

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE****MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 24 APRIL 1996 IN
THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD,
KILMARNOCK AT 1400 HOURS**

PRESENT: Councillors Bob Beattie, Gordon McCredie, Drew McIntyre, Gordon Cree, David Macrae, Kim Nicoll, George Smith, Jimmy Carmichael, Robert Taylor and Tommy Farrell.

ATTENDING: David Montgomery, Chief Executive; William Stafford, Director of Community Services; John Crawford, Head of Protective Services; Douglas Campbell, Head of Public Relations and Marketing; Julie Armstrong, Senior Administrative Officer and Ian Gemmell, Administrative Officer.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Jane Darnbrough, Alan Campbell, Kathleen Hall, David Sneller and John Smith.

CHAIR: Councillor Bob Beattie, Chair.

LEISURE SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

1. There was submitted and approved as a correct record Minutes (circulated) of the Leisure Sub-Committee of 16 April 1996 as shown in the Appendix to these Minutes.

PRICES PAID FOR BOTTLE BANK CULLET

2. There was submitted and noted a report dated 3 April 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services advising of increases in the prices for bottle bank cullet delivered to United Glass, Alloa.

NATIONAL REGISTER FOR CHARITIES IN SCOTLAND

3. There was submitted a report dated 10 April 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services in respect of a request from the former authority of Kilmarnock and Loudoun District to call for new legislation in relation to the control of charities and the establishment of a National Charities Register.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to support the request from the former Kilmarnock and Loudoun District Council for the establishment of a National Register of Charities in Scotland; and
- (ii) to instruct the Director of Community Services to make representation to the Scottish Office in this connection including a recommendation that the Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations should be asked to establish and maintain such a Register;

LANDFILL TAX (Item 4, Page 657)

4. There was submitted and noted report dated 10 April 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services regarding a response from the Scottish Office, Agriculture, Environment and Fisheries Department in respect of concerns expressed by East Ayrshire Council about the proposed Landfill Tax.

REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES STATUTORY FEES

5. There was submitted a report dated 11 April 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services detailing the statutory fees set by the Registrar General in respect of Births, Deaths and Marriages for the financial year 1996/97.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the statutory fees in respect of Registration set by the Registrar General for 1996/97
- (ii) to increase the fees for accommodation for Marriages from £37.50 to £40.00
- (iii) to increase the fee for Saturday Marriages from £56.50 to £60.00; and
- (iv) that the deposit charged in connection with the provision of accommodation for Marriages should remain at £25.00

RESERVOIRS ACT 1975

6. There was submitted report dated 12 April 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services providing details of powers and responsibilities which transferred to East Ayrshire Council on 1 April 1996 and to make the appropriate provisions for meeting statutory requirements.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to appoint the Director of Community Services to discharge the Council's responsibilities in terms of the Reservoirs Act 1975; and
- (ii) to designate 14 London Road, Kilmarnock as the premises where members of the public could examine the statutory register, and to provide copies of the register to Local Offices;

COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT - HEALTH AND SAFETY POLICY

7. There was submitted a report dated 12 April 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services recommending a departmental Health and Safety Policy, in line with the corporate Health and Safety Policy approved by the Council on 2 April 1996.

The report outlined the allocation of responsibilities to managers and employees and affirmed the Director of Community Services' commitment to Health and Safety in the various workplaces in the department.

It was agreed:

- (i) to approve the proposed departmental Health and Safety Policy;
- (ii) to instruct the Director of Community Services to consult with the Senior Safety Officer, on behalf of the Director of Personnel, on the implementation of the policy; and

- (iii) to instruct the Director of Community Services to consult with the appropriate Trade Unions and seek agreement on the policy and thereafter communicate the adopted departmental policy to all Community Services employees.

ESTABLISHMENT OF A LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE

- 8. There was submitted a report dated 16 April 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services recommending the establishment, quorum and terms of reference of a Licensing Sub-Committee to exercise delegated powers to consider and reach decisions on applications made for licences issued by the Department of Community Services.

It was agreed to recommend to Council as follows:-

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- (i) that a Licensing Sub-Committee of the Community Services which would meet on an ad hoc basis, be established;
- (ii) that the Licensing Sub-Committee comprise 5 members of the Community Services Committee, the quorum being set at 3 members, the members to be nominated by the Council;
- (iii) that the Licensing Sub-Committee be chaired by a member of the Community Services Committee nominated by the Council for that purpose;
- (iv) that the Licensing Sub-Committee's Terms of Reference be to discharge the Council's function in respect of Civic Government and miscellaneous licensing;
- (v) that full powers be delegated to the Licensing Sub-Committee to discharge the Council's functions in respect of Civic Government and miscellaneous licensing;
- (vi) that it be remitted to the Director of Support Services to make the necessary amendments to the Scheme of Delegation; and
- (vii) that the 2 outstanding applications referred to in the Director's report be continued for consideration at the first meeting of the Licensing Sub-Committee.

DARVEL TOWN HALL

- 9. Submitted report dated 18 April 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on an application by Darvel Juniors FC for the let of Darvel Town Hall for a fund raising event involving the Highlander Dance Troupe.

It was agreed to continue consideration of the above application to a future meeting until a letting policy for public halls had been established.

The meeting terminated at 1425 hours.