointment as Trustee.

#### **AYRSHIRE SPECIAL GAMES (Item 4, Page 733)**

5. There was submitted a report dated 8 May 1996 (circulated) by Director of Social Work providing details of the arrangements to support the 1996 Ayrshire Special Games. The involvement of East Ayrshire Council was agreed at the Social Work Committee of 11 April 1996 when it was further agreed that the arrangements for the Ayrshire Special Games 1996 would be brought to the attention of Council to allow the fullest expression of the corporate commitment of the Council to this event.

It was agreed:

- (i) to welcome the arrangements for the Ayrshire Special Games in 1996;
- (ii) to continue to encourage the involvement of East Ayrshire children and adults with learning disabilities in the Games; and
- (iii) to endorse support for the Ayrshire Special Games 1996 on a corporate basis.

### **APPOINTMENTS TO TRUSTS**

6. There was submitted a report dated 9 May 1996 (circulated) by Director of Support Services drawing the Council's attention to certain Trusts which required the appointment of Members to be made and to provide background information on the Trusts in question.

Noted amendments to the report, recommendation 3.2, the appointments to the Kilmarnock and Loudoun Emergency Relief Trust were not restricted to Kilmarnock Wards. Also recommendation 3.4, the appointments to the Royal Incorporation of the Buchanan Bequest could include Members from all East Ayrshire Wards.

The Council agreed appointments as follows:

Cumnock & Doon Valley Minerals Trust	Councillors James Kelly, James Carmichael, Robert Taylor and Tommy Farrell.
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Kilmarnock & Loudoun Emergency Relief Trust	Provost Stirling ex officio and Councillors Drew McIntyre, Jane Darnbrough and Daniel Coffey and noted that Head of Paid Service and Director of Finance were <u>ex</u> officio Trustees.
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It was also agreed that it be remitted to the Director of Support Services to investigate the feasibility of extending an Emergency Relief Trust to cover the whole of East Ayrshire and to report back to Council in due course.

Parker's & Tannock's Trusts	Provost Stirling and Councillors Irene Reeves, Gordon Cree, Douglas Reid, Ronald Brailsford, Jane Darnbrough and John Knapp.
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Royal Incorporation of the Buchanan Bequest	Provost Stirling and Councillors Irene Reeves, Gordon Cree, Douglas Reid, Alan Campbell, John Knapp and David Macrae.
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The meeting terminated at 1035 hrs.