

**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL****MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 12 FEBRUARY 1998 AT 1000 HOURS IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK**

**PRESENT:** Provost Robert Stirling and Councillors Gordon McCredie, Drew McIntyre, Gordon Cree, Douglas Reid, Wilma Doyle, Ronald Brailsford, Jane Darnbrough, Jim O'Neill, Kathleen Hall, Daniel Coffey, David Fulton, Kim Nicoll, George Turnbull, Eric Ross, David Sneller, Jimmy Boyd, George Smith, Jimmy Carmichael, John Smith, Tommy Farrell and Eric Jackson.

**ATTENDING:** David Montgomery, Chief Executive; Fiona Lees, Depute Chief Executive; Des Tierney, Director of Commercial Operations; Bill Stafford, Director of Community Services; Stephen Chorley, Director of Development Services; John Mulgrew, Director of Education; Gordon Clark, Director of Finance; John Hillis, Director of Housing; Douglas Bulloch, Director of Social Work; Barbara Haughan, Director of Support Services; Robin Gourlay, Depute Director of Commercial Operations; Graham Haugh, Depute Director of Personnel Services; Roddy Wallace, Head of Administration; Kate McVey, Head of Legal Services; Douglas Campbell, Head of Public Relations and Marketing; Bill Walkinshaw, Principal Administrative Officer and Julie Armstrong, Senior Administrative Officer.

**APOLOGIES:** Councillors Irene Reeves, Alan Campbell, David Macrae, Robert McDill, Jim Kelly and Robert Taylor.

**CHAIR:** Provost Stirling, Chair.

**PREVIOUS MINUTES**

1. There were submitted (circulated) Minutes of Council held on 18 December 1997 which were approved as a correct record.

**COMMITTEE MINUTES**

2. There were submitted (circulated) and approved subject to the undernoted amendments, both as correct records and in respect of recommendations contained therein the Minutes of the undernoted Committee meetings as follows, viz:-
  - 2.1 **EMERGENCY POWERS COMMITTEE OF 8 DECEMBER 1997 (Page 2795).**
  - 2.2 **CUMNOCK AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE OF 9 DECEMBER 1997 (Pages 2796-2801)**
  - 2.3 **DOON VALLEY LOCAL COMMITTEE OF 10 DECEMBER 1997 (Pages 2802-2805)**
  - 2.4 **KILMARNOCK NORTH LOCAL COMMITTEE OF 11 DECEMBER 1997 (Pages 2806-2810)**
  - 2.5 **KILMARNOCK CENTRAL LOCAL COMMITTEE OF 16 DECEMBER 1997 (Pages 2811-2813)**
  - 2.6 **IRVINE VALLEY LOCAL COMMITTEE OF 17 DECEMBER 1997 (Pages 2814-2818)**
  - 2.7 **EMERGENCY POWERS COMMITTEE OF 23 DECEMBER 1997 (Page 2828)**

- 2.8 EMERGENCY POWERS COMMITTEE OF 5 JANUARY 1998 (Pages 2829-2830)**
- 2.9 SOUTHERN LOCAL PLANNING COMMITTEE OF 6 JANUARY 1998 (Pages 2831-2835)**
- 2.10 SPECIAL POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE OF 6 JANUARY 1998 (Pages 2836-2839)**
- 2.11 NORTHERN AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE OF 6 JANUARY 1998 (Pages 2840-2843)**
- 2.12 KILMARNOCK SOUTH LOCAL COMMITTEE OF 7 JANUARY 1998 (Page 2844)**
- 2.13 SOCIAL WORK COMMITTEE OF 8 JANUARY 1998 (Pages 2845-2856)**
- 2.14 CENTRAL LOCAL PLANNING COMMITTEE OF 9 JANUARY 1998 (Pages 2857-2862)**

**(i) APPLICATION NO 97/0815/TP: MR D CURRIE (Item 1.8, Page 2861)**

It was agreed that the second last paragraph should read "Councillor Knapp, seconded by Councillor Reeves, moved as an amendment that the application be granted subject to the condition detailed".

**(ii) APPLICATION NO 97/0550/FL: BARRATT WEST SCOTLAND (Item 1.1, Page 2857)**

It was agreed that the Director of Development Services would liaise with Councillor Reid regarding the felling of trees at the site at the conclusion of the meeting and take appropriate action.

**2.15 HOUSING COMMITTEE OF 14 JANUARY 1998 (Pages 2863-2869)**

**(i) DARVEL: OLD SCHOOLHOUSE AT 2B WEST DONINGTON STREET (Item 16.2, Page 2868)**

It was agreed that the Head of Property would inform the Local Member of the progress in negotiation of the sale of the property to the owner of the adjoining premises.

**2.16 EDUCATION COMMITTEE OF 15 JANUARY 1998 (Pages 2870-2885)**

**(i) CCTV INSTALLATION AT JAMES HAMILTON ACADEMY AND ST JOSEPH'S ACADEMY, KILMARNOCK (Item 4, Page 2872)**

It was agreed that the Director of Education would inform Councillor McCredie of the progress of the works for the installation of CCTV at James Hamilton Academy and St Joseph's Academy, Kilmarnock.

**2.17 NORTHERN AREA LOCAL PLANNING COMMITTEE OF 16 JANUARY 1998 (Pages 2886-2891)**

**2.18 COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE OF 21 JANUARY 1998 (Pages 2892-2902)**

**(i) LEISURE SUB-COMMITTEE OF 14 JANUARY 1998 - RECREATION SERVICES EVENTS PROGRAMME 1998/99 - BURNS DAY COMMEMORATION EVENT (Item 1, Page 2899)**

A motion by Councillor McCredie seconded by Councillor Nicoll to reconsider the decision of the removal in principle of Burns Day from the Annual Events Programme and that a consultation exercise take place to ascertain views on the

proposal, on a division by a show of hands, was defeated by sixteen votes to six and failed to receive the requisite two thirds of the Members voting.

It was thereafter agreed that the Director of Community Services would inform Councillor McCredie of the outcome of the consultation with Local Committees which was being carried out to assess local opinion regarding the proposed recreation Events Programme for 1998/99.

**2.19 COMMERCIAL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE OF 22 JANUARY 1998 (Pages 2903-2905)**

**2.20 SPECIAL POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE OF 22 JANUARY 1998 (Pages 2906-2908)**

**(i) GENERAL SERVICES DRAFT ESTIMATES 1998/99 - ESTABLISHMENT OF A MEMBER/OFFICER GROUP ON SCHOOL JANITORIAL SERVICES (Item 1, Page 2907)**

It was agreed that the Member/Officer Working Group on School Janitorial Services would consist of four Members from the Administration and two Members from the Opposition, names to be submitted to the Chief Executive as soon as possible.

**2.21 SPECIAL CENTRAL LOCAL PLANNING COMMITTEE OF 23 JANUARY 1998 (Page 2909)**

**2.21 DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE OF 27 JANUARY 1998 (pages 2910-2927)**

**(i) M77 FENWICK TO MALLETSHEUGH - PHASING OPTION (Item 13, Page 2924)**

It was agreed that the word "competition" shown at paragraphs (iv)b and (vii)b be replaced by the word "completion".

A motion by Councillor Reid seconded by Councillor Coffey to reconsider the matter under Standing Order 51 that an all party delegation from the Council meet Scottish Office Ministers as a matter of urgency to express the view that the proposals for the M77/A77 should be programmed as originally scheduled, was, on a division by a show of hands, defeated by sixteen votes to six and failed to received the requisite two thirds of the Members voting.

**(ii) FLOOD PREVENTION - FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION (Item 18, Page 2926)**

It was agreed that the first and second paragraphs be amended to insert "and Riverbank Place" following "at Queens Drive".

**2.22 SPECIAL KILMARNOCK SOUTH LOCAL COMMITTEE OF 27 JANUARY 1998 (pages 2928-2930)**

**2.23 POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE OF 29 JANUARY 1998 (pages 2931-2954)**

**2.24 SPECIAL HOUSING COMMITTEE OF 10 FEBRUARY 1998 (page 2955)**

**2.25 SPECIAL POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE OF 10 FEBRUARY 1998 (pages 2956-2957)**

Councillor Sneller seconded by Councillor Jackson moved approval of the Minutes as a correct record and the recommendations contained therein.

Councillor Coffey seconded by Councillor Reid moved as an amendment (i) to recommend approval of the Draft Estimates for the Housing Revenue Account for 1998/99 as outlined in Section 4 of the report; (ii) that consideration of the whole matter be continued to the Special Council Meeting to be held on Thursday 5 March 1998, and (iii) that the Committee otherwise note the terms of the report.

On a division by a show of hands the motion was carried by sixteen votes to six.

### **CHANGE OF MEMBERSHIP - HOUSING COMMITTEE AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE**

3. It was agreed that Councillor Robert Taylor replace Councillor Irene Reeves on the Development Services Committee and Councillor Irene Reeves replace Councillor Robert Taylor on the Housing Committee.

### **THIRD STATUTORY REVIEW OF ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR EAST AYRSHIRE (Item 3, Page 1484)**

4. There was submitted a report dated 3 February 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services on the progress of the Third Statutory Review of Electoral Arrangements for East Ayrshire, and to provide the Council with an opportunity to comment on the Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland's provisional proposals for a scheme of representation for East Ayrshire which provided for 32 Electoral Wards.

Councillor Sneller seconded by Councillor McIntyre moved:-

- (i) to support the Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland's provisional proposals for a scheme of representation for East Ayrshire;
- (ii) that it be remitted to the Director of Support Services to prepare a further report which provided details of the outcome of the Third Statutory Review of Electoral Arrangements for East Ayrshire in due course; and
- (iii) that it be remitted to the Director of Support Services in consultation with the Electoral Registration Officer to carry out a review of polling districts based on the Commission's provisional proposals to allow sufficient time to complete this by the Electoral Registration Officer's due date of October 1998.

Councillor Coffey seconded by Councillor Reid moved as an amendment that the SNP Group's alternative proposals for Wards within Kilmarnock and Stewarton as considered by Council at its meeting of 7 November 1996 be forwarded to the Boundary Commission as the Council's preferred option and that the suggested names be not approved pending completion of the review.

On a division by a show of hands the motion was carried by 16 votes to 6.

The meeting terminated at 1030 hours.