

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE****MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 15 APRIL 1998 AT 1000 HOURS
IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD,
KILMARNOCK**

PRESENT: Councillors John Smith, Gordon McCredie, Drew McIntyre, Gordon Cree, Ronald Brailsford, Provost Robert Stirling, Councillors Kathleen Hall, Ann Hay, David Sneller, George Smith, James Carmichael and Robert Taylor.

ATTENDING: David Montgomery, Chief Executive; William Stafford, Director of Community Services; John F Crawford, Head of Protective Services; Irene Townson, Principal Solicitor; Julie Armstrong, Senior Administrative Officer; David Morgan, Public Relations Officer and Ian Gemmell, Administrative Officer.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Jane Darnbrough, Alan Campbell, David Fulton, David Macrae, George Turnbull, Robert McDill and Tommy Farrell.

CHAIR: Councillor John Smith (Chair)

SUB-COMMITTEE MINUTES

1. There were submitted and approved both as correct records and in respect of the recommendations contained therein, the undernoted Sub-Committee Minutes (circulated).
 - 1.1 **LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE - 1 APRIL 1998 - APPENDIX I**
 - 1.2 **LEISURE SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE - 7 APRIL 1998 - APPENDIX II**

DEPARTMENTAL PROGRESS REPORT

2. There was submitted and noted a report dated 1 April 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on progress within the Community Services Department.

ACCIDENT PREVENTION - COMMUNITY SAFETY

3. There was submitted a report dated 1 April 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which sought approval of arrangements to replace the East Ayrshire Accident Prevention Committee with an East Ayrshire Community Safety Forum.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the establishment of an East Ayrshire Community Safety Forum, this body to replace the existing East Ayrshire Accident Prevention Committee;
- (ii) to approve the Constitution of the proposed Community Safety Forum as set out in the appendix to the report;

- (iii) to remit to Council to consider the nomination of 7 Councillors to serve on the Community Safety Forum (the Chair and Vice Chair being already ex officio appointments); and
- (iv) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

HEALTH AND SAFETY (ENFORCING AUTHORITY) REGULATIONS 1998

4. There was submitted and noted a report dated 31 March 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on new legislation to transfer enforcement responsibility from the Health and Safety Executive to Councils.

Councillor Sneller joined the meeting during discussion of the above item.

FORMER PUBLIC CONVENIENCE, 11 KILMARNOCK ROAD, MAUCHLINE

5. There was submitted a report dated 31 March 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which invited the Committee to consider declaring the site of the above former public convenience surplus to requirements.

It was agreed to declare the site of the former public convenience at 11 Kilmarnock Road, Mauchline surplus to the requirements of the Department of Community Services.

POLICE SECONDMENT (Item 13, Page 2182)

6. There was submitted and noted a report dated 1 April 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which advised of the full time secondment of a police officer to East Ayrshire Council effective from 2 March 1998.

AVAILABILITY OF LAIRS IN EAST AYRSHIRE CEMETERIES AS AT 31 JANUARY 1998

7. There was submitted a report dated 25 March 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on the available lair space in the cemeteries of East Ayrshire, and on proposed changes to the current pre-purchase arrangements.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the information contained in the report; and
- (ii) that the Director of Community Services cease the arrangements for pre-purchasing lair space at any cemetery with a remaining capacity of three years or less at current average usage rates.

EXTENSION OF CLOSED CIRCUIT TELEVISION - PROGRESS REPORT (Item 3, Page 2895)

8. There was submitted a report dated 6 April 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which advised of the rejection by the Scottish Office of the Council's bid submitted for the Closed Circuit Challenge Competition 1998/99.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note with disappointment the lack of success of the Council's 1998/99 Closed Circuit Television bid; and

- (ii) to have conveyed to the Scottish Office the Committee's concern regarding the doubtful validity of a number of reasons given by the Scottish Office as the basis for rejection of the bid.

EMERGENCY PLANNING - YEAR 2000

- 9. There was submitted a report dated 1 April 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on potential problems associated with the year 2000 and which recommended the formation of an officer working group to consider these issues.

It was agreed to endorse the establishment of an officer working group on year 2000 problems additional to those already being addressed within the Council in relation to its own Information Technology and Communication Systems.

The meeting terminated at 1025 hours.