

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

LEISURE SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 28 MAY 1996 IN MEETING ROOM COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK AT 1400 HOURS

PRESENT: Councillors Gordon McCredie, Gordon Cree, Bob Beattie, Kim Nicoll, Jimmy Carmichael, Robert Taylor and Tommy Farrell.

ATTENDING: Fiona Lees, Depute Chief Executive; William Stafford, Director of Community Services; and Ian Gemmell, Administrative Officer.

APOLOGY: Councillor John Smith.

CHAIR: In the absence of the Chair, Councillor Bob Beattie was appointed to the Chair.

RE-SITING OF BLUE BRAES PLAY AREA, GALSTON

1. There was submitted a report dated 29 April 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services outlining some concerns surrounding the present situation of Blue Braes Play Area, Galston, identifying possible solutions to the problem.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to instruct the Director of Community Services to carry out a survey on the current usage of the facility; the attitudes and opinions of local children and adults; child movement patterns; and places of play in the community and to obtain demographic information on numbers and ages of children in the community, and prepare a report based on the information obtained;
- (ii) to instruct the Director of Community Services to visit the site, together with the Chair of this Committee and Local Members; and
- (iii) to refer his report to the Irvine Valley Local Area Committee, with a request for the Local Committee's recommendations as to the re-siting or closure of the Blue Braes Play Area.

EAST AYRSHIRE SPORTS COUNCIL: PROGRESS REPORT

2. There was submitted a report dated 1 May 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on the progress which had been made in relation to the formation of East Ayrshire Sports Council.

Having noted that an Executive Committee for the new Sports Council had been elected on 22 April 1996, it was agreed:-

- (i) to note the progress to date and to await quarterly reports updating Members on the work of the Sports Council;

- (ii) to remit to the Director of Community Services to release the sum of £12,700 to the Sports Council as agreed by Community Services Committee of 26 March 1996; and
- (iii) to note that the interim constitution for the Sports Council had been approved by the Chair and Vice Chair of the Community Services Committee.

**REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE FOR CUMNOCK
AND DISTRICT POOL PROJECT GROUP**

3. There was submitted a report dated 1 May 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services outlining a request for Officer assistance and advice from Cumnock and District Pool Project Group.

It was agreed to approve the request by Cumnock and District Pool Project Group for professional guidance from East Ayrshire Council.

THE HIRE OF BOUNCY CASTLES TO COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS

4. There was submitted a report dated 26 April 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services outlining some of the concerns connected with the hire of bouncy castles to Community Groups, and intimating action being taken to alleviate these concerns.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that bouncy castles should not be hired out until the appropriate Departmental procedures for public liability insurance and for the safe operation of the bouncy castles were in place; and
- (ii) to remit to the Director of Community Services and the Chair of the Community Services Committee to authorise hirers when the above matters had been resolved; and
- (iii) to otherwise note the report.

REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM KILMARNOCK TENNIS CLUB

5. There was submitted a report dated 26 April 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services outlining a request for financial assistance from Kilmarnock Tennis Club.

The nature of the financial assistance related to renewal of the polymeric surface of the tennis courts. It was pointed out that the total estimated costs of the work is £40,168 and the funding package envisaged by the Club would involve (a) funding from National Lottery (subject to match funding) - £19,200; (b) club contribution - £9,968; and (c) the financial shortfall, which is requested from East Ayrshire Council - £11,000.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to refer the request for financial assistance of £11,000 to the Policy and Resources Committee for their consideration; and

- (ii) to instruct the Director of Community Services to enter into further correspondence with Kilmarnock Tennis Club to explore the possibility of identifying external funding partners.

**DECENTRALISATION: THE ROLE OF LIBRARIES IN THE PROVISION OF
INFORMATION AND ADVICE**

6. There was submitted a report dated 22 April 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services providing details of the key role which libraries could play in the provision of information and advice as part of the decentralisation process.

It was agreed:

- (i) to refer the Director's report for consideration by the Decentralisation Sub-Committee of the Policy and Resources Committee; and
- (ii) to otherwise note the report.

The meeting terminated at 1425 hours.