

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 1 APRIL 1999 AT 1000 HOURS IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK

PRESENT: Depute Provost Jimmy Boyd and Councillors Gordon McCredie, Drew McIntyre, Irene Reeves, Gordon Cree, Jane Darnbrough, Jim O'Neill, Ann Hay, Daniel Coffey, David Fulton, David Macrae, Kim Nicoll, Robert McDill, Eric Ross, Jim Kelly, David Sneller, George Smith, Jimmy Carmichael, Robert Taylor, John Smith, Tommy Farrell and Eric Jackson.

ATTENDING: David Montgomery, Chief Executive; Fiona Lees, Depute Chief Executive; Bill Stafford, Director of Community Services; Barbara Haughan, Director of Corporate Services; Stephen Chorley, Director of Development Services; Alex McPhee, Director of Finance; John Hillis, Director of Housing; Bill Taylor, Acting Director of Commercial Operations; Margaret Burnell, Senior Depute Director of Education; Alan MacDougall, Depute Director of Social Work; Roddy Wallace, Head of Administration; Bill Walkinshaw, Principal Administrative Officer; Graham Kerr, Publicity Officer and Julie Armstrong, Senior Administrative Officer.

APOLOGIES: Provost Robert Stirling and Councillors Douglas Reid, Alan Campbell, Kathleen Hall, John Knapp and George Turnbull.

CHAIR: In the absence of Provost Robert Stirling, Depute Provost Boyd.

PRESENTATION BY CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF ENTERPRISE AYRSHIRE

1. Depute Provost Boyd welcomed Ms Liz Connolly to the Council meeting who had recently been appointed as Chief Executive of Enterprise Ayrshire.

Ms Liz Connolly then gave a short presentation on the strategy recently published by Scottish Enterprise National as a framework for the programmes for all the local enterprise companies and also on her views on the Ayrshire Strategy for Jobs which had recently been published by the Ayrshire Economic Forum. The Chief Executive then gave his general comments on the close working relationship that existed between the Council and Enterprise Ayrshire.

Members then had the opportunity to ask questions to Ms Liz Connolly.

Depute Provost Boyd then thanked Ms Connolly for coming along to give a presentation.

Councillor Macrae joined the meeting during the above item.

PREVIOUS MINUTES

2. There were submitted Minutes of meeting of Special Council held on 11 February 1999, Council meeting held on 18 February 1999 and Special Council meeting held on 4 March 1999 (all circulated) which were approved as correct records.

COMMITTEE MINUTES

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

- 3.1 SPECIAL AD HOC COMMERCIAL STRATEGY REVIEW COMMITTEE OF 8 FEBRUARY 1999 (pages 4230-4233)**
- 3.2 SPECIAL HOUSING COMMITTEE OF 9 FEBRUARY 1999 (pages 4234-4235)**
- 3.3 SPECIAL POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE OF 9 FEBRUARY 1999 (page 4236)**
- 3.4 SPECIAL POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE OF 19 FEBRUARY 1999 (pages 4244-4246)**
- 3.5 SPECIAL HOUSING COMMITTEE OF 23 FEBRUARY 1999 (pages 4247-4248)**
- 3.6 SPECIAL DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE OF 23 FEBRUARY 1999 (pages 4249-4250)**
- 3.7 KILMARNOCK NORTH LOCAL COMMITTEE OF 23 FEBRUARY 1999 (pages 4251-4255)**
- (i) REPLACEMENT OF TOWN AND VILLAGE SIGNS (Item 2.1, Page 4251)**
- It was agreed that the Director of Development Services would inform Councillor Coffey when the replacement of town and village signs would be completed.
- 3.8 SPECIAL COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE OF 24 FEBRUARY 1999 (pages 4256-4257)**
- 3.9 SPECIAL AD HOC COMMERCIAL STRATEGY REVIEW COMMITTEE OF 24 FEBRUARY 1999 AND 3 MARCH 1999 (pages 4258-4260)**
- 3.10 SPECIAL SOCIAL WORK COMMITTEE OF 24 FEBRUARY 1999 (pages 4261-4262)**
- 3.11 SPECIAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE OF 25 FEBRUARY 1999 (pages 4263-4264)**
- 3.12 CUMNOCK AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE OF 25 FEBRUARY 1999 (pages 4265-4270)**
- 3.13 EMERGENCY POWERS COMMITTEE OF 25 FEBRUARY 1999 (page 4271)**
- 3.14 NORTHERN AREA LOCAL PLANNING COMMITTEE OF 26 FEBRUARY 1999 (page 4272)**
- 3.15 SPECIAL POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE OF 3 MARCH 1999 (pages 4273-4277)**
- 3.16 IRVINE VALLEY LOCAL COMMITTEE OF 3 MARCH 1999 (pages 4278-4283)**
- 3.17 HOUSING COMMITTEE OF 4 MARCH 1999 (pages 4288-4291)**
- (i) RETIREMENT OF JOHN HILLIS, DIRECTOR OF HOUSING**
- Councillor Kelly referred to the retirement of John Hillis, Director of Housing and that this was the last Council meeting which he would attend officially. He outlined the good work which John had done for the Council over the past years and the Council concurred in extending to John Hillis their good wishes on his retirement.
- 3.18 SOUTHERN LOCAL PLANNING COMMITTEE OF 5 MARCH 1999 (pages 4292-4299)**
- 3.19 SPECIAL AD HOC COMMERCIAL STRATEGY REVIEW COMMITTEE OF 8 MARCH 1999 (pages 4300-4303)**
- 3.20 EMERGENCY POWERS COMMITTEE OF 8 MARCH 1999 (page 4304)**

3.21 DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE OF 9 MARCH 1999 (pages 4305-4327)

3.22 KILMARNOCK CENTRAL LOCAL COMMITTEE OF 9 MARCH 1999 (pages 4328-4332)

3.23 COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE OF 10 MARCH 1999 (pages 4333-4347)

(i) REVENUE BUDGET 1999/2000 (Items 12, 13 & 14, Pages 4335 & 4336)

It was agreed, for further clarification and to avoid possible misunderstanding, that the following amendments be made to the Minute:-

(i) Item 12 - that the amendment should read "Councillor Coffey seconded by Councillor Hay moved as an amendment that the proposals contained within the report be noted as draft proposals for consultation with the Trade Unions";

(ii) Item 13 - that para (i) of the amendment should read "to note that the Council had agreed to cease the boat hiring facility at Kay Park Boating Pond"; and

(iii) Item 14 - that para (i) of the amendment should read "to note that the Council had agreed to close the above facility".

3.24 KILMARNOCK SOUTH LOCAL COMMITTEE OF 10 MARCH 1999 (pages 4348-4351)

3.25 EDUCATION COMMITTEE OF 11 MARCH 1999 (pages 4352-4360)

Councillors Ross and Taylor joined the meeting at this point.

3.26 NORTHERN AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE OF 11 MARCH 1999 (pages 4361-4366)

3.27 NORTHERN AREA LOCAL PLANNING COMMITTEE OF 12 MARCH 1999 (pages 4367-4373)

3.28 SOCIAL WORK COMMITTEE OF 16 MARCH 1999 (pages 4374-4385)

3.29 POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE OF 18 MARCH 1999 (pages 4386-4408)

3.30 CENTRAL LOCAL PLANNING COMMITTEE OF 19 MARCH 1999 (pages 4409-4417)

SCHEME OF DELEGATION (Item 4, Page 4083)

4. There was submitted a report dated 25 March 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services which presented for consideration of Council a revised Scheme of Delegation which encapsulated changes to Officer delegation that reflected the new Departmental structures following the recent review of Council structures together with changes previously adopted by the Council and consequential changes. The Director advised that the Scheme, if adopted, would be circulated after correction of typographical errors.

It was agreed:-

(i) to adopt the reviewed Scheme of Delegation circulated with the report which recognised the new Departmental structures following the recent review of Council structures; and

(ii) to note that the next scheduled review of the Scheme of Delegation would be following the Council Elections on 6 May 1999.

The meeting terminated at 1055 hours.