

**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

**EMERGENCY POWERS COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 4 JUNE 1996 AT 1450 HRS  
IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS,  
LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK**

**PRESENT:** Councillors David Sneller, Drew McIntyre, Daniel Coffey and Eric Ross.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Councillor George Turnbull.

**ATTENDING:** David Montgomery, Chief Executive; Fiona Lees, Depute Chief Executive; Robert Paton, Head of Economic Development; Bill Walkinshaw, Principal Administrative Officer; and Irene Townson, Principal Solicitor.

**APOLOGY:** Provost Robert Stirling.

**CHAIR:** Councillor David Sneller, Chair.

**SCOTTISH TRADE UNION CONGRESS (STUC) LAUNCH CONFERENCE -  
7 JUNE 1996 - SCOTTISH FAMILY POLICY CHARTER**

1. There was submitted a report dated 31 May 1996 (circulated) by Director of Social Work requesting consideration of representation at the above Conference.

The Conference would bring together representatives from voluntary organisations, Local Authorities and the academic world who would be invited to endorse the STUC's Scottish Family Policy Charter and to campaign for its implementation. The cost of attendance at the Conference was £25 per delegate.

It was agreed to authorise attendance at the above Conference by two Members from the Administration, one Member from the Opposition, and one Officer, whose names should be notified to the Director of Social Work as soon as possible.

**EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

2. 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 item of business on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 6 of Schedule 7A of the Act.

**BUSINESS RELIEF PACKAGE**

3. There was submitted a report dated 3 June 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services in respect of a funding request from a limited company operating within the area to assist with the refinancing of the company and to secure jobs at their local factory.

The report detailed the trading and commercial history and operational activities of the company and provided information on its cost savings plan.

It was agreed that a loan of £100,000 be made to the company on the following conditions, viz:-

(i) confirmation of other sources of funding from Enterprise Ayrshire and the company's dent providers as detailed within the report and securities to be in place at time of completion;

(ii) that the terms of repayment of the loan be as follows:

<u>Repayment Period</u>	<u>Rate of Interest</u>
Years 1 & 2	8%
Year 3	9%
Years 4 & 5	10%

(iii) that the company makes significant progress to the satisfaction of the Authority, in the appointment of Sales and Marketing Director;

(iv) satisfactory valuation of the company's local property; and

(v) immediate repayment of loan required if the number of jobs were to be reduced to below 250 employees.

The meeting terminated at 1505 hrs.