

**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL****DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE****MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 11 MARCH 1998 AT 1000 HOURS IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Drew McIntyre, Eric Ross, Douglas Reid, Ronald Brailsford, John Knapp, Daniel Coffey, David Fulton, Robert McDill, David Sneller, Jimmy Boyd, George Smith and Robert Taylor.

**ATTENDING:** David Montgomery, Chief Executive; Stephen Chorley, Director of Development Services; Robert Paton, Head of Economic Development; Alan Neish, Head of Planning and Building Control; Bill Taylor, Head of Roads and Transportation; Lorna Service, Senior Accountant; Julie Armstrong, Senior Administrative Officer; Karen McLeod, Senior Solicitor; and Alex Hewetson, Administrative Officer.

**ALSO ATTENDING:** David Anderson, Engineering Project Manager, ScottishPower; and Ian Johnson, Structure Plan Manager, Ayrshire Joint Structure Plan Team.

**APOLOGIES:** Councillors Wilma Doyle, George Turnbull and Tommy Farrell.

**CHAIR:** Councillor Drew McIntyre, Chair.

**POSSIBLE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT - SCOTTISH POWER SITE, HOLMQUARRY ROAD, KILMARNOCK**

1. There was submitted a report dated 3 March 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which provided an introduction to the Committee of Mr David Anderson, Engineering Projects Manager, ScottishPower, who was in attendance to provide a presentation on possible environmental improvements to the ScottishPower site at Holmquarry Road and Low Glencairn Street, Kilmarnock.

It was agreed to note the contents of Mr Anderson's presentation.

Councillor Ross joined the meeting during the presentation.

**PLANNING APPLICATIONS****2.1 APPLICATION NOS 97/0359/FL AND 97/0330/LB: LAVENDER HOMES LIMITED**

It was agreed to note that the planning application and listed building application had been withdrawn from Committee consideration at this point.

**2.2 APPLICATION NO 97/0710/FL: RAITHMUIR DEVELOPMENTS (Item 1.2, Page 2886)**

There was submitted a report dated 3 March 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services on the decision of the Northern Area Local Planning Committee held on 16 January 1998 regarding this planning application to (i) refer the application to the Development Services Committee, for determination, at the same meeting as planning application no 97/0711/FL and listed building application no 97/0868/LB, relating to a larger adjacent proposed development; and (ii) which recommended that a planning Hearing be held.

An updated report dated 24 February 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services on full planning application no 97/0710/FL for proposed conversion of byre to form dwelling housing at Gateside Farm, Stewarton, was appended to the report.

The Chair informed the Committee that the Head of Legal Services and Head of Planning and Building Control had recommended that the planning applications be the subject of a con-joined planning Hearing, as they were linked by the requirement to provide a new access road and the objectors and applicant were the same, to be held at this Committee on 14 April 1998 and that a site visit also be held.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that planning application no 97/0710/FL be the subject of a con-joined planning Hearing with planning application no 97/0711/FL and listed building application no 97/0868/LB, to be held at this Committee on 14 April 1998; and
- (ii) that a site visit would also be held.

### **2.3 APPLICATION NOS 97/0711/FL AND 97/0868/LB: RATHMUIR DEVELOPMENTS**

There was submitted a report dated 3 March 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services on a full planning application and listed building application for proposed alteration to and conversion of existing byres to form 3 terraced houses at Gateside Farm, Stewarton.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that planning application no 97/0711/FL and listed building application no 97/0868/LB for proposed alteration to and conversion of existing byres to form 3 terraced houses at Gateside Farm, Stewarton, would be the subject of a con-joined planning Hearing with planning application no 97/0710/FL, to be held at this Committee on 14 April 1998; and
- (ii) that a site visit would also be held.

### **2.4 APPLICATION NO 97/0884/FL: STANLEY STORES (STRATHCLYDE)**

There was submitted a report dated 24 February 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services on a full planning application for proposed private housing development at Skerrington Farm, Glaisnock Road, Cumnock.

The Head of Planning and Building Control reported that no letters of objection had been received; summarised the planning considerations in respect of the application and recommended: Approval, subject to the following conditions, viz:- (1) The development to which this permission relates must be begun within five years from the date of this permission; (2) That prior to the commencement of works on the site, the applicant shall satisfy himself as to the suitability of the site for construction purposes; (3) Prior to any works commencing on site, all plots shall be pegged out and their boundaries identified on site; (4) Notwithstanding the plans hereby approved, a degree of uniformity in external finishes shall be introduced for the development and prior to any works commencing on site the developer shall specify and submit samples of the render, facing brick and roof tile to be used throughout the development to the Planning Authority for approval; (5) Notwithstanding the submitted plans, details of the design and construction of all fences and walls to be erected on the site shall be submitted to and approved by the Planning Authority before any development commences on the site; (6) Notwithstanding the plans

hereby approved, any boundary walls associated with the development shall be constructed and finished in the same materials used in the finish of the proposed dwellings; (7) Notwithstanding the plans hereby approved and notwithstanding the provision of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (Scotland) Order 1992 any garages associated with the development shall be of permanent construction and finished in the same materials as the dwellinghouses to which they relate; (8) The access road serving Skerrington Farm shall be constructed to East Ayrshire Council's standards for a housing road cul-de-sac and shall incorporate drainage, streetlighting, footways and a turning area to the complete satisfaction of the Roads Division and the Planning Authority; (9) Traffic calming measures shall be incorporated into the development road layout to meet the design standards of the 1996 Roads Development Guide and the details of the traffic calming measures shall be submitted to and approved by the Planning Authority prior to any works commencing on site; (10) A vehicle turning area shall be formed, to the satisfaction of the Roads Division and the Planning Authority, at the end of the Phase 1 development road. Details of this shall be submitted at the same time as those required further to Condition 9 above; (11) Internal junction visibility splay areas of 2.5 metres by 35 metres, with no obstruction to visibility greater than 1 metre in height being allowed within these areas, shall be formed and maintained at each junction; (12) A minimum of two off-street parking spaces shall be provided within each plot; (13) Vehicle access shall where possible, be twinned and shall be surfaced for a distance of at least 2 metres from the rear of the public footway; (14) No surface water shall be allowed to discharge from the plots onto the residential development road or any public road including the A76 Trunk Road; (15) There shall be no means of direct access, either vehicular or pedestrian, to the A76 Trunk Road; (16) An unclimbable fence shall be provided and maintained by the developer or subsequent owners of the land along the boundary of the application site within the A76 Trunk Road. The details of such fencing shall be submitted to the Planning Authority for approval, subject to consultation with the Roads Authority. The fencing shall be provided prior to the first occupation of any of the houses hereby approved; and (17) There shall be no drainage connections to the A76 Trunk Road drainage system; Condition (1) being imposed to comply with Section 58 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997; Condition (2) in the interest of public safety; Conditions (3), (8) and (12) in the interest of residential amenity; Conditions (4), (5), (6) and (7) in the interests of visual amenity; Conditions (9), (10), (11) and (14) in the interests of public road safety; Condition (13) in the interests of residential amenity and public road safety; Condition (15) to minimise interference with the safety and free flow of traffic on the trunk road; Condition (16) to minimise the risk of pedestrians and animals gaining uncontrolled access to the trunk road with the consequential risk of accidents; and Condition (17) to ensure that the efficiency of the existing drainage network is not affected and that the standard of construction is commensurate with that required within the road boundary.

It was agreed to grant the application subject to the conditions and for the reasons detailed.

## **2.5 APPLICATION NO 97/0852/FL: CALEDONIA MOTOR GROUP LIMITED**

There was submitted a report dated 3 March 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services on a full planning application for proposed motor showroom with associated workshops, bodyshops, offices and motor display areas at land bounded by A71 and B7064 to south of roundabout at Moorfield, Kilmarnock.

The Head of Planning and Building Control reported:-

- (i) the receipt of a consultation response from the Health and Safety Executive which concluded that the risk of harm to people at the proposed development would be sufficiently low that it does not wish to advise against the granting of planning permission on grounds of safety; and
- (ii) that no letters of objection had been received.

The Head of Planning and Building Control summarised the planning considerations in respect of the application and recommended: (i) Approval subject to the Notification of the Secretary of State for Scotland under the Town and Country Planning (Notification of Applications) (Scotland) Direction 1997 and subject to the following conditions:- (1) The development to which this permission relates must be begun within five years from the date of this permission; (2) The proposed development shall be carried out in accordance with the application form and plans submitted on 10 November 1997 as revised by the amended plans received as follows:- 1394/L (O) 10 received on 22 December 1997; 1394/L (O) 4 Rev F, 1394/L (O) 5 Rev F, 1394/L (O) 11 received on 3 February 1998; 1394/L (O) 3 Rev C received on 4 February 1998; and 1394/I (O) 6 Rev G, 1394/I (O) 7, Rev D 1394/L (O) 9 Rev F received on 25 February 1998; (3) Notwithstanding the plans hereby approved, the external materials to be used in the construction of the Motor Showroom, Workshop and Bodyshops are not approved and full details of same shall be submitted for approval by the Planning Authority prior to the commencement of development; (4) Notwithstanding the plans hereby approved, details/samples of all surfacing materials to be used in parking and vehicle circulation areas shall be submitted to and approved by the Planning Authority before development commences on site; (5) Details of light fittings and directional signage within the application site shall be submitted to and approved by the Planning Authority before development commences on site; (6) The development of this site shall ensure that adequate and continuing measures are taken to ensure that roads and footpaths adjoining the site are maintained free from mud and other material carried from the site by construction and any other vehicles; (7) A landscaping scheme including the treatment of the boundary of the site shall be submitted to and approved by the Planning Authority prior to commencement of any development and shall be implemented not later than the next appropriate planting season after the development has been carried out. The scheme shall include details of the provision to be made for the maintenance of soft and hard landscaped areas and shall be maintained thereafter in accordance with these details; (8) Notwithstanding the plans hereby approved, details of the design and construction of boundary fences or walls to be erected on the site shall be submitted to and approved by the Planning Authority before any development commences on site. These details shall allow for the use of a coloured finish to any fencing in locations considered by the Planning Authority to be conspicuous; and (9) Before development commences on site, the developer shall submit a statement to the Planning Authority giving evidence as to the stability of the site for the proposed development; Condition (1) being imposed to comply with Section 58 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997; Condition (2) to ensure that the development is carried out in accordance with the approved details; Conditions (3), (4), (5) and (8) in the interests of visual amenity; Condition (6) in the interest of road safety; Condition (7) to ensure the provision and maintenance of landscaping in the interest of visual amenity; and Condition (9) in the interest of public safety; and (ii) that the planning consent not be issued until the

Head of Legal Services had satisfactorily concluded a formal Agreement under Section 75 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 in the terms detailed in Paragraph 9.2 (i) and (ii) of the report.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to grant the application subject to the conditions and for the reasons detailed; and
- (ii) that the planning consent not be issued until the Head of Legal Services had satisfactorily concluded a formal Agreement under Section 75 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 in the terms detailed in Paragraph 9.2 (i) and (ii) of the report.

## **2.6 APPLICATION NO 97/0798/FL: ANVIL ENGINEERING, KILMAURS (Item 1.7, Page 2919)**

There was submitted a report dated 4 February 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services on a full planning application for proposed erection of metalwork manufacturing unit largely producing agricultural related products with offices and ancillary accommodation, South of Stewarton.

It was noted that Members of the Committee had attended a site visit to the proposed development.

The Head of Planning and Building Control reported that no letters of objection had been received; summarised the planning considerations in respect of the application and recommended: Approval subject to the following conditions, viz:- (1) The development to which this permission relates must be begun within five years from the date of this permission; (2) Notwithstanding the plans hereby submitted, the primary purpose of the industrial unit shall be for the production of goods related to agricultural uses; (3) Notwithstanding the provisions of the (General Permitted Development) (Scotland) Order 1992, and the Town and Country Planning (Use Classes) (Scotland) Order 1997, this permission relates to the use of the premises for the manufacture of agricultural related products. The further express permission of the Planning Authority shall be required in respect of any other industrial use which falls within the same use class to the use hereby approved; (4) No materials shall be burned on the site at any time; (5) Notwithstanding the plans hereby submitted, the following Roads issues must be implemented prior to the commencement of business operations on the site: (i) The access to the industrial unit should have a 9.0 metre radius; (ii) Sightlines at both accesses should be 2.5 metres x 160 metres, to be maintained thereafter free from obstruction greater than 1 metre in height; and (iii) The required number of parking spaces is 15; (6) Details/samples of external construction materials shall be submitted to and approved by the Planning Authority before any development commences on the site; (7) No demolition, site clearance or building operations shall be commenced until chestnut pale fencing of a height not less than 1.2 metres has been erected around the trees shown on the approved plans as being "existing" on the site. The fencing shall enclose either: (a) the area described by the limit of the spread of the branches of the trees or (b) a radius of 5 metres from the trunk of the tree, whichever is the greater. Such fencing shall be maintained during the course of development, and no storage, site structure, parking or any other operation shall be permitted within the area thereby enclosed; (8) A landscaping scheme to incorporate standard/heavy standard trees including the treatment of the boundary of the site shall be submitted to and approved by the

Planning Authority prior to commencement of any development, and shall be implemented not later than the next appropriate planting season after the development has been carried out. Any trees removed without consent of the Planning Authority or seriously damaged at any time thereafter shall be replaced by trees of similar size or species as may be agreed in writing with the Planning Authority; (9) Notwithstanding the submitted plans details of the design and construction of all fences and walls to be erected on the site shall be submitted to and approved by the Planning Authority before any development commences on the site; and (10) Notwithstanding the plans hereby submitted, no felling of any tree within the application site shall be undertaken without the prior consent of the Planning Authority; Condition (1) being imposed to comply with Section 58 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997; Condition (2) to enable the Planning Authority to retain control over the use of the site; Condition (3) to enable the Planning Authority to retain control over the use of the site in the interests of residential amenity and to ensure compliance with development plan policy; Conditions (4), (6), (8) and (9) in the interests of visual amenity; Condition (5) in the interests of road safety; Condition (7) to ensure the retention of the maximum number of trees on the site and their protection from damage in the interests of visual amenity; and Condition (10) to ensure the retention of existing trees on site.

It was agreed to grant the application subject to the conditions and for the reasons detailed.

## **2.7 APPLICATION NO 97/0857/FL AND 97/0905/HS: JOHN C FERGUSSON**

There was submitted a report dated 24 February 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services on a full planning application for use of existing shed for storage purposes including storage of ammonium nitrate fertiliser and a hazardous substances application for storage of between 1,000 and 2,500 tonnes of ammonium nitrate at Shieldmains Farm, Coalhall, Coylton.

The Head of Planning and Building Control reported that no letters of objection had been received; summarised the planning considerations and hazardous substances considerations in respect of the applications and recommended (i) Approval, in respect of application no 97/0857/FL, subject to the following conditions, viz:- (1) The development to which this permission relates must be begun within five years from the date of this permission; (2) Notwithstanding the plans hereby approved prior to the commencement of this development, the access road to Shieldmains Farm shall be bituminously surfaced for a distance of 12 metres from the edge of the A70 Ayr/Cumnock road to avoid overcarry of loose material; (3) The developer shall satisfy himself as to the stability of the site; (4) Notwithstanding the plans hereby approved this consent relates to the use of the existing shed for the storage of materials associated with agriculture, horticulture or forestry, including the storage of ammonium nitrate fertiliser; and (5) No storage of materials outwith the existing building shall be permitted with the exception of the parking of associated vehicles; Condition (1) being imposed to comply with Section 58 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997; Condition (2) In the interests of highway safety; Condition (3) in the interest of public safety; and Conditions (4) and (5) to clarify the extent of this consent; and (ii) Approval, in respect of application no 97/0905/HS, subject to the following condition, viz:- The hazardous substance shall not be kept or used other than in accordance with the approved details provided in Form 1 or outside the area marked for storage of the substance on the plan which formed part of the approved planning consent; in the interests of public safety.

It was agreed to grant the applications subject to the conditions and for the reasons detailed.

## **2.8 APPLICATION NO 98/0038/FL: TOM COBLEIGH PLC**

There was submitted a report dated 23 February 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services on a full planning application for proposed erection of public house/restaurant with associated managers' flats, access, car parking and landscaping at Queens Drive, Kilmarnock.

The Head of Planning and Building Control reported that no letters of objection had been received; summarised the planning considerations in respect of the application and recommended: Approval subject to the following conditions, viz:- (1) The development to which this permission relates must be begun within five years from the date of this permission; (2) The proposed development shall be carried out in accordance with the application form and plans submitted on 16 January 1998 as revised by the amended plans received by the Planning Authority on 13 February 1998; (3) Notwithstanding the plans hereby approved, samples of all external materials to be used shall be submitted to and approved by the Planning Authority before development commences on site; (4) Notwithstanding the approved plans, the parking areas shall be delineated from the general circulation areas by the use of pavings and shall be of a similar treatment to the nearby Queens Drive retail and leisure development. Six disabled parking bays shall be provided and they shall be marked with yellow lines and a yellow wheelchair symbol provided to the rear of or within each space; (5) Details of light fittings and directional signage within the application site shall be submitted to and approved by the Planning Authority before development commences on site; (6) The development of this site shall ensure that adequate and continuing measures are taken to ensure that roads and footpaths adjoining the site are maintained free from mud and other material carried from the site by construction and any other vehicles; (7) A landscaping scheme including the treatment of the boundary of the site shall be submitted to and approved by the Planning Authority prior to commencement of any development, and shall be implemented not later than the next appropriate planting season after the development has been carried out. The scheme shall include details of the provision to be made for the maintenance of soft and hard landscaped areas and shall be maintained thereafter in accordance with these details; (8) The commercial operation of the Public House/Restaurant shall not commence before the roundabouts at the junction of Lawson Street and Welbeck Street and the junction of Queens Drive and Hurlford Road have been upgraded to the satisfaction of the Planning Authority; (9) The applicant shall ensure that the floor levels of the proposed development will be compatible with floor levels indicated in the Thornburn Colquhoun's report dated March 1997 on; Kilmarnock - Proposed Floor Levels; and (10) Notwithstanding the plans hereby approved the developer shall ensure the provision of a level entrance, easy to open doors and easily accessible fire exits to the satisfaction of the Planning Authority; Condition (1) being imposed to comply with Section 58 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997; Condition (2) to ensure that the development is carried out in accordance with the approved details; Conditions (3) and (5) in the interests of visual amenity; Condition (4) in the interest of visual amenity and to enable access to the development for all members of the community; Condition (6) in the interests of highway safety; Condition (7) to ensure the provision and maintenance of landscaping in the interest of visual amenity; Condition (8) in the interests of road safety; Condition (9) in the interests of public safety and residential

amenity; and Condition (10) to ensure the availability of the facility to all sections of the community and to ensure public safety.

It was agreed to grant the application subject to the conditions and for the reasons detailed.

### **AYRSHIRE JOINT STRUCTURE PLAN CONSULTATION DRAFT 1998**

3. There was submitted a report dated 3 March 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which sought approval for the release of the Ayrshire Joint Structure Plan Consultative Draft 1998 for consultation purposes, subject to the approval of the consultation process by the Ayrshire Joint Structure Plan Committee; and for amendments to the Consultative Draft proposed by North Ayrshire Council.

The Head of Planning and Building Control reported additional recommendations; 8.1 (iii), to read; approve that minor wording changes to the Consultative Draft, prior to release for public consultation, be remitted to relevant Officials; and 8.1 (iv), to read; that Elected Members would submit comments/observations on the Consultative Draft to the Director of Development Services.

The Chair introduced Mr Ian Johnson, Structure Plan Manager, Ayrshire Joint Structure Plan Team, to the Committee.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the release of the Ayrshire Joint Structure Plan Consultative Draft 1998 for consultation purposes, subject to the approval of the consultation process, by the Ayrshire Joint Structure Plan Committee;
- (ii) to endorse the amendments proposed by North Ayrshire Council in respect of Suggested Policy Response 39, as detailed in Paragraph 3.4 of the report;
- (iii) that minor wording changes to the Consultative Draft, prior to release for public consultation, be remitted to relevant Officials; and
- (iv) that Elected Members would submit comments/observations on the Consultative Draft to the Director of Development Services.

### **CONFERENCES ATTENDED**

4. There was submitted and noted a report dated 2 March 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services on Conferences attended during 1997/98 by senior members of Council staff and the Chair of the Development Services Committee.

### **HEALTH AND SAFETY POLICY**

5. There was submitted and noted a report dated 3 March 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services on action being taken within the Department of Development Services to monitor and implement the Departmental Health and Safety Policy, as detailed in Paragraph 3 of the report.

### **EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES ACTION PLAN REVIEW (Item 6, Page 1890)**

6. There was submitted and noted a report dated 2 March 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services on progress in the implementation of the Department of Development Services Equal Opportunities Action Plan.

### DEPARTMENTAL ABSENCES

7. There was submitted and noted a report dated 25 February 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services on the level of absences within the Department of Development Services.

### BUDGETARY CONTROL SUMMARY STATEMENT - DEVELOPMENT SERVICES TO 2 JANUARY 1998 (PERIOD 10)

8. There was submitted and noted a report dated 23 February 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Finance on the current budgetary control position and the projected out-turn for the year for the Department of Development Services for the period ended 2 January 1998 (Period 10).

### AWARDING OF TENDERS

9. There was submitted and noted a report dated 24 February 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services providing details of tenders which had been awarded in respect of the undernoted Department of Development Services contracts:-

<u>CONTRACT</u>	<u>SUCCESSFUL CONTRACTOR</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Refurbishment of River Ayr Bridge, Laigh Road, Catrine	George Leslie, Glasgow	£190,798.00
Footway Resurfacing - Darvel and Newmilns	J H Moodie (Tarmacadam Contractors), Dalmellington	£19,970.00
Footway Resurfacing - Drongan, Dalrymple and Patna	J H Moodie (Tarmacadam Contractors), Dalmellington	£30,155.60
Screeding - South Area	Barr Limited, Ayr	£49,408.15

### TOWARDS A DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY FOR RURAL SCOTLAND

10. There was submitted a report dated 5 January 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which sought approval of a response by the Director of Development Services to the Discussion Document; "Towards a Development Strategy for Rural Scotland", published by The Scottish Office.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the response by the Director of Development Services to the Discussion Document; "Towards a Development Strategy for Rural Scotland", as detailed in Paragraph 3 of the report and supplemented by comments/observations from Elected Members;
- (ii) to refer the report, appropriately amended, to include comments/observations by Elected Members, to the Decentralisation Sub-Committee for information and additional comments; and
- (iii) to remit to the Director of Development Services to further discuss the issues identified with appropriate representatives of CoSLA.

### **BUSINESS GRANTS AND LOAN SCHEME STATUS REPORT**

11. There was submitted and noted a report dated 23 February 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services on grant and loan support awarded to companies in East Ayrshire during the period 12 January to 20 February 1998.

Councillor Ross left the meeting at this point.

### **PAYMENTS TO PARTNERSHIPS AND SPECIAL PROJECTS**

12. There was submitted a report dated 4 March 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which sought approval for specific reductions in payments to partnerships and special projects and which sought authorisation to make minor variations in payments to reflect detailed requests and negotiations with relevant organisations.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the specific reductions in payment to partnerships and special projects detailed in an Appendix to the report;
- (ii) to note additional comments by the Director of Development Services on partnerships and special projects detailed in the Appendix to the report; and
- (iii) to authorise the Director of Development Services to make minor variations in payments to reflect detailed requests and negotiations with the organisations detailed in the Appendix to the report, subject to approval of the final budget position by Council.

### **THE PUBLIC POUND - OPERATIONAL REPORT ON EAST AYRSHIRE BUSINESS PARTNERSHIP**

13. There was submitted a report dated 3 March 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services on steps being undertaken to monitor and review the work of East Ayrshire Business Partnership; the use of funding provided by East Ayrshire Council; and the review of procedures in respect of the Code of Guidance on Funding of External Bodies and following the Public Pound.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note compliance with the terms of the Code of Guidance on Funding of External Bodies and following the Public Pound in respect of the Council's relationship with East Ayrshire Business Partnership;
- (ii) to note the achievements of East Ayrshire Business Partnership during the current financial year, as detailed in Paragraph 5 of the report;
- (iii) to approve continued support of the work of East Ayrshire Business Partnership, as a Business Development Agency working in partnership with the business community, the Council and Enterprise Ayrshire;
- (iv) to approve continued funding support to East Ayrshire Business Partnership, on the same basis as 1997/98, but after taking into account the Council's budgetary reduction of 4%;
- (v) to note the intention to review the Performance Indicators used by East Ayrshire Business Partnership and the commitment to adopt new and

additional Indicators as agreed, to confirm the beneficial outputs of the work of East Ayrshire Business Partnership; and

- (vi) to remit to the Director of Development Services to submit further reports to this Committee, regarding the agreed service delivery targets.

#### **THE PUBLIC POUND - KILMARNOCK TOWN CENTRE MANAGEMENT INITIATIVE**

14. There was submitted a report dated 16 February 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services on the achievements of Kilmarnock Town Centre Management Initiative and which sought approval to continue to provide financial assistance in terms of the Code of Guidance on Funding of External Bodies and following the Public Pound.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the achievements of the Kilmarnock Town Centre Management Initiative to date, as described in Paragraph 5 of the report, and that the Initiative was efficiently and effectively managed and monitored by appropriate Officers of East Ayrshire Council to ensure value for money and compatibility with the Council's priorities for economic development; and
- (ii) that on the basis of the work programme for 1998/99, as detailed in Paragraph 6 of the report and subject to a further monitoring report to this Committee in six months time, to continue to provide financial assistance in terms of the Code of Guidance on Funding of External Bodies and following the Public Pound.

#### **TOURISM AWARENESS**

15. There was submitted a report dated 17 February 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services on efforts being undertaken to increase tourism awareness throughout Ayrshire and in particular to set out proposals and seek the Committee's approval for, a "Tourism Awareness Week" in May 1998.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to support the proposed "Tourism Awareness Week" project; and
- (ii) to authorise the Director of Development Services, to provide assistance in kind to the project, within the terms of the existing Development Services revenue budget.

#### **NORTH WEST KILMARNOCK ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT**

16. There was submitted a report dated 3 March 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which (i) gave progress in preparing an environmental improvements action plan for North West Kilmarnock; (ii) sought approval to establish a constituted Committee Group to drive the Action Plan forward; and (iii) requested approval of the draft constitution of the Kilmarnock (North West Area) Environmental Improvements Project Group as a basis for discussion with individuals and organisations in North West Kilmarnock.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the progress made in preparing the Environmental Improvements Action Plan for North West Kilmarnock;
- (ii) to approve the setting up of a constituted Community Group to drive the Environmental Improvements Action Plan forward;
- (iii) to approve the draft constitution of the Kilmarnock (North West Area) Environmental Improvements Project Group, as detailed in an Appendix to the report, as a basis for discussion with individuals and organisations in North West Kilmarnock; and
- (iv) to recommend that the Chair of the Kilmarnock North Local Committee and the Elected Members for Wards 14 and 15 represent the Council on the Kilmarnock (North West Area) Environmental Improvements Group.

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### **WEST OF SCOTLAND ROAD SAFETY FORUM**

- 17.** There was submitted a report dated 3 March 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services on the current situation regarding the formation of a Road Safety Forum in the West of Scotland and which sought authorisation to make a contribution to future joint road safety campaigns.

It was agreed to authorise the Director of Development Services to make contributions to the West of Scotland Road Safety Forum, not exceeding a total of £5,000 in any one year, to be met from current budgets, for future road safety campaigns.

### **REGIONAL AIR SERVICES**

- 18.** There was submitted a report dated 2 March 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which sought approval of a submission on Regional Air Services to the House of Commons Select Committee on Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs (Transport Sub-Committee).

It was agreed to approve the submission to the Transport Sub-Committee of the House of Commons on Regional Air Services (Transport Sub-Committee), as detailed in the Appendix to the report and supplemented by comments/observations by Elected Members.

Councillor Ross re-joined the meeting during discussion of the above item.

### **SURPLUS GROUND - REAR OF 2 WALLACE VIEW, KILMARNOCK; CUMNOCK TOWN CENTRE LINK ROAD, LUGAR STREET/BARRHILL ROAD - FORMER PROPERTIES AT 16/18 LUGAR STREET AND REAR OF 72-84 THE CASTLE, NEW CUMNOCK**

#### **19.1 Declarations of Interest**

Councillors Taylor and Ross declared a non-pecuniary interest in this item in respect of Cumnock Town Centre Link Road, Lugar Street/Barrhill Road, Former Properties at 16 and 18 Lugar Street, in terms of the National Code of Local Government Conduct and Councillor Taylor left the meeting.

#### **19.2 Consideration of Item**

There was submitted a report dated 4 March 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which sought approval for land at rear of 2 Wallace View,

Kilmarnock; Cumnock Town Centre Link Road, Lugar Street/Barrhill Road - Former properties at 16/18 Lugar Street; and 72-84 The Castle, New Cumnock, to be declared surplus to requirements.

The Director of Development Services reported an amendment to Paragraph 2.1.1 of the report, 77 square metres, to read; 108 square metres.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to declare the land at rear of 2 Wallace View, Kilmarnock; Cumnock Town Centre Link Road, Lugar Street/Barrhill Road - Former properties at 16-18 Lugar Street; and rear of 72-84 The Castle, New Cumnock; and
- (ii) to refer the matter to the Director of Support Services for disposal.

The meeting terminated at 1110 hours.