

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 2 APRIL 1996 AT 1000 HRS IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK**

PRESENT: Convener Robert Stirling and Councillors Gordon McCredie, Drew McIntyre, Irene Reeves, Gordon Cree, Wilma Doyle, Ronald Brailsford, Jane Darnbrough, Alan Campbell, Jim O'Neill, Kathleen Hall, Bob Beattie, John Knapp, Daniel Coffey, David Fulton, David Macrae, Kim Nicoll, George Turnbull, Robert McDill, Eric Ross, Jim Kelly, David Sneller, Jim Boyd, George Smith, Jimmy Carmichael, Robert Taylor, Tommy Farrell and Eric Jackson.

ATTENDING: David Montgomery, Chief Executive; Fiona Lees, Depute Chief Executive; William Stafford, Director of Community Services; Stephen Chorley, Director of Development Services; John Mulgrew, Director of Education; Gordon Clark, Director of Finance; John Hillis, Director of Housing; Iain McLachlan, Director of Personnel Services; Jim Dickie, Director of Social Work; Barbara Haughan, Director of Support Services; Bill McKenzie, Senior Depute Director of Commercial Operations; Roddy Wallace, Head of Administration; Kate McVey, Head of Legal Services; Douglas Campbell, Head of Public Relations and Marketing; Helen Dick, Depute Director of Finance; Bill Walkinshaw, Principal Administrative Officer; Lilian Belshaw, Senior Administrative Officer; James Lally, Administrative Officer

APOLOGIES: Councillors Douglas Reid and John Smith.

CHAIR: Councillor Stirling, Convener, in the Chair.

CONVENER/DEPUTE CONVENER**1.1 ELECTION OF CONVENER**

Nominations for Convener were invited.

Councillor Sneller, seconded by Councillor Boyd, moved that Councillor Stirling be elected as Convener.

Councillor McDill, seconded by Councillor McCredie, moved as an amendment that Councillor Coffey be elected as Convener.

On a division by a show of hands the motion was carried by 21 votes to 7 and Councillor Stirling was elected as Convener.

1.2 ELECTION OF DEPUTE CONVENER

Councillor Stirling invited nominations for Depute Convener and, seconded by Councillor Sneller, moved that Councillor Boyd be elected.

Councillor McDill, seconded by Councillor McCredie, moved as an amendment that Councillor Nicoll be elected as Depute Convener.

On a division by a show of hands the motion was carried by 21 votes to 7.

CONVENER'S COMMENTS

The Convener addressed the meeting in the following terms: "Fellow Members, it gives me great pleasure to welcome you to the first full meeting of East Ayrshire Council. Yesterday a new Council was born and we took on responsibility for delivering Local Government Services. Although the birth was successful, it followed a very difficult twelve month labour. Although the Scottish Office made life for us during our shadow year extremely difficult by refusing to adequately fund reorganisation and refusing to provide a realistic settlement for next year's budgets, I am still very confident that we stand at the beginning of a very bright future for East Ayrshire. If anything, I am sure that the difficulties we have encountered and overcome over the last twelve months have strengthened our determination to deliver improved Council services in East Ayrshire and to make sure that East Ayrshire Council is one of the best of the new Councils in Scotland.

However, on a less happy note, I am extremely concerned about the recent announcement of job cuts at Jetstream, Prestwick and of the effect on the Ayrshire meat industry of the BSE scare.

Finally, I would like to offer my best wishes and those of the Council to Councillor John Smith for a speedy recovery from his illness."

2. JETSTREAM/AYRSHIRE MEAT INDUSTRY

Councillor Sneller congratulated the Convener and Depute Convener on their appointments and reiterated the Convener's concern at the birth of the New Council on the recent announcement of job cuts at Jetstream and in the Ayrshire meat industry and advised that these matters would be considered at a meeting to be held on 4 April 1996 with Enterprise Ayrshire and the other Ayrshire Councils to identify what action could be taken to protect jobs and develop opportunities for retraining.

Noted.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL MINUTES

3. There were submitted (circulated) Minutes of the Council meeting held on 2 February 1996 and Minutes of Special Council Meeting held on 5 March 1996 which were approved as correct records.

Noted that the meetings list Appendix referred to in page 474 had been circulated and that reference thereto should be deleted.

COMMITTEE MINUTES

- 4.1 There were submitted (circulated) and, except as undernoted, approved both as correct records and in respect of recommendations contained therein, the Minutes of the undernoted Committee meetings as follows, viz:-

- 4.1.1 Social Work Committee of 6 February 1996
- 4.1.2 Special Policy & Resources Committee of 14 February 1996
- 4.1.3 Housing Committee of 15 February 1996
- 4.1.4 Education Committee of 20 February 1996
- 4.1.5 Special Policy & Resources Committee of 21 February 1996

- 4.1.6** Community Services Committee of 22 February 1996
Subject to following:- page 517, item 9, "Air Quality Management", point (v) "within their electoral areas" being deleted and page 519, item 13, "Licensing of Window Cleaners", reference to Councillor Campbell being inserted instead of Councillor Hall in last paragraph; and page 522, reference to Councillor Knapp leaving the meeting being removed.
- 4.1.7** Special Policy & Resources Committee of 27 February 1996
- 4.1.8** Special Housing Committee of 28 February 1996
- 4.1.9** Special Education Committee of 28 February 1996
- 4.1.10** Special Commercial Operations Committee of 28 February 1996
- 4.1.11** Special Social Work Committee of 29 February 1996
- 4.1.12** Special Community Services Committee of 29 February 1996
- 4.1.13** Development Services Committee of 29 February 1996
- 4.1.14** Special Policy & Resources Committee of 4 March 1996
- 4.1.15** Commercial Operations Committee of 5 March 1996
- 4.1.16** Policy & Resources Committee of 14 March 1996
- 4.1.17** Special Education Committee of 20 March 1996
- 4.1.18** Special Social Work Committee of 21 March 1996
- 4.1.19** Special Policy & Resources Committee of 21 March 1996
- 4.1.20** Special Policy & Resources Committee of 26 March 1996
- 4.1.21** Special Members' Services Sub-Committee of 26 March 1996
- 4.1.22** Community Services Committee of 26 March 1996
- 4.1.23** Social Work Committee of 28 March 1996

4.2 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE FOREGOING MINUTES

SPECIAL POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE OF 14 FEBRUARY 1996 (485) (Item No 1)

Councillor Coffey, seconded by Councillor McCredie, moved that Standing Orders be suspended to enable the Housing budget decision to be reconsidered.

Councillor Sneller, seconded by Councillor McIntyre, moved as an amendment that Standing Orders be not suspended.

On a division by a show of hands the amendment was carried by 21 votes to 7.

4.3 REMITS FROM EDUCATION COMMITTEE OF 20 FEBRUARY 1996

4.3.1 APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE TO SERVE ON EDUCATION APPEALS SUB-COMMITTEE (499) (Item No 10)

The Council agreed that the members appointed to serve on the above Sub-Committee be Councillors Eric Jackson (Chair), Irene Reeves, John Knapp, Kim Nicoll and George Turnbull.

4.3.2 APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE TO SERVE ON EDUCATION (JOINT APPEALS & BURSARIES) SUB-COMMITTEE (500) (Item No 11)

The Council agreed that the members appointed to serve on the above Sub-Committee be Councillors Robert Taylor (Chair), William Cree, Ronald Brailsford, David Fulton and Eric Ross.

4.4 SPECIAL SOCIAL WORK COMMITTEE OF 29 FEBRUARY 1996 (534) (Item No 1.3)

Councillor Campbell, seconded by Councillor Brailsford, moved that Standing Orders be suspended to enable the decision on Mount House to be reconsidered.

Councillor Boyd, seconded by Councillor Stirling, moved as an amendment that Standing Orders be not suspended.

On a division by a show of hands the amendment was carried by 21 votes to 7.

4.5 DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE OF 29 FEBRUARY 1996

4.5.1 REMITS

(a) PROPOSED SCHEME OF DELEGATION OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS (539) (Item No 2.2)

It was agreed that full powers be delegated to the Development Services Committee to determine planning applications and that it be remitted to the Director of Support Services to amend the Scheme of Delegation accordingly.

(b) ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDERS (541) (Item No 7)

It was agreed that it be delegated to the Development Services Committee and Planning Sub-Committee to approve Traffic Regulation Orders and that it be remitted to the Director of Support Services to amend the Scheme of Delegation accordingly.

4.5.2 MATTERS ARISING

(i) EAST AYRSHIRE BUSINESS SERVICES - GRANT AND LOAN SCHEME (544) (Item No 14)

Councillor Turnbull advised that following the decision of the Development Services Committee to set up a new organisation to provide grants and loans to small businesses, detailed discussions had been held with Enterprise Ayrshire and the two Enterprise Trusts. He further advised that these bodies had agreed to come together to form the new organisation, being a company limited by guarantee, having its own Board of Directors from both public and private sector organisations. It had been proposed that East Ayrshire Council and Enterprise Ayrshire be each represented on the Board by two Members and one Officer respectively. Enterprise Ayrshire had subsequently proposed that the Board should not include Officers, who would however be invited to attend Board meetings.

Councillor Turnbull, seconded by Councillor Ross, moved that East Ayrshire Council should be represented on the Board by three Elected Members being Councillors Sneller, Turnbull and Ross.

Councillor Coffey, seconded by Councillor Brailsford, moved as an amendment that Councillor McCredie be nominated as the Council's third member.

On a division by a show of hands the motion was carried by 21 votes to 7.

It was further agreed that Councillor Turnbull would provide the Opposition Group with a copy of the information which he had intimated to the Council.

(ii) URGENT ITEMS OF BUSINESS TAKEN AT MEETINGS IN TERMS OF THE ACCESS TO INFORMATION ACT AND ITEMS PROPOSED TO BE RAISED AS MATTERS ARISING

Arising from discussion of the above and having heard Councillor Nicoll, it was agreed that, where possible, the Leaders of the Groups would be advised of proposed additional issues to be raised as matters arising from Minutes and as urgent items prior to the meeting at which they would be considered.

(iii) OFF-STREET PARKING CHARGES, KILMARNOCK (542) (Item No 9)

Councillor Turnbull, seconded by Councillor Ross, moved that the recommendations contained in the Minutes be approved.

Councillor McCredie, seconded by Councillor Coffey, moved as an amendment that a decision on the alteration of charges for off-street parking places be delayed until the public consultation exercise referred to in item (ii) of the decision was undertaken and the report referred to in item (iii) of the decision was submitted.

On a division by a show of hands the motion was carried by 21 votes to 7.

(iii) M77 FENWICK TO MALLETSHEUGH (542) (Item No 11)

Arising from a query by Councillor McCredie regarding what action the Council could take to have emergency telephones installed in this section of the road, it was agreed that it be remitted to Director of Development Services to investigate and report to a future meeting of the Development Services Committee.

4.6 COMMERCIAL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE OF 5 MARCH 1996

4.6.1 REMIT - ADLO BUILDING AND WORKS CONFERENCE, PEEBLES, 6-9 FEBRUARY 1996 (568) (Item No 13)

Having heard Councillor O'Neill, it was agreed that Steven Cirrell from the Public Sector Unit, Eversheds, Leeds, be invited to visit East Ayrshire to give information on public finance initiatives and that it be remitted to the Director of Commercial Operations to make the necessary arrangements.

4.6.2 VEHICLE LIVERY (567) (Item No 7.2)

Councillor O'Neill, seconded by Councillor Carmichael, moved that the recommendations contained in the Minutes be approved.

Councillor McCredie, seconded by Councillor Coffey, moved as an amendment that the livery of Council vehicles, with the exception of trunk road maintenance vehicles, be white.

On a division by a show of hands the motion was carried by 21 votes to 7.

4.6.3 PURCHASING CONSORTIUM (567) (Item 10) - BOVINE SPONGIFORM ENCEPHALOPATHY (BSE)

Arising from discussion of the above, Councillor O'Neill made a statement on the provision of beef options in meals provided by East Ayrshire Council, he stated that

he was particularly aware of concerns expressed, by parents but was also aware that, as of yesterday, in this high quality beef producing area of Ayrshire alone, some 150 people had already lost their jobs as a result of the loss of confidence in beef, with over 350 others being laid off.

Councillor O'Neill stated that he had, however, taken into account the very high standard of quality control bequeathed to East Ayrshire Council from the former Strathclyde Catering Direct Service which ensured that only young animals, steers and heifers (not cows), at approximately 18 months old, were used, which had been reared on a diet which included hay, silage, grain or turnips, and only purchased from producers who were members of the Scottish Beef and Lamb Association's Farm Assurance Scheme and which certified that the farms were free from BSE.

He then intimated a proposed position statement as detailed in Appendix 1 to this Minute on behalf of the Council.

Councillor Nicoll stated that she supported Councillor O'Neill's comments and requested that this Council lobby the Government and the European Union to exclude areas from the ban on British beef which are BSE free.

Having heard Councillor O'Neill and Councillor Nicoll, it was agreed that the Council approve the position statement and make further representation at higher levels, noting that the implications of the ban on British Beef would be raised at the meeting to be held on 4 April 1996 with Enterprise Ayrshire.

4.7 POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE OF 14 MARCH 1996

4.7.1 PROPOSALS FOR PRELIMINARY DECENTRALISATION SCHEME - TIMES OF MEETINGS (585) (Item No 2)

Councillor Sneller, seconded by Councillor McIntyre, moved that the recommendations contained in the Minutes be approved.

Councillor McCredie, seconded by Councillor Nicoll, moved as an amendment that the Local Committee and Local Planning Committee meetings be held after 5pm.

On a division by a show of hands the motion was carried by 21 votes to 7.

4.7.2 TITLES OF CONVENER AND DEPUTE CONVENER (573) (Item No 8)

It was noted that the titles of Convener and Depute Convener would now be Provost and Depute Provost respectively.

4.7.3 REMIT: CIVIC AND CEREMONIAL ISSUES SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE - APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS (572) (Item No 6)

It was agreed that the Provost, Depute Provost, Leader, Depute Leader and Councillors Wilma Doyle, Ronald Brailsford and Daniel Coffey be appointed.

4.8 SPECIAL POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE OF 26 MARCH 1996 - COAT OF ARMS (609) (Item No 2)

There was circulated the proposed Coat of Arms for East Ayrshire Council. Councillor McIntyre intimated that the 60 suggestions received in the course of the public consultation exercise had been taken account of in the design which reflected

many of their elements and that the proposal had been received with enthusiasm by the Lord Lyon who had made only slight amendments to the design.

It was agreed to adopt the circulated proposal as of the Coat of Arms for East Ayrshire Council.

4.9 COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE OF 26 MARCH 1996

4.9.1 REMIT FROM THE COMMUNITY SERVICES (LEISURE) SUB-COMMITTEE OF 21 FEBRUARY 1996 - KILMARNOCK LEISURE CENTRE TRUST - APPOINTMENT OF TRUSTEES AND OFFICIALS (663) (Item No 3)

Having heard Councillor Beattie, it was agreed that the Trustees and Officials to the Trust, in terms of the Trust deed which specified four Councillor and Two Officer Trustees, be Councillors John Smith (Chair), Gordon McCredie, Gordon Cree and Bob Beattie, with the Chief Executive, Director of Community Services or Head of Leisure as ex officio Trustees and signatories.

4.9.2 REPROCESSING OF RESEARCH REACTOR FUEL AT DOUNREAY (658) (Item No 5)

Councillor Beattie, seconded by Councillor Taylor, moved that the recommendations contained in the Minutes be approved.

Councillor McCredie, seconded by Councillor Campbell, moved as an amendment that in addition the Director of Community Services be instructed to make representations to the Prime Minister and the Leader of the Opposition urging both parties to adopt a policy ending the reprocessing of research reactor fuels at Dounreay.

On a division by a show of hands the motion was carried by 21 votes to 7.

4.10 SOCIAL WORK COMMITTEE OF 28 MARCH 1996

ADOPTION AND FOSTERING PANEL FOR EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL (677) (Item No 6)

Having heard Councillor Boyd, it was agreed:

- (i) that the composition of the above panel be increased by one Opposition member; and
- (ii) that Councillor Hall be appointed.

4.11 SOCIAL WORK INSPECTION UNIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE - APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS (677) (Item No 2)

The Council agreed that Councillors Jane Darnbrough, Eric Ross and Kathleen Hall be appointed to the Social Work Inspection Unit Advisory Committee in East Ayrshire.

STANDING ORDERS

- 5. There were submitted Standing Orders (circulated) which were agreed for adoption by the Council.

APPOINTMENT OF LEADER OF THE COUNCIL, DEPUTE LEADER AND CHAIRS AND VICE-CHAIRS

6. There was submitted a report dated 27 March 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services which requested consideration of the appointment of the Leader of the Council, Depute Leader of the Council and Chairs and Vice-Chairs of the Committees as detailed in the report, for the ensuing year.

Councillor Sneller, seconded by Councillor McIntyre, moved that the current holders of the offices be re-appointed as follows, viz:-

Leader of the Council:	Councillor Sneller.
Depute Leader of the Council:	Councillor McIntyre.
Policy & Resources Committee:	Chair - Councillor Sneller Vice-Chair - Councillor McIntyre.
Emergency Powers Committee:	Chair - Councillor Sneller.
Commercial Operations Committee:	Chair - Councillor O'Neill Vice-Chair - Councillor Carmichael.
Community Services Committee:	Chair - Councillor Beattie Vice-Chair - Councillor John Smith.
Development Services Committee:	Chair - Councillor Turnbull Vice-Chair - Councillor Ross.
Education Committee:	Chair - Councillor Farrell Vice-Chair - Councillor Taylor
Housing Committee:	Chair - Councillor Kelly Vice-Chair - Councillor Macrae
Social Work Committee:	Chair - Councillor Boyd Vice-Chair - Councillor Darnbrough.
Local Planning Committees:	
Cumnock Area:	Chair - Councillor Ross Vice-Chair - Councillor George Smith
Doon Valley:	Chair - Councillor John Smith Vice-Chair - Councillor Taylor
Irvine Valley:	Chair - Councillor Fulton Vice-Chair - Councillor Turnbull
Kilmarnock Central:	Chair - Councillor Cree Vice-Chair - Councillor Doyle
Kilmarnock North:	Chair - Councillor McIntyre Vice-Chair - Councillor Knapp

Kilmarnock South:	Chair - Councillor Darnbrough Vice-Chair - Councillor Stirling
Northern Area:	Chair - Councillor O'Neill Vice-Chair - Councillor Beattie

Councillor McDill, seconded by Councillor Brailsford, moved as an amendment that the appointments be as follows, viz:-

Leader of the Council -	Councillor Coffey.
Depute Leader -	Councillor Nicoll.
Policy and Resources:	Chair - Councillor Coffey Vice-Chair - Councillor Nicoll
Emergency Powers:	Chair - Councillor Coffey Vice-Chair - Councillor Nicoll
Commercial Operations:	Chair - Councillor Campbell Vice-Chair - Councillor McCredie
Community Services:	Chair - Councillor McCredie Vice-Chair - Councillor Campbell
Development Services:	Chair - Councillor McDill Vice-Chair - Councillor Reid
Education:	Chair - Councillor Nicoll Vice-Chair - Councillor Coffey
Housing:	Chair - Councillor Reid Vice-Chair - Councillor Campbell
Social Work:	Chair - Councillor Hall Vice-Chair - Councillor Brailsford
Local Planning Committees -	
Irvine Valley:	Chair - Councillor McDill Vice-Chair - Councillor Nicoll
Kilmarnock Central:	Chair - Councillor Reid Vice-Chair - Councillor Brailsford
Kilmarnock North:	Chair - Councillor Coffey Vice-Chair - Councillor McCredie
Kilmarnock South:	Chair - Councillor Campbell
Northern Area:	Chair - Councillor Hall

On a division by a show of hands the motion was carried by 21 votes to 7.

FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

7. There were submitted and agreed for adoption East Ayrshire Council Financial Regulations (circulated).

SCHEME OF DELEGATION

8. There was submitted a report dated 27 March 1996 by the Director of Support Services together with a draft Scheme of Delegation (both circulated) making recommendations for delegation of powers and duties to Committees, Sub-Committees and Officers.

It was agreed that the Scheme of Delegation be adopted by the Council subject to the amendments detailed in Appendix 2 to these Minutes and any appropriate minor consequential textual and typographic changes and that the Director of Support Services be authorised to make the necessary arrangements to publish the scheme.

Noted that an early review of the scheme would be undertaken and that additional regular reviews would be programmed.

MEETINGS CYCLE

9. There was submitted a report dated 29 March 1996 by Director of Support Services enclosing a draft meetings list for consideration.

Councillor Sneller, seconded by Councillor McIntyre, moved that the draft meetings list as submitted be approved.

Councillor McCredie, seconded by Councillor Coffey, moved as an amendment that the meetings cycle be approved subject to:

- (i) meetings proposed to be held at 10am being held at 9am;
- (ii) meetings proposed to be held at 2pm being held at 4pm; and
- (iii) that the Council meeting and Local Committee and Local Planning Committee meetings be held at 5pm or later.

On a division by a show of hands the motion was carried by 21 votes to 7.

APPOINTMENTS OF REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES

- 10.1 There were submitted lists:

- (i) of East Ayrshire appointments to date;
- (ii) of bodies to which appointments required to be made; and
- (iii) of bodies in respect of which appointments were under review together with report dated 27 March 1996 advising Members of the Bill Adams Memorial Award Trust (all circulated).

The lists of appointments to date and to which appointments were under review were noted.

It was further noted that Councillor Beattie had resigned from the Children's Panel Advisory Committee.

Councillor Sneller, seconded by Councillor McIntyre, moved the following appointments to outside bodies, viz:-

Kilmarnock and Loudoun Citizens Advice Bureau (KLDC Management Committee) - David Fulton, Irene Reeves, Jane Darnbrough.

New Start Project - George Turnbull, John Knapp, Jane Darnbrough.

Kilmarnock and Loudoun Unemployed Workers Community and Education Resource Centre Management Structure - Tommy Farrell, Robert Beattie, Robert Stirling and one Opposition Member.

Coalfield Community Campaign - Tommy Farrell, Jimmy Kelly.

Dalmellington and District Conservation Trust Board of Management - Tommy Farrell, Robert Taylor, John Smith.

British Coal Airdsgreen Open Cast Liaison Committee - Jimmy Kelly.

Cumnock and Doon Valley Victim Support Group - Jimmy Carmichael.

Annanhill and Caprington Golf Club Committee - Bob Beattie, Gordon Cree.

Ayrshire Radiation Monitoring Group - Bob Beattie.

Gatehead Old People's Welfare Committee - Wilma Doyle.

Kilmarnock & Loudoun District Crime Prevention Panel - Drew McIntyre, John Knapp, Jim O'Neill.

Riccarton Community Centre Barn - Jane Darnbrough, Robert Stirling, Alan Campbell.

Scottish Building Control Organisation - Scottish Type Approval Scheme - George Turnbull.

Kilmarnock Town Centre Management Initiative - George Turnbull.

Children's Panel Advisory Committee - William Smith, Stewarton.

Councillor McDill, seconded by Councillor Coffey, moved as an amendment appointments to outside bodies as follows, viz:-

Kilmarnock and Loudoun Citizens Advice Bureau (KLDC Management Committee) - Daniel Coffey

New Start Project - Daniel Coffey.

Kilmarnock and Loudoun Unemployed Workers Community and Education Resource Centre Management Structure - Ronald Brailsford, Daniel Coffey.

Coalfield Community Campaign - Douglas Reid.

Annanhill and Caprington Golf Club Committee - Local Members.

Kilmarnock & Loudoun District Crime Prevention Panel - Ronald Brailsford.

Kilmarnock Town Centre Management Initiative - Local Member

Children's Panel Advisory Committee - Kathleen Hall.

On a division by a show of hands the motion was carried by 21 votes to 7.

The Council further agreed that:

- (i) Ronald Brailsford would be the Opposition Group representative to the Kilmarnock & Loudoun Unemployed Workers Community and Education Resource Centre Management Structure; and
- (ii) the Chief Executive would make Officer appointments as necessary to the above organisations.

Noted that reports would continue to be brought to the Council regarding appointments to outside bodies and Trusts as required and that Members would

notify the Director of Support Services of any such bodies/Trusts they were aware of that required Council appointments.

10.2 BILL ADAMS MEMORIAL TRUST

It was agreed that the Provost be nominated as an ex officio Trustee of the Bill Adams Memorial Trust and that it be remitted to the Director of Support Services to advise the Secretary of the Memorial Trust of the Council's decision.

APPOINTMENT OF EX OFFICIO JUSTICES OF THE PEACE

11. There was submitted a report dated 27 March 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services advising the Council of the right to appoint Elected Members as ex officio Justices of the Peace, the criteria applied by the Secretary of State to such appointments and some of the duties involved.

It was agreed:

- (i) that Councillors Wilma Doyle, John Smith, Robert Stirling, Daniel Coffey and Robert McDill be nominated as ex officio Justices of the Peace to East Ayrshire Commission of the Peace;
- (ii) having regard to geographical considerations that a further two names from the Administration be submitted to the Chief Executive with a view to being nominated to Council for consideration; and
- (iii) that it be remitted to the Clerk of the Peace to submit details of those nominated as ex officio Justices of the Peace to the Secretary of State for consideration.

The meeting terminated at 1125 hrs.

APPENDIX 1**BOVINE SPONGIFORM ENCEPHALOPATHY -
EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL POSITION STATEMENT (Item No 4.6.3)**

“This Council has closely followed the advice issued by the Spongiform Encephalopathy Advisory Committee (SEAC) and sought advice from the Scottish Office and Environmental Health Departments and the Director of Public Health of the Ayrshire and Arran Health Board.

The consistent scientific view expressed is that there is no reason to withdraw beef from menus.

A choice of menu is offered in almost all catering facilities in East Ayrshire. Locations which offer a single choice are instructed not to offer a beef menu item in the meantime.

While bearing in mind the consistent advice from all official sources that:

although the risk may be real, it is likely to be very small indeed; and
on a decision based on an up-to-date assessment of all available authoritative advice, beef can continue to be served on menus,

the Council will continue nevertheless to provide an appropriate choice of menu for all customers.

Nonetheless, the Council is aware that the exercise of choice by young children is often not possible. It has been suggested that parents be invited to make that choice known to the schools. To that end, the Chair of Education has agreed that all parents be advised of the information made in this statement, through letters from the schools, and invited where they wish, to advise the school if they do not wish their child offered a beef choice. It has also been agreed to make it clear on menus where choices include beef.

The aim of this Council is to provide a high quality, safe, catering service for the people of East Ayrshire.

It is believed that, by taking these steps, the people of East Ayrshire can have total confidence in the safety of meals provided by this Council.”

APPENDIX 2**SCHEME OF DELEGATION - AMENDMENTS (Item No 8)**

- 4 Contracting Sub-Committee of the Policy and Resources Committee -
 (a) Line 3 to be the “other Client Committee Chairs” and not “five other main Committee Chairs.
- 7 Emergency Powers Committee -
 (a) Composition - Membership to include Local Members and relative Chairs of appropriate Service Committee
- 8 Commercial Operations Committee - Present membership should include Councillors Campbell and Hall.
- 17 Delete Note - Officer to confirm status of this paragraph.
- 18 Local Committee - Introduction - Supplementary first paragraph - “The Council has agreed to set up seven Local Committees which cover specific geographic areas in East Ayrshire. These Committees will consist of local Councillors who will take decisions on most of the important local matters”.
- 19 Geographical description of Local Committee areas should be aligned with decentralisation scheme.
- 19 The Northern Area Local Committee - Delete Moscow and insert Waterside.
- 20 General paragraph on powers of Local Committees should be moved to the beginning of reference to Local Committees on page 18.
- 20 General - paragraph 3 should be amended to read “in respect of specific service issues proposals shall be reported to the Decentralisation Sub-Committee in the first instance who may refer the issue to the relevant Committee or Sub-Committee for consideration.
- 21 Irvine Valley Local Planning Committee - Insert after details of membership - “so far as necessary to make up quorum”.
- 29 Emergency Situation - At end of paragraph insert “and Leader of the Council”.
- 37 Under Public Utilities paragraph insert - “including the granting of wayleaves across public highways and public footpaths”.
- 43 Paragraph 7, second line, “Government” should read “Council”.
- 43 Paragraph 8 to be deleted.