

## EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 18 FEBRUARY 1999 AT 1000 HRS IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK

**PRESENT:** Depute Provost Jimmy Boyd and Councillors Gordon McCredie, Drew McIntyre, Irene Reeves, Gordon Cree, Douglas Reid, Jane Darnbrough, Alan Campbell, Kathleen Hall, Ann Hay, John Knapp, Daniel Coffey, David Fulton, Robert McDill, Eric Ross, Jim Kelly, David Sneller, George Smith, Jimmy Carmichael, John Smith 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; Alex McPhee, Director of Finance; Iain McLachlan, Director of Personnel Services; Douglas Bulloch, Director of Social Work; Barbara Haughan, Director of Support Services; Chris McAleavey, Senior Depute Director of Housing; Robin Gourlay, Depute Director of Commercial Operations; Kate McVey, Solicitor to Council; Roddy Wallace, Head of Administration; Douglas Campbell, Head of Public Relations and Marketing; and Julie Armstrong, Senior Administrative Officer.

**APOLOGIES:** Provost Robert Stirling and Councillors Jim O'Neill, David Macrae, Kim Nicoll, George Turnbull, Robert Taylor and Tommy Farrell.

**CHAIR:** In the absence of the Provost, Depute Provost Boyd.

#### DEATH OF COUNCILLOR RONALD BRAILSFORD

1. The Depute Provost referred to the death of Councillor Ronald Brailsford on 4 January expressing, on behalf of the Council, that his death was a blow not only to East Ayrshire Council but to the whole community.

The Depute Provost stated that a great loss had been suffered by his family and by all Elected Members who enjoyed both his professional presence and his social company. The Depute Provost continued by stating that the same sense of loss was shared by the staff of the Council with whom he had established good, effective working relationships which had created universal respect.

The Depute Provost stated that Ron worked tirelessly for his constituents in the Howard and Gargieston area of Kilmarnock and he was always able to take a strategic view of wider issues to the benefit of the whole of East Ayrshire. Ron had been a friend to everyone and an example to all. All could learn something from Ron's approach to life and to adversity and gain inspiration from the courage, determination and spirit that he showed up to the very end of his brave fight against illness.

The Depute Provost then asked all present to be upstanding and join him in a minute's silence as a mark of their respect for their late friend and colleague Ron Brailsford.

The Council observed a minute's silence.

Following the minute's silence, it was agreed that an extract of these Minutes be sent to Councillor Brailsford's family.

**INTRODUCTION OF CHIEF SUPERINTENDENT WILLIAM CAMPBELL,  
AYRSHIRE DIVISION OF STRATHCLYDE POLICE**

2. The Depute Provost introduced Chief Superintendent William Campbell, Superintendent Simon Keenan and Depute Divisional Commander Alistair McNaughton to the meeting.

The Depute Provost intimated that Chief Superintendent Campbell had been appointed to the post of Divisional Commander of the new Ayrshire Division of Strathclyde Police which had been formed by amalgamating 'U' and 'R' Divisions, which came into operation on 1 June 1999. Chief Superintendent Campbell then introduced his colleagues and outlined the changes taking place within Strathclyde Police.

He also expressed regret regarding the absence of Chief Inspector Jim Thomson who was recovering from a hospital operation and would, on resuming duty, continue to play an important operational role within the East Ayrshire area.

The Depute Provost then thanked the Officers for attending the meeting and wished them well for the future. He also passed on his best wishes to Jim Thomson for a speedy recovery.

**PREVIOUS MINUTES**

3. There were submitted Minutes of Meeting of Council held on 17 December 1998 (circulated) which were approved as a correct record.

**COMMITTEE MINUTES**

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

- 4.1 **SPECIAL POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE OF 24 AND 25 NOVEMBER AND 16 DECEMBER 1998 (pages 4062-4065).**
- 4.2 **SPECIAL AD HOC COMMERCIAL STRATEGY REVIEW COMMITTEE OF 14 DECEMBER 1998 (pages 4066-4069).**
- 4.3 **SPECIAL SOUTHERN LOCAL PLANNING COMMITTEE OF 14 DECEMBER 1998 (pages 4070-4071).**
- 4.4 **SPECIAL DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE OF 16 AND 17 DECEMBER 1998 (pages 4072-4080).**
- 4.5 **EMERGENCY POWERS COMMITTEE OF 17 DECEMBER 1998 (page 4088).**
- 4.6 **EMERGENCY POWERS COMMITTEE OF 29 DECEMBER 1998 (page 4089).**
- 4.7 **SPECIAL POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE OF 12 JANUARY 1999 (pages 4090-4091).**

**(i) REPORT BY THE CONTROLLER OF AUDIT TO THE ACCOUNTS COMMISSION IN TERMS OF SECTION 102(2) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 1973 (Item 4, page 4091)**

Councillor Sneller, seconded by Councillor Jackson, moved the Minutes as a correct record.

Councillor Reid, seconded by Councillor Coffey, moved as an amendment that, in addition to approving the Minutes, that East Ayrshire Council write to the Accounts Commission to ask that they reconsider and overturn their decision not to carry out a public inquiry and that a public inquiry be carried out as soon as possible.

On a division by a show of hands the motion was carried by 14 votes to 7.

**4.8 SPECIAL AD HOC COMMERCIAL STRATEGY REVIEW COMMITTEE OF 12 JANUARY 1999 (pages 4092-4094).**

**4.9 EMERGENCY POWERS COMMITTEE OF 12 JANUARY 1999 (page 4095).**

**4.10 KILMARNOCK NORTH LOCAL COMMITTEE OF 14 JANUARY 1999 (pages 4096-4099).**

**(i) LONGPARK STRATEGY - SPECIAL MEETING (Item 7, Page 4098)**

It was agreed that Councillor Coffey be provided with information on when the next meeting to discuss the Longpark Strategy would be held.

**4.11 CUMNOCK AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE OF 14 JANUARY 1999 (pages 4100-4106).**

**4.12 NORTHERN AREA LOCAL PLANNING COMMITTEE OF 15 JANUARY 1999 (pages 4107-4113).**

**4.13 HOUSING COMMITTEE OF 20 JANUARY 1999 (pages 4114-4118).**

**4.14 SPECIAL POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE OF 20 JANUARY 1999 (pages 4119-4120).**

**4.15 EMERGENCY POWERS COMMITTEE OF 20 JANUARY 1999 (pages 4121-4122).**

**4.16 IRVINE VALLEY LOCAL COMMITTEE OF 20 JANUARY 1999 (pages 4123-4126).**

**4.17 SOUTHERN LOCAL PLANNING COMMITTEE OF 22 JANUARY 1999 (pages 4127-4130).**

**4.18 SPECIAL AD HOC HOUSING PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE OF 25 JANUARY 1999 (page 4131).**

**4.19 SPECIAL AD HOC HOUSING PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE OF 25 JANUARY 1999 (page 4132).**

**4.20 SPECIAL AD HOC HOUSING PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE OF 25 JANUARY 1999 (page 4133).**

**4.21 DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE OF 26 JANUARY 1999 AND 1 FEBRUARY 1999 (pages 4134-4148).**

Councillor Hall left the meeting at this point.

**(i) REMIT FOR COMMITTEE - AYRSHIRE AND ARRAN TOURIST BOARD (Item 23, Page 4145)**

It was agreed to nominate the Chair of the Development Services Committee to represent the Council on the Ayrshire and Arran Tourist Board.

**4.22 SPECIAL POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE OF 26 JANUARY 1999 (pages 4149-4150).**

- 4.23 **KILMARNOCK CENTRAL LOCAL COMMITTEE OF 26 JANUARY 1999 (pages 4151-4155).**
- 4.24 **COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE OF 27 JANUARY 1999 (pages 4156-4164).**
- 4.25 **EDUCATION COMMITTEE OF 28 JANUARY 1999 (pages 4165-4178).**
- 4.26 **NORTHERN AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE OF 28 JANUARY 1999 (pages 4179-4183).**
- 4.27 **SOCIAL WORK COMMITTEE OF 2 FEBRUARY 1999 (pages 4184-4188).**
- 4.28 **DOON VALLEY LOCAL COMMITTEE OF 2 FEBRUARY 1999 (pages 4189-4194).**
- 4.29 **SPECIAL KILMARNOCK SOUTH LOCAL COMMITTEE OF 3 FEBRUARY 1999 (pages 4195-4197).**
- 4.30 **POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE OF 4 FEBRUARY 1999 (pages 4198-4223).**

**(i) REMIT FOR COMMITTEE - CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU - MANAGEMENT STRUCTURE (Item 15, Page 4201)**

It was agreed to appoint Councillors David Fulton, George Smith and Robert McDill as representatives on the East Ayrshire Citizens Advice Bureau Management Board.

- 4.31 **CENTRAL LOCAL PLANNING COMMITTEE OF 5 FEBRUARY 1999 (pages 4224-4229).**

**ABSTRACT OF ACCOUNTS 1997/98 AND  
COMPETITIVE SERVICES ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS 1997/98**

- 5. There was submitted a report dated 1 February 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Finance to present to Council the audited Abstract of Accounts 1997/98 together with audited Annual Report and Accounts for Competitive Services for 1997/98.

It was agreed:

- (i) that the Chief Executive incorporate the revised figures within the previously approved Annual Report for 1997/98; and
- (ii) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

**AUDITOR'S REPORT ON 1997/98 ACCOUNTS**

- 6. There was submitted and noted a report dated 3 February 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Finance to present to Members the Auditor's Report on his audit for 1997/98.

**CAPITAL PROGRAMME 1998/99**

- 7. There was submitted a joint report dated 12 February 1999 (circulated) by the Directors of Finance and of Support Services on anticipated slippage in the Capital Programme 1998/99 and seeking approval to undertake a number of projects to utilise the funds available.

It was agreed:

- (i) to approve the additional capital expenditure;

- (ii) to approve the procurement method of works as detailed in Section 4 of the report; and
- (iii) otherwise to note the content of the report.

#### **APPOINTMENTS TO WEST OF SCOTLAND WATER AUTHORITY**

8. There was submitted a report dated 9 February 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services to consider a request by CoSLA to submit nominations to the West of Scotland Water Authority on behalf of the Council.

It was agreed:

- (i) to nominate Councillors Tommy Farrell and David Macrae to the West of Scotland Water Authority; and
- (ii) that the Director of Support Services liaise with the nominated Members with a view to submitting nominations to CoSLA by 19 February 1999.

#### **SCOTTISH PARLIAMENT, LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND EUROPEAN ELECTIONS 1999 - ORGANISATION OF POLLING DISTRICTS AND POLLING PLACES**

9. There was submitted a report dated 12 February 1999 (circulated) by the Chief Executive to present, for Council approval, polling districts and polling places in respect of the Parliamentary Constituency of Kilmarnock and Loudoun and that part of the Parliamentary Constituency of Carrick, Cumnock and Doon Valley which lies within East Ayrshire Council's boundaries.

It was agreed:

- (i) to note that the description for the polling place for polling district KL16 should read "Longpark Community Centre, Innellan Drive, Kilmarnock" ; and
- (ii) to approve the list of polling districts and polling places detailed within Appendices I and II of the report for the purposes of the Scottish Parliamentary, Local Government and European Elections in respect of the Parliamentary Constituencies of Kilmarnock and Loudoun and Carrick, Cumnock and Doon Valley (Part).

Councillor Reid left the meeting at this point.

#### **DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE - RESCHEDULED MEETING**

10. It was agreed to reschedule the meeting of the Development Services Committee from Tuesday 9 March 1999 at 1000 hrs to Tuesday 9 March at 1330 hrs in the Meeting Room, Council Headquarters, London Road, Kilmarnock.

The meeting terminated at 1100 hrs.