

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL
COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 5 MARCH 1997 AT 1400
HOURS IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS,
LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK**

PRESENT: Councillors Bob Beattie, Gordon McCredie, Gordon Cree, Jane Darnbrough, Alan Campbell, David Macrae, Kim Nicoll, David Sneller, George Smith, Jimmy Carmichael, Robert Taylor and John Smith.

ATTENDING: David Montgomery, Chief Executive; William Stafford, Director of Community Services; John Crawford, Head of Protective Services; Anna Gallacher, Assistant Principal Solicitor; Robin Baker, Senior Accountant; James Lally, Senior Administrative Officer; David Morgan, Public Relations Officer and Ian Gemmell, Administrative Officer.

ALSO ATTENDING: Ernest Chambers, Chief Executive West of Scotland Water Authority; John Ray, West of Scotland Water Authority; Vicki Nash, Director Scottish Water and Sewerage Customers Council; and Ian Shaw, Scottish Water and Sewerage Customers Council.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Drew McIntyre, Kathleen Hall and Tommy Farrell.

CHAIR: Councillor Bob Beattie, Chair.

**WEST OF SCOTLAND WATER AUTHORITY:
PRESENTATION BY MR ERNEST CHAMBERS, CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

1. Mr Ernest Chambers, Chief Executive of the West of Scotland Water Authority gave a presentation on the work of the Water Authority in East Ayrshire.

**SCOTTISH WATER AND SEWERAGE CUSTOMERS COUNCIL:
PRESENTATION BY DR VICKI NASH, DIRECTOR**

2. Dr Vicki Nash, Director, Scottish Water and Sewerage Customers Council gave a presentation on the work of the Customers Council. Dr Nash was introduced by Mr Ian Shaw, a member of the Customers Council.

Following the above presentations, members' questions were answered by the representatives of the West of Scotland Water Authority and the Scottish Water and Sewerage Customers Council respectively, and thereafter the representatives of the above organisations left the Meeting.

Councillor Robert Taylor joined the Meeting during the above discussion.

SUB-COMMITTEE MINUTES

3. There was submitted and approved, both as correct records and in respect of the recommendations contained therein, the undernoted Sub-Committee Minutes (circulated) as contained in Appendices I to III of these Minutes.

- 3.1 LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE OF 23 JANUARY 1997 - APPENDIX I**
- 3.2 LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE OF 29 JANUARY 1997 - APPENDIX II**
- 3.3 LEISURE SUB-COMMITTEE OF 25 FEBRUARY 1997 - APPENDIX III**

MEMBERSHIP OF LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE

- 4. Arising from consideration of the above Licensing Sub-Committee minutes, the Chair requested the Committee to consider reviewing the membership of the Licensing Sub-Committee.

It was agreed to request that the Council at its meeting on 27 March 1997, give consideration to increasing, from 5 to 8, the membership of the Licensing Sub-Committee.

DEPARTMENTAL PROGRESS REPORT

- 5. There was submitted a report dated 21 February 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on progress within the Community Services Department.

It was agreed to note the report and that a full report on the Pride and Passion Exhibition be submitted to a future meeting of the Leisure Sub-Committee, in due course.

Under this item the Director of Community Services gave a verbal report on an incident involving the possible radioactive contamination of a tanker vehicle which had subsequently been involved in the transportation of carbon dioxide to premises within East Ayrshire, a matter which was under investigation by his Department, and the current position was noted.

FOOD SAFETY - THE INTERIM FINDINGS OF THE PENNINGTON GROUP

- 6. There was submitted a report dated 18 February 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on the Interim Findings of the Pennington Group on Food Safety.

It was agreed to note the report and that, following publication of the final report of the Pennington Group, the Director of Community Services prepare a further report for consideration by this Committee, to include details of the anticipated effects of the final recommendations on local businesses.

Councillor Kim Nicoll left the meeting at this point.

DOG WARDEN SERVICE: MONITORING REPORT

- 7. There was submitted and noted a report dated 21 February 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services giving details of the ongoing activities of the Dog Warden Service for monitoring purposes.

STORAGE OF RADIOACTIVE WASTE

- 8. There was submitted and noted a report dated 20 February 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on a seminar which had been held in Manchester on 31 January 1997 on the storage of nuclear waste at Sellafield, which had been organised by the Nuclear Free Local Authorities Association, and had been attended by the Chair and Director of Community Services.

BUDGETARY CONTROL SUMMARY STATEMENT:

COMMUNITY SERVICES TO 31 JANUARY 1997 (PERIOD 11)

9. There was submitted and noted a report dated 17 February 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Finance on the current Budgetary Control position of the Community Services Department for the period ending 31 January 1997 (Period 11).

AWARDING OF TENDER

10. There was submitted and noted a report dated 19 February 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services providing the undernoted details of a Tender which had been awarded in respect of a Community Service Contract viz:-

Contract	Successful Contractor	Amount
Combined Library/Local Office Area, Newmilns Library, Newmilns.	Commercial Operations Department, East Ayrshire Council.	£23,101.65

LOCH DOON REGULATION BYELAWS

11. There was submitted a report dated 24 February 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services which provided the Committee with an update on the current position regarding the proposed byelaws to regulate the use of power boats and water craft on Loch Doon.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note that a Public Local Inquiry had been fixed to take place on 14 and 15 May 1997; and
- (ii) to authorise the use of Dalmellington Community Centre as the venue for the Inquiry.

CLOSED CIRCUIT TELEVISION

12. There was submitted and noted a report dated 21 February 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services advising of the success of five bids for the installation of Closed Circuit Television at various locations in East Ayrshire under the Challenge Competition 1997/98 announced by the Scottish Office.

The meeting terminated at 1515 hours.