

## **EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

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

#### **MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 9 APRIL 1996 AT 1000 HRS IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Robert Taylor, David Fulton, Kim Nicoll, David Sneller and Eric Jackson.

**ATTENDING:** John Mulgrew, Director of Education; Margaret Burnell, Senior Depute Director of Education; Sue Angus, Depute Director of Education and James Lally, Administrative Officer.

**APOLOGIES:** Councillors Tommy Farrell, Gordon McCredie, Drew McIntyre, John Knapp and George Turnbull.

**CHAIR:** In the absence of the Chair, Councillor Robert Taylor was appointed to the 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.

Councillor Nicoll joined the meeting at this point.

#### **FOOTWEAR AND CLOTHING GRANTS**

2. There was submitted a report dated 21 March 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Education advising of the duty of the Authority to provide assistance in respect of the footwear and clothing needs of certain pupils and seeking agreement on the recommended level of grant for 1996/97.

It was agreed:

- (i) that parents or guardians of children who were in receipt of either Income Support, Family Credit, Housing Benefit or a Council Tax rebate would be eligible for the award of a Footwear and Clothing Grant;
- (ii) that Footwear and Clothing Grants should be available to eligible pupils attending schools managed by East Ayrshire Council or schools to which they had been directed by East Ayrshire Council;
- (iii) that the level of grant for 1996/97 should be maintained at £50; and
- (iv) that the Director of Education should arrange to publicise widely within East Ayrshire the availability of Footwear and Clothing Grants, monitor the uptake of grants and report periodically to the Sub-Committee thereon.

### HIGHER SCHOOL AND FURTHER EDUCATION BURSARIES

3. There was submitted a report dated 29 March 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Education seeking agreement on allowances and contribution scales proposed in respect of higher school and further education bursaries for 1996/97.

It was agreed:

- (i) that the allowances and contribution scales for 1996/97 in respect of higher school and further education bursaries should be maintained at the CoSLA recommended rates for 1995/96 as detailed below:

Under 18 at home	£18.60
Under 18 away from home	£43.55
Over 18 at home	£45.20
Over 18 away from home	£62.35
Dependent spouse	£36.15
Dependent child	£8.70
Two homes	£12.85
Student's contribution (unearned income)	£880.00
Student's contribution (earned income)	£3,220.00
Parental contribution (under 18)	£9,666.00
Dependent child allowance	£155.00
Parental contribution (over 18)	£17,210.00
Spouse contribution	£10,350.00

; and

- (ii) that the contribution scale in respect of Flexible learning students (eg Open University) should be £10,089.00.

### JOINT WORKING ARRANGEMENTS FOR SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS

4. There was submitted a report dated 29 March 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Education seeking approval for the conclusions reached in discussions between the three Ayrshire Authorities on issues of joint working in the area of special educational needs.

Having noted that the Director of Education would circulate to members of the Sub-Committee information on the number of users of each special educational needs service detailed within the report, it was agreed:

- (i) to note the progress of discussion on potential joint working issues in the area of special educational needs; and
- (ii) to approve the conclusions for the future working arrangements within each service as detailed in the report.

## **PROVISION FOR SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS**

5. There was submitted a report dated 2 April 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Education highlighting current and future issues relating to provision for children with special educational needs and seeking approval to allocate the necessary expenditure to secure appropriate provision and placements for these children.

It was agreed to authorise the Director of Education to incur the necessary expenditure as detailed within the report to provide appropriate placements and provision for pupils with special educational needs.

The meeting terminated at 1015 hrs.