

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

SOCIAL WORK COMMITTEE

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 2 MAY 2000 AT 1000 HOURS IN
THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD,
KILMARNOCK**

PRESENT: Councillors Jane Darnbrough, Brian McNeil, Stephanie Young, Daniel Coffey, Robert Stevenson, John Weir, Drew McIntyre, David Macrae, Alex Walsh, Eric Jackson, Tommy Farrell, William Menzies, Robert Taylor and Jimmy Carmichael.

ATTENDING: David Montgomery, Chief Executive; Douglas Bulloch, Director of Social Work; Bernadette Docherty, Senior Depute Director of Social Work; Mary Fegan and Allan Y McDougall, Depute Directors of Social Work; David Mitchell, Principal Solicitor; David Morgan, Public Relations Officer; Julie Armstrong, Senior Administrative Officer; and Melanie Macleod, Administrative Officer.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Katie Hall, Ann Hay, Iain Linton, Jimmy Kelly and Julie Faulds.

CHAIR: Councillor Jane Darnbrough, Chair.

**SOCIAL WORK (SCOTLAND) ACT 1968 SECTION 10 PAYMENTS TO
VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS**

1. There was submitted a report dated 26 April 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work which advised of applications received from voluntary organisations for Section 10 funding in 2000/2001 and made recommendations for the approval of payments.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the undernoted grant awards be made to organisations in respect of which Service Level Agreements were being prepared:-

NAME OF ORGANISATION	GRANT AWARD
East Ayrshire Women's Aid - Kilmarnock	£175,000.00*
Gift Furniture Scheme - Cumnock and Doon Valley Kilmarnock and Loudoun Furniture Redistribution Scheme	£20,000.00
East Ayrshire Women's Aid - Cumnock and Doon Valley	Amount deferred pending the final Evaluation Panel recommendations.
Rape Counselling and Resource Centre	£70,000.00
Ayrshire Council on Alcohol	£25,840.00

* Proposed Section 10 Funding for 2000/2001 may be subject to adjustment in line with the Service Level Agreement.

- (ii) that the undernoted grant awards also be made:-

NAME OF ORGANISATION	GRANT AWARD
Family Mediation West	£4,000.00
The Line for Children Living Away from Home - Childline Scotland	£1,489.00
Scottish Marriage Care - Ayrshire Centre	£400.00
Victim Support Scotland	£2,660.00
Scottish Association for the Care and Resettlement of Offenders	£1,500.00

(iii) that the undernoted applications be refused:-

NAME OF ORGANISATION	REASON FOR REFUSAL
PHACE West	Low priority for funding
Lead Scotland	Low priority for funding
West of Scotland Lesbian and Gay Forum	Low priority for funding
British Retinitis Pigmentosa Society	Medical focus
Scottish Spina Bifida Association	Medical focus
Manic Depression Fellowship Scotland	Low priority - medical focus
Strathclyde Elderly Forum	Focus on local group

- (iv) that the applications from the Scottish Low Pay Unit, the Dementia Services Development Centre and Allies be referred to the Department of Development Services, the Community Care Division of the Social Work Department and the Homes and Technical Services Department respectively; and
- (v) otherwise to note the content of the report.

COLLABORATIVE LINKS WITH AYRSHIRE AND ARRAN PRIMARY HEALTH CARE TRUST

2. There was submitted a report dated 12 April 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work which sought approval for a joint strategy involving the Council and the Primary Care Trust to provide services to support those for whom these agencies have a joint responsibility and which sought approval to refer to the Policy and Resources Committee a joint commitment by both agencies to a collaborative effort across the wider range of responsibilities.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the evaluation of the Newmilns/Darvel initiative;
- (ii) to approve the document "Joint Health and Social Care for People Requiring Community Based Services in East Ayrshire: A Strategy for the Future" as contained in Appendix 3 to the report;

- (iii) to recommend to the Policy and Resources Committee the development of a statement of joint approach between the Council and the Primary Care Trust; and
- (iv) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

REVIEW OF COUNCIL HOSTEL ACCOMMODATION

3. There was submitted a joint report dated 26 April 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work and Director of Homes and Technical Services on the findings of a review of Council Hostel Accommodation and which sought agreement to implement the recommendations contained within the report.

Having noted that, in Paragraph 3.2 of the report, "Robertland Square, Kilmarnock" should be amended to read "Robertland Square, Stewarton", it was agreed:-

- (i) that the Director of Homes and Technical Services and the Director of Social Work discuss options for the future use of Longpark with the current tenants and other interests;
- (ii) that the Director of Homes and Technical Services cease allocation of tenancies at Longpark until completion of this exercise;
- (iii) that the Director of Homes and Technical Services and the Director of Social Work undertake a needs analysis and future service plan for sheltered housing/hostels;
- (iv) that the Director of Homes and Technical Services and the Director of Social Work make arrangements for joint assessment of individuals prior to the allocation of tenancies in sheltered housing/hostels;
- (v) that the Director of Homes and Technical Services and the Director of Social Work develop revised eligibility criteria for sheltered housing/hostel tenancies for further consideration by Committee;
- (vi) that the Director of Homes and Technical Services and the Director of Social Work report further to the relevant Committees in respect of the above; and
- (vii) otherwise to note the content of the report.

ABSENCE MANAGEMENT REPORT - QUARTER JANUARY TO MARCH 2000

4. There was submitted and noted a report dated 18 April 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work which advised of absence rates for the Department of Social Work for the quarterly period ended 31 March 2000.

DISPOSAL OF "THE BARN" 42-48 BARNWEILL ROAD, KILMARNOCK

5. There was submitted a report dated 26 April 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work which advised that the premises at 42-48 Barnweill Road, Kilmarnock were surplus to Departmental requirements.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to declare the premises at The Barn, 42-48 Barnweill Road, Kilmarnock surplus to Departmental requirements;
- (ii) to refer the matter to the Director of Development Services for consideration and further action; and

- (iii) otherwise to note the content of the report.

ANTI-POVERTY ACTIVITY: ANNUAL REPORT 1999/2000

6. There was submitted a report dated 26 April 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work which provided information on a range of anti-poverty activities undertaken by Social Work staff and the outcomes of those during the period 1 April 1999-31 March 2000.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the Director of Social Work submit further reports on anti-poverty activities on a regular basis;
- (ii) that the Director of Social Work circulate details of the Council's anti-poverty activities to date to local Members of Parliament and Members of the Scottish Parliament for information; and
- (ii) otherwise to note the content of the report.

The meeting terminated at 1040 hours.