

APPENDIX II

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

BUSINESS SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 27 MARCH 1997 AT 1400 HOURS
IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD,
KILMARNOCK**

PRESENT: Councillors Robert Taylor, Gordon Cree, Daniel Coffey, David Macrae, Kim Nicoll, George Smith, Jimmy Carmichael and Tommy Farrell and Teacher Representative, Iain Harvey.

ATTENDING: John Mulgrew, Director of Education; Jennifer Wallace, Depute Director of Education; Ken Hathaway, Principal Client Services; John McHarg, Maintenance Manager (Property); Bill Walkinshaw, Principal Administrative Officer; Marilyn Miller, Administrative Officer and Lesley-Ann Wallace, Administrative Assistant.

APOLOGIES: Councillor McCredie, Provost Robert Stirling, Councillor David Sneller, William McConnell and Mr M Sullivan, Church Representatives.

CHAIR: Councillor Robert Taylor, Chair.

**RESULTS OF THE CONSULTATION ON SCHOOL HOLIDAY ARRANGEMENTS
1997/98 (Item 3, Page 1861)**

1. There was submitted a report dated 11 March 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Education outlining the results of the consultation on holiday arrangements over the Christmas and New Year period 1997/98.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to consider the responses received;
- (ii) to agree that the Christmas holiday arrangements for 1997/98 be as follows:-
Schools Close - 23 December 1997
Schools re-open - 5 January 1998
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

PROPOSED SCHOOL HOLIDAY ARRANGEMENTS 1998/99

2. There was submitted a report dated 11 March 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Education seeking approval to consult with School Boards and the Joint Consultative Committee on the proposals for school holidays during the session 1998/99.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve consultation with the Teachers' side of the Joint Consultative Committee and the various parents' groups;
- (ii) that the Director of Education produce a further report outlining the results of the consultation process; and

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

MEMBER/OFFICER WORKING GROUP ON CATERING SERVICES (Item 4, Page 1906)

3. There was submitted a report dated 13 March 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Education advising on a report approved by the Commercial Operations Committee regarding the setting up of a Member/Officer Working Group to review the catering services and seeking the appointment from the Sub-Committee of one Member to the Working Group.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to appoint Councillor Robert Taylor to the Working Group; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

MAINTAINING PROPERTIES IN THE EDUCATION SERVICE (Item 1, Page 1860)

4. There was submitted a joint report dated 19 March 1997 (circulated) by the Directors of Support Services and of Commercial Operations on the progress made relative to the arrangements to deal with breakages and vandalism at Education properties.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to endorse the findings of the report; and
- (ii) to support the establishment of an information network between the Director of Education, Director of Commercial Operations and the Head of Property to expedite the time taken to deal with breakages/vandalism at Education properties.

DECLARATION OF SURPLUS PROPERTY - FORMER MUIRKIRK NURSERY SCHOOL BUILDING

5. There was submitted a report dated 12 March 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Education advising the Sub-Committee of the cessation of use of the former Nursery School building at Main Street, Muirkirk and recommending that the property be declared surplus to the requirements of the Education Department.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to declare the former Muirkirk Nursery School building surplus to requirements; and
- (ii) that the Director of Education refer the matter to the Head of Property Services for disposal.

CHARGES FOR SCHOOL MEALS

6. There was submitted a report dated 17 March 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Education on proposed charges for school meals to be implemented from 21 April 1997.

Councillor Taylor, seconded by Councillor Farrell moved that the charges to pupils and staff and the free meals, equivalent values, for implementation from Monday 21 April 1997 be as follows:-

Set meal price for pupils and free meal equivalent value: £1.13

Meal price for staff on days when pupils were not in attendance: £1.36 (inc VAT)

Councillor Nicoll, seconded by Councillor Coffey, moved as an amendment that the 2% inflation increase be made as opposed to a 6% increase.

On a division by a show of hands the motion was carried by 6 votes to 2.

The meeting terminated at 1421 hours.