

## **EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

### **BUSINESS SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

#### **MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 3 APRIL 1996 AT 1400 HOURS IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Robert Taylor, Gordon McCredie, Irene Reeves, Gordon Cree, Daniel Coffey, David Macrae, Kim Nicoll, George Smith, Jimmy Carmichael and Tommy Farrell.

**ATTENDING:** John Mulgrew, Director of Education; Robin Gourlay, Depute Director of Commercial Operations; Jennifer Wallace, Depute Director of Education; James Lally, Administrative Officer and Anne Fairbairn, Senior Administrative Assistant.

**APOLOGIES:** Provost Robert Stirling and Councillor David Sneller.

**CHAIR:** Councillor Robert Taylor, Chair.

#### **TERMS OF REFERENCE AND QUORUM**

1. There was submitted and noted a report dated 8 March 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Education providing details of the terms of reference of the Sub-Committee and advising that the quorum would be four.

#### **CHARGES FOR SCHOOL MEALS**

2. There was submitted a report dated 22 March 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Education proposing revised charges for school meals.

Councillor Taylor, seconded by Councillor Farrell, moved:

- (i) approval of a 5.5% increase in school meal charges to pupils and staff;
- (ii) approval of an increase in the cost of a carton of milk from 5p to 15p;
- (iii) an increase in the value of free meals from £1 to £1.06; and
- (iv) implementation of the above charges with effect from 29 April 1996.

Councillor Nicoll, seconded by Councillor McCredie, moved as an amendment that charges for milk should only be increased by 5.5% in line with the increases to other school meal charges.

On a division by a show of hands, the motion was carried by seven votes to three.

#### **HEALTH AND SAFETY POLICY**

3. There was submitted a report dated 26 March 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Education seeking agreement to a consultation period in respect of a proposed draft Health and Safety Policy for the Education Department.

It was agreed that the Director of Education should carry out consultation with staff and Trade Unions on the departmental document with a view to incorporating key issues raised and reporting thereon to the next meeting of the Sub-Committee.

In relation to the problem of violence at work within educational establishments it was agreed that the Director of Education should submit a report on this matter to a future meeting of the Sub-Committee.

### **SECURITY IN SCHOOLS**

4. There was submitted a report dated 29 March 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Education which provided an update on a security pilot scheme being developed in Onthank Primary School, Kilmarnock.

Having noted that a similar pilot scheme for secondary schools had been introduced at Ardrossan Academy it was agreed:-

- (i) that the Director of Education should monitor the pilot scheme in Onthank Primary School and report on the implementation of the scheme to a future meeting of the Sub-Committee;
- (ii) that the Director of Education should contact North Ayrshire Council to request information in respect of the implementation of the pilot scheme in Ardrossan Academy for inclusion within the above report; and
- (iii) that any member of the Sub-Committee interested in visiting the schools operating the pilot scheme should contact the Director of Education who would make the necessary arrangements.

The meeting terminated at 1430 hours.