

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 26 APRIL 2000 AT 1100 HOURS IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK

PRESENT: Councillors Robert Taylor, Katie Hall, Stephanie Young, Brian Reeves, Daniel Coffey, John Weir, Drew McIntyre, David Macrae, Harry Wilson, Iain Linton, Jane Darnbrough, Finlay MacLean, Eric Jackson, Julie Faulds, William Menzies, Eric Ross, Elaine Dinwoodie and Jimmy Carmichael.

ATTENDING: David Montgomery, Chief Executive; William Stafford, Director of Community Services; John Griffiths, Head of Leisure Services; John F Crawford, Head of Protective Services; Julie Armstrong, Senior Administrative Officer; Andrew Hamilton, Leisure Policy Officer; David Mitchell, Principal Solicitor; David Morgan, Public Relations Officer and Ian Gemmell, Administrative Officer.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Ann Hay and Tommy Farrell.

CHAIR: Councillor Robert Taylor, Chair.

SUB-COMMITTEE MINUTES

1. There were submitted and approved, both as a correct record and in respect of any recommendations contained therein, the undernoted Sub-Committee Minutes (circulated):-

1.1 LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE - 12 APRIL 2000 - APPENDIX I

DEPARTMENTAL PROGRESS REPORT

2. There was submitted and noted a report dated 5 April 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on progress within the Community Services Department.

LOCAL AUTHORITY PARTNERSHIPS SCHEME - ACCESS TO THE ARTS

3. There was submitted and noted a report dated 4 April 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which advised the Committee of a successful application made to the Scottish Arts Council for arts development funds.

AYRSHIRE GIRLS' AND WOMEN'S FOOTBALL DEVELOPMENT OFFICER POST

4. There was submitted a report dated 4 April 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on the establishment of an Ayrshire Girls' and Women's Football Development Officer Post in conjunction with the Scottish Football Association, SportsScotland, Kilmarnock Football Club, North Ayrshire Council and South Ayrshire Council.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the allocation of partnership funding for a three-year period as outlined in the Director's report, the annual financial contribution from East Ayrshire Council being £2,000;
- (ii) that the Director of Community Services provide to this Committee regular progress reports on the performance of the project; and
- (iii) otherwise to note the report.

GRANT TO KILMARNOCK LEISURE CENTRE TRUST

5. There was submitted and noted a report dated 28 March 2000 (circulated) by the Head of Leisure Services on the award of continued financial assistance to the Kilmarnock Leisure Centre Trust to support the Galleon Leisure Centre.

REPORT ON COMPUTERISED BOX OFFICE AND MARKETING SYSTEM, PALACE THEATRE/GRAND HALL

6. There was submitted and noted a report dated 5 April 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on a successful application for Scottish Arts Council Lottery Funding for the purchase of a Computerised Box Office and Marketing System for the Palace Theatre/Grand Hall Complex.

Councillor Hall left the meeting at this point.

ADOPTION OF CEMETERY MANAGEMENT RULES (Item 10, Page 636, 99/02)

7. There was submitted a report dated 13 March 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on the response to the public consultation process regarding updated cemetery management rules and which sought approval for the adoption of the new management rules for East Ayrshire Council Cemeteries.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the updated cemetery management rules as contained in Appendix I to the Director's report; and
- (ii) otherwise to note the report.

CLEANSING - VEHICLE REPLACEMENT

8. There was submitted a report dated 3 April 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which advised the Committee of a vehicle written off as a total loss and which sought approval for the urgent acquisition of a suitable replacement.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the acquisition by selective tendering of a replacement refuse collection vehicle at an estimated capital cost of £115,000; and
- (ii) that the Director of Finance secure an appropriate operating lease in respect of the acquired vehicle.

PROOF OF AGE CARDS SCHEME

9. There was submitted a report dated 5 April 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which invited the Committee to support the introduction of a Proof of Age Scheme (VALIDATE) within East Ayrshire.

It was agreed:-

- (i) approval, in principle, to the implementation of the VALIDATE Proof of Age Card Scheme throughout East Ayrshire;
- (ii) that the Director of Community Services seek external funding for the above Scheme and report on the outcome of funding applications in due course; and
- (iii) otherwise to note the report.

STRATHCLYDE FIRE BRIGADE - COMMUNITY SAFETY STRATEGY

10. There was submitted and noted a report dated 3 April 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which advised the Committee of the recent publication of a Community Safety Strategy by Strathclyde Fire Brigade.

“MAKE OUR COMMUNITIES SAFER” CHALLENGE COMPETITION 2000/2001 - CLOSED CIRCUIT TELEVISION PROJECTS

11. There was submitted a report dated 28 March 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on the outcome of funding bids made by the Council in respect of closed circuit television (CCTV) projects in East Ayrshire.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the award of seven grants totalling £93,512.50 from the Scottish Executive for the development of CCTV in East Ayrshire;
- (ii) to approve the installation of CCTV systems in London Road/Dick Road, Kilmarnock, New Cumnock and the upgrading of the control room at Kilmarnock Police Office;
- (iii) that the Director of Community Services investigate other potential sources of funding and report in this connection to this Committee at a future meeting;
- (iv) in principle, that the priority for the further development of CCTV systems should be Auchinleck, Hurlford, Cumnock and Glencairn, Kilmarnock;
- (v) that the Director of Community Services investigate and report on the coverage of the existing CCTV system in Kilmarnock Town Centre; and
- (vi) otherwise to note the report.

“MAKE OUR COMMUNITIES SAFER” CHALLENGE COMPETITION 2000/2001 - COMMUNITY SAFETY PROJECTS

12. There was submitted and noted a report dated 28 March 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on the outcome of funding bids made by the Council in respect of Community Safety projects in East Ayrshire.

REVIEW OF THE GRANTS TO VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS SCHEME

13. There was submitted a report dated 27 March 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which outlined revised mechanisms for the distribution of financial assistance to voluntary organisations in light of a reduction in budgetary allocation, and which requested the Committee to consider an application received from Bellsbank Adventure Playground for grant funding under the Scheme.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve a grant of £22,951 to Bellsbank Adventure Playground for the financial year 2000/2001, this sum representing the reduction in funding from the previous financial year of 5%, ie the level of saving required across Community Services in the recent savings exercise; and
- (ii) otherwise to note the report.

GRANTS TO VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS: AWARDS TO BANDS

14. There was submitted a report dated 5 April 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on an application for financial assistance under the Awards to Bands Scheme, and on revised funding arrangements for local bands resulting from the Council's Financial Savings Package.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve a grant to Muirkirk District Pipe Band under the above Scheme of £400.00; and
- (ii) otherwise to note the report.

AWARDING OF CONTRACTS

15. There was submitted and noted a report dated 14 April 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Corporate Services which provided, for information, details of the lowest satisfactory tenders which had been accepted in respect of contracts as follows:-

CONTRACT	SUCCESSFUL CONTRACTOR	AMOUNT
Supply and Delivery of 12 Ride-On Lawnmowers	STM Company Limited, Glasgow	£87,432.00
Grounds Maintenance 2000: Provision of Grounds Maintenance Services	East Ayrshire Council Grounds Maintenance DSO	£766,077.94 (for 20 cuts)

Councillor Carmichael left the meeting at this point.

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

16. The Committee resolved that under Section 50A(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, as amended, the Press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 6 of Schedule 7A to the Act.

GROUNDS MAINTENANCE DSO - BUSINESS PLAN 2000/2001

17. There was submitted a report dated 29 March 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which sought approval for the Grounds Maintenance DSO Business Plan for 2000/2001.

It was agreed to approve the Grounds Maintenance DSO Business Plan for 2000/2001 as appended to the Director's report.

CLEANSING DSO - BUSINESS PLAN 2000/2001

18. There was submitted a report dated 3 March 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which sought approval for the Cleansing DSO Business Plan for 2000/2001.

It was agreed to approve the Cleansing DSO Business Plan for 2000/2001, as appended to the Director's report.

**PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF CLAIM BY BELLFIELD BOWLING CLUB,
KILMARNOCK**

19. There was submitted a report dated 17 April 2000 (circulated) by the Solicitor to the Council on the outcome of negotiations between the Council, as statutory successors to the former Kilmarnock and Loudoun District Council, and Bellfield Bowling Club in relation to the terms of a Minute of Agreement, and which sought approval of recommended terms of settlement.

It was agreed to refer this matter to Council for its consideration.

Councillor Carmichael rejoined the meeting during discussion of the above item.

The meeting terminated at 1208 hours.