

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 24 APRIL 1997 AT 1000 HRS
IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS,
LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK**

PRESENT: Councillors David Sneller, Drew McIntyre, Wilma Doyle, Ronald Brailsford, Provost Robert Stirling, Councillors Jim O'Neill, Bob Beattie, Daniel Coffey, David Fulton, Kim Nicoll, Eric Ross, Jim Kelly, Jimmy Boyd, Tommy Farrell and Eric Jackson.

ATTENDING: Gordon Clark, Director of Finance; Iain McLachlan, Director of Personnel Services; Barbara Haughan, Director of Support Services; Bernadette Docherty, Senior Depute Director of Social Work; George Fraser, Senior Policy Adviser; Donald McVicar, Senior Administrative Officer; and James Lally, Senior Administrative Officer.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Irene Reeves, Douglas Reid, Jane Darnbrough and George Turnbull.

CHAIR: Councillor David Sneller, Chair.

CHAIR'S REMARKS

1. Councillor Sneller expressed the Council's concern at the closure of Monktonhall Colliery and offered the Council's assistance and support to the miners and their families who resided within East Ayrshire who would be affected by the closure.

Councillor Sneller also offered his congratulations to Kilmarnock Football Club in reaching the Scottish Cup Final and it was noted that Provost Stirling had written, on behalf of the Council, to Kilmarnock Football Club offering congratulations and best wishes for the Final.

**URBAN PROGRAMME TERMINATING PROJECTS - EVALUATION PANEL NO 3 -
THE HEALTHY LIFESTYLE PROJECT (Item 6, Page 1910)**

2. The Chair agreed that this item of urgent business be considered as an early decision was required.

Councillor Sneller reported that Councillor Farrell, the Chair of the above Evaluation Panel, would be unable to attend the meeting of the Evaluation Panel scheduled for 25 April 1997 and it was agreed that Councillor Jackson be nominated as his substitute to Chair the Panel meeting on that date.

Councillor Coffey joined the meeting at this point.

SUB-COMMITTEE MINUTES

3.1 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Councillor O'Neill declared a non-pecuniary interest in terms of the National Code of Local Government Conduct in respect of the consideration of the undernoted Minutes at items 3.2.2, 3.2.3 and 3.2.4.

3.2 CONSIDERATION OF SUB-COMMITTEE MINUTES

There was submitted and approved both as correct records and in respect of the recommendations contained therein, the undernoted Sub-Committee Minutes (circulated) as contained in Appendices I to IX of these Minutes.

3.2.1 MEMBERS' SERVICES SUB-COMMITTEE OF 13 MARCH 1997 - Appendix I.

3.2.2 CONTRACTING SUB-COMMITTEE (BUILDING CLEANING) OF 14 MARCH 1997 - Appendix II.

3.2.3 CONTRACTING SUB-COMMITTEE (BUILDING MAINTENANCE) OF 14 MARCH 1997 - Appendix III.

3.2.4 CONTRACTING SUB-COMMITTEE (SPORT AND LEISURE MANAGEMENT) OF 24 MARCH 1997 - Appendix IV.

3.2.5 CHAIR'S SUB-COMMITTEE OF 27 MARCH 1997 - Appendix V.

3.2.6 APPEALS SUB-COMMITTEE OF 3 APRIL 1997 - Appendix VI.

3.2.7 PERSONNEL SUB-COMMITTEE OF 8 APRIL 1997 - Appendix VII.

3.2.8 DECENTRALISATION SUB-COMMITTEE OF 15 APRIL 1997 - Appendix VIII.

3.2.9 FINANCE AND PROPERTY SUB-COMMITTEE OF 15 APRIL 1997 - Appendix IX.

PERSONNEL SERVICES DEPARTMENT - SERVICE PLAN

4. There was submitted a report dated 10 April 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Personnel Services outlining the proposed Service Plan for the Personnel Services Department and seeking approval for its implementation.

It was agreed to approve the Personnel Services Department Service Plan as detailed in the report.

ZERO TOLERANCE CAMPAIGN (Item 15, Page 1414)

5. There was submitted a report dated 11 April 1997 (circulated) by the Chief Executive on the outcome of discussions with the Zero Tolerance Charitable Trust recommending affiliation to the Trust and providing an outlined plan for Zero Tolerance activity within East Ayrshire for the forthcoming year.

It was agreed:

- (i) that East Ayrshire Council affiliate to the Zero Tolerance Charitable Trust at a cost of £4,000;
- (ii) to approve the areas of activity for the East Ayrshire Campaign as detailed in paragraph 4 of the report;
- (iii) to purchase from the Trust, publicity materials up to the value of £2,500;

- (iv) that the Director of Social Work submit a progress report on the Campaign to this Committee in one year; and
- (v) to otherwise note the terms of the report.

REVIEW OF COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME (Item 20, Page 940)

6. There was submitted a report dated 16 April 1997 (circulated) by the Chief Executive to review funding spent on the Community Grants Scheme for 1996/97 and to consider issues relating to the 1997/98 Scheme.

Having noted that paragraph 5.1 of the report should have referred to the "Cumnock Area Local Committee" and not the "Cumnock Local Committee", it was agreed:

- (i) to approve the 1997/98 allocation for community grants as detailed in Section 5 of the report;
- (ii) that the Chief Executive:
 - (a) investigate the possibility of a single Council grant application form and common conditions of grant to community groups and voluntary organisations;
 - (b) produce a clear definition of which Departments should consider each type of grant application and how these should be processed within the Council's structures;
 - (c) instigate a programme of training and support for new assessing officers; and
 - (d) draft an information leaflet on all Council grant funding;
 with a view to reporting back to this Committee accordingly;
- (iii) to request the Head of Public Relations and Marketing to ensure maximum public awareness of the allocation of community grants; and
- (iv) to otherwise note the contents of the report.

Following a question from Councillor O'Neill it was noted that a report on the funding of Community Councils would be submitted to the next meeting of this Committee.

REVIEW OF CoSLA'S CONSTITUTION

7. There was submitted a report dated 16 April 1997 (circulated) by the Chief Executive seeking comments on the current review of CoSLA's Constitution.

Councillor Sneller, seconded by Councillor McIntyre, moved;

- (i) that East Ayrshire Council maintain support for the holding of four full meetings of the Convention, in the interests of continuing the secure broad input to discussion at national level and that there should also continue to be the facility to hold meetings of Leaders/Conveners on an ad hoc basis even at short notice, where the circumstances merited it;
- (ii) that the Council should endorse the establishment of the award of honorary membership to the Convention; and
- (iii) that it be remitted to the Chief Executive to inform CoSLA accordingly.

Councillor Coffey, seconded by Councillor Brailsford, moved as an amendment approval of the submission to CoSLA as proposed above with the exception not to endorse the establishment of the award of honorary membership of the Convention.

On a division by a show of hands the motion was carried by nine votes to five.

GRANTS TO VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS (Item 7, Page 1911)

8. There was submitted a report dated 17 April 1997 (circulated) by the Chief Executive advising of potential financial difficulties expressed by Bellsbank Women's Project and the Kilmarnock and Loudoun Unemployed Workers' Resource and Education Centre.

Having considered the financial information contained within the Appendices of the report and in order to allow the projects to continue to provide their services and maintain a firm base from which an extension of their services across a wider area of East Ayrshire could be considered in due course, it was agreed:

- (i) that Bellsbank Women's Project receive a supplementary grant of £3,400 (£18,000 in total); and
- (ii) that the Kilmarnock and Loudoun Unemployed Workers' Resource and Education Centre receive a supplementary grant of £2,500 (£45,000) in total.

The meeting terminated at 1030 hrs.