

APPENDIX I

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

COMMUNITY SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 10 FEBRUARY 1998 AT 1000 HOURS IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK

PRESENT: Councillors Tommy Farrell, Drew McIntyre, Ronald Brailsford, David Fulton, Kim Nicoll, David Sneller, Robert Taylor and Eric Jackson; Parent Representative, Mrs Shelagh McKerrell and Church Representative, John McHugh.

ATTENDING: Fiona Lees, Depute Chief Executive; John Mulgrew, Director of Education; Margaret Burnell, Senior Depute Director of Education; Graham Short, Depute Director of Education; Janie Allen, Principal Officer (Pre-Fives); Mary Docherty, Quality Development Officer; Julie Armstrong, Senior Administrative Officer; Anne Marie Carr, Administrative Officer; Marilyn Miller, Administrative Officer and Lesley-Ann Wallace, Administrative Assistant.

APOLOGIES: Councillors John Knapp and George Turnbull.

CHAIR: Councillor Tommy Farrell, Chair.

CHAIR'S REMARKS

DEATH OF ROBERT SMITH, FORMER HEAD TEACHER, CUMNOCK ACADEMY

1. The Chair commented that it was his sad duty to report to the Members and Officers the death of Robert Smith, former Head Teacher, Cumnock Academy who had died on 8 February 1998. He advised that the funeral service would take place on Thursday 12 February 1998.

It was agreed that the Director of Education convey to Robert Smith's widow and family the condolences of the Members of the Sub-Committee.

FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF PRE-FIVE PROVISION (Item 2, Page 2395)

2. There was submitted a report dated 3 February 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Education which provided an update on the current position relating to the provision of Pre-Five Education and which recommended further expansion of the service in East Ayrshire.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the excellent progress which had been made in the delivery of pre-school education be noted;
- (ii) that the expansion of the Pre-Five Service in the Northern Area, Kilmarnock North and Kilmarnock Central detailed in Section 4 of the report be approved;
- (iii) that the establishment of a nursery class in Logan Primary School and expansion at Netherthird Nursery Class be approved;
- (iv) that the establishment of a Gaelic Nursery Class in Onthank Primary School be approved;

- (v) that the Director of Education provide a further report on the proposal to establish a Nursery Class in Barshare Primary School;
- (vi) that the Director of Education provide a further report on the outcome of the consultation with parents in Crosshouse and the implications for the expansion of the service be brought forward to a future meeting of the Community Sub-Committee of the Education Committee;
- (vii) that the Director of Education submit a report to a future meeting of the Sub-Committee outlining the Education Services' proposals for future nursery provision for three year olds which would include any proposals for out-of-school provision; and
- (viii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

Councillor Sneller joined the meeting during discussion of the above item.

5-14 PROGRAMME: NATIONAL GUIDELINES 5-14 LEVEL F CONSULTATION FROM THE SCOTTISH OFFICE EDUCATION AND INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT (SOEID)

3. There was submitted a report dated 2 February 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Education which advised of the publication of draft guidelines for the 5-14 Programme at Level F and which sought agreement for an appropriate response which had been requested by the SOEID by 20 February 1998.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the Director of Education respond by 20 February 1998 in detail across all subject areas to the SOEID informing them of the results of the consultation process detailed in Section 4 of the report; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

ACHIEVING SUCCESS IN S1/S2

4. There was submitted a report dated 22 January 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Education which advised of the recently published Scottish Office Education and Industry Department document "Achieving Success in S1/S2 - A Report on the Review of Provision in S1/S2 by HM Inspectors of Schools".

Members were advised that a full copy of the Consultation Document was available to Members for reference purposes as there had been a limited number of copies of the document issued by the Scottish Office.

It was reported and noted that arrangements were being made by the Education Department to hold a conference with Head Teachers in Secondary Schools arising from the consultation process and that a report on the outcome of the Conference would be submitted to a future meeting of the Sub-Committee.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the proposals detailed in Section 4 of the report be approved and that the Director of Education make the necessary arrangements to take the proposals forward;
- (ii) that the Director of Education submit a further report to an appropriate Education Committee or Community Sub-Committee outlining the process undergone by pupils at the transition stage from P7 to S1 together with

information regarding an evaluation of the level of attainment by S1/S2 pupils;
and

- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

CAREER ACTION PLANNING

- 5. There was submitted a report dated 2 February 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Education which advised of the outcome of a review of Career Action Planning conducted by the Careers Service Inspectorate.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the Director of Education implement the policies and procedures outlined in the review;
- (ii) that the dissemination of the good practice identified in the report be encouraged;
- (iii) that the Director of Education remit the report to the Careers Partnership Board for information and convey the Sub-Committee's concern in relation to the need to provide realistic Action Plans to address the imbalance in skill seekers places and the number of available jobs.
- (iv) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

The meeting terminated at 1050 hours.