

APPENDIX III

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

LEISURE SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 25 FEBRUARY 1997 AT 1400 HOURS IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK

PRESENT: Councillors John Smith, Gordon McCredie, Bob Beattie, Jimmy Carmichael and Robert Taylor.

ATTENDING: William Stafford, Director of Community Services; John Griffiths, Head of Leisure Services; Alan Hasson, Chief Librarian; Bill Walkinshaw, Principal Administrative Officer; and Ian Gemmell, Administrative Officer.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Kim Nicoll and Tommy Farrell.

CHAIR: Councillor John Smith, Chair.

**COSLA STANDARDS FOR THE PUBLIC LIBRARY SERVICE
IN SCOTLAND (Item 1, Page 408)**

1. There was submitted a report dated 10 February 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services summarising East Ayrshire Library Service's progress in meeting the minimum ideal standards of provision laid out in the CoSLA "Standards for the Public Library Service in Scotland".

It was reported that 61 of the 72 points identified within the CoSLA Standards, were actionable by East Ayrshire Library Service. Of the actionable points (i) 34 were currently achieved or partially achieved by the Library Service; (ii) 2 would be achieved by the installation of an integrated computer management system; (iii) 10 would be achieved or partially achieved by means of a proposed restructuring currently under assessment; (iv) 2 would be achieved by a structured staff development and training programme currently being refined by Departmental Management and staff from the Personnel Department.

The remaining 13 points, together with full provision of some points referred to in (i) and (iii) above required significant financial investment. Those points which could not be achieved in the current financial situation, largely concerned staffing levels, opening hours and the provision of materials.

It was agreed to:-

- (i) to note the significant progress made to date by the Library Service to achieve the CoSLA Standards; and
- (ii) that further progress reports be submitted to the Sub-Committee in due course.

It was noted that a copy of the CoSLA Standards, which had been previously circulated, were available for Members inspection by contacting the Director of Community Services.

THE HOMES OF FOOTBALL EXHIBITION

2. There was submitted a report dated 10 February 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services advising of an opportunity to stage the Homes of Football Exhibition in the Dick Institute in 1998, and recommending that the Director of Community Services be authorised to enter into detailed negotiations with the organisers to secure the event for East Ayrshire.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the availability of the opportunity to stage the Homes of Football Exhibition at the Dick Institute in 1998;
- (ii) that the Director of Community Services negotiate with the Homes of Football Organisation, with the aim of securing the Exhibition for East Ayrshire; and
- (iii) that the Director submit a further report, with more detailed proposals, to a future meeting of the Sub-Committee.

COUNTRY PARKS IN SCOTLAND:

A DISCUSSION PAPER BY SCOTTISH NATURAL HERITAGE (SNH)

3. There was submitted a report dated 6 February 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services regarding a discussion document produced by Scottish Natural Heritage in respect of a review of Country Parks in Scotland, and the development of a policy statement of SNH's future role and involvement in Country Parks; and recommending that the Director of Community Services respond to the document giving this Council's views.

It was agreed to note the publication of "Country Parks in Scotland: A Discussion Paper", and that the Director of Community Services respond to the document in accordance with the themes identified in his report.

NATIONAL LOTTERY PROGRESS REPORT

4. There was submitted and noted a report dated 10 February 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on the grant aiding criteria operated by the five Lottery funding organisations and advising that officers were involved in supporting groups making applications and submitting bids.

AYRSHIRE CONVENTION BUREAU

5. There was submitted a report dated 10 February 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on a request by Enterprise Ayrshire for support for their proposal to establish an Ayrshire Convention Bureau.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the approach made by Enterprise Ayrshire regarding the establishment of an Ayrshire Convention Bureau;
- (ii) to indicate support for the scheme in principle only at this stage; and
- (iii) that the Director of Community Services refer the request for funding to the Policy and Resources Committee for further consideration when further information on how the Convention Bureau would operate and the benefits to East Ayrshire could be accurately projected.

REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM DALMELLINGTON BAND

6. There was submitted a report dated 6 February 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on a request from Dalmellington Band for financial assistance towards the overall cost of purchasing new brass and percussion instruments.

It was noted that the Band had secured Arts Lottery funding of £45,000.

It was agreed to approve the above application for financial assistance, and to authorise the Director of Community Services to award the remainder of the Grants to Bands budget, ie £2,300, to Dalmellington Band to assist with their purchase of new equipment.

The meeting ended at 1518 hours.