

**APPENDIX VII**

**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

**CIVIC CEREMONIAL SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE  
POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 19 FEBRUARY 1997 AT 0930  
HOURS IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD,  
KILMARNOCK**

**PRESENT:** Provost Robert Stirling and Councillors Drew McIntyre, Ronald Brailsford, Daniel Coffey, David Sneller and Jimmy Boyd.

**ATTENDING:** David Montgomery, Chief Executive; Bill Walkinshaw, Principal Administrative Officer; Helen Downie, Senior Administrative Assistant (Members/Civic); and Melanie Macleod, Administrative Officer.

**APOLOGY:** Councillor Wilma Doyle.

**CHAIR:** Provost Robert Stirling, Chair.

**KIRKIN' OF THE COUNCIL: APRIL 1997 (Item 13, Page 445)**

1. There was submitted a report dated 10 February 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services on proposed arrangements for the annual Kirkin' of the Council ceremony, and seeking approval to progress the matter.

The Principal Administrative Officer reported that a letter dated 11 February 1997 had been received from Bishop Maurice Taylor indicating that the most suitable date to have the Kirkin' of the Council would be on 20 April 1997.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that Bishop Taylor's invitation to St. Claire's Church in Drongan, on 20 April 1997 be accepted; that the service be ecumenical in nature; and that invitations also be extended to local community groups to take part;
- (ii) that the usual practice be maintained of making a donation to help meet the costs of any afternoon hospitality provided by the Church following the service, up to a maximum of £200; and
- (iii) that the detailed arrangements be remitted to the Director of Support Services in consultation with the Provost.

**EAST AYRSHIRE TWINNING ASSOCIATION (Item 1, Page 1216)**

2. There was submitted a report dated 11 February 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services on the formation of the East Ayrshire Twinning Association and the provision within its Constitution for East Ayrshire Council to be represented in the Association.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to remit to the Council, at its meeting on 27 March 1997, to consider the appointment of three Elected Members and one Officer to the East Ayrshire Twinning Association; and

- (ii) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

### **COALFIELD COMMUNITIES CAMPAIGN - CIVIC RECEPTION**

- 3. There was submitted a report dated 11 February 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services on a formal civic lunch provided by East Ayrshire Council in connection with the Ordinary General Meeting of the Coalfield Communities Campaign, and seeking authority for expenses incurred in this respect to be met from within the Civic Reception Budget.

It was agreed that expenses in the amount of £701.84 incurred in the provision of a formal civic lunch for the Ordinary General Meeting of the Coalfield Communities Campaign, be met from within the Civic Reception Budget for 1996/97.

It was also agreed, in relation to future civic receptions, that a selection of menus and associated costings be submitted for consideration by the Sub-Committee.

Councillors McIntyre and Sneller joined the meeting during discussion of the above item.

### **150TH ANNIVERSARY OF ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH, KILMARNOCK: JUNE 1997**

- 4. There was submitted a report dated 10 February 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services advising of an approach by representatives of St. Joseph's Church, Kilmarnock, in relation to its 150th Anniversary in June 1997; requesting an appropriate form of civic involvement in the proceeding; and requesting authority to prepare a report setting out an overall policy for consideration of such requests.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that, in recognition of the 150th Anniversary of St. Joseph's Church, Kilmarnock, the Council make a financial contribution of £250 towards the cost of the programme of events, together with the presentation of a civic gift, suitably inscribed;
- (ii) that the detailed arrangements be remitted to the Director of Support Services in consultation with the Provost; and
- (iii) that the Director of Support Services bring forward a report setting out an overall policy for consideration from 1 April 1997 of approaches received from local groups, establishments, etc for recognition of anniversary celebrations.

The meeting terminated at 0940 hours.