

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 25 NOVEMBER 1998 AT 1000 HOURS IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK

PRESENT: Councillors John Smith, Gordon McCredie, Drew McIntyre, Gordon Cree, Jane Darnbrough, Daniel Coffey, David Fulton, Kim Nicoll, George Turnbull, Eric Ross, David Sneller, George Smith and James Carmichael.

ATTENDING: David Montgomery, Chief Executive; William Stafford, Director of Community Services; John F Crawford, Head of Protective Services; Chris Johnston, Principal Officer, Community Services; David Mitchell, Principal Solicitor; Alistair Gardiner, Senior Accountant; Julie Armstrong, Senior Administrative Officer; and Ian Gemmell, Administrative Officer.

APOLOGIES: Provost Robert Stirling and Councillors Alan Campbell, Ann Hay, Robert Taylor 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 - 11 NOVEMBER 1998 - APPENDIX I.

1.1.1 HEARING PROCEDURE FOR DETERMINING APPLICATIONS - LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE - There was submitted a report dated 24 November 1998 (circulated) by the Solicitor to the Council on the formation of an Officer Working Group to review the procedures for determining applications, and to remind Members that pending such a review, the current approved Committee procedures should be followed.

It was agreed to note:-

- (i) the situation with regard to the Officer working Group examining the Hearing Procedure and the requirement for Member training; and
- (ii) that in the interim, the current procedures, including the application of Standing Orders, applies to the Hearing Procedure.

1.2 LEISURE SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE - 17 NOVEMBER 1998 - APPENDIX II.

Councillor Ross joined the meeting at this point.

1.2.1 MATTERS ARISING

Arising from discussion under item 1.3, it was agreed that the Director of Community Services write to Scottish Natural Heritage and determine the action being taken nationally in relation to the Red Squirrel population.

EAST AYRSHIRE ENVIRONMENTAL FORUM

2. There were submitted for information, Minutes (circulated) of the meeting of the East Ayrshire Environmental Forum held on 2 November 1998 as shown as Appendix III to these Minutes.

It was agreed to note that Councillor Darnbrough was in attendance.

BUDGETARY CONTROL SUMMARY STATEMENT: COMMUNITY SERVICES TO 9 OCTOBER 1998 (PERIOD 7)

3. There was submitted and noted a joint report dated 12 November 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Finance and the Director of Community Services on the current budgetary control position and the projected out-turn for the year for the Community Services Department for the period ended 9 October 1998 (Period 7).

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

BUDGETARY CONTROL SUMMARY STATEMENT: LEISURE MANAGEMENT TO 9 OCTOBER 1998 (PERIOD 7)

4. There was submitted and noted a joint report dated 10 November 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Finance and the Director of Community Services on the current budgetary control position and the projected out-turn for the year for Leisure Management to 9 October 1998 (Period 7).

BUDGETARY CONTROL SUMMARY STATEMENT: REFUSE COLLECTION AND STREET CLEANSING TO 9 OCTOBER 1998 (PERIOD 7)

5. There was submitted and noted a joint report dated 11 November 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Finance and the Director of Community Services on the current budgetary control position and the projected out-turn for the year for Refuse Collection and Street Cleansing to 9 October 1998 (Period 7).

DRAINAGE WORK AT KAY PARK BOATING LAKE, KILMARNOCK

6. There was submitted a report dated 13 November 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which sought approval for urgent drainage work required at the Kay Park Boating Lake, Kilmarnock.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the current situation at the Kay Park Boating Lake, and to approve, for the purposes of urgent remedial drainage work, expenditure of up to £9,000 from the existing capital programme for Community Services for the current financial year; and
- (ii) that the Director of Community Services investigate drainage problems behind Netherthird Library.

DEPARTMENTAL PROGRESS REPORT

7. There was submitted a report dated 10 November 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on progress within the Community Services Department.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the Director of Community Services arrange for a survey to be carried out of all play areas and existing Play Equipment in East Ayrshire, and submit a report to a future meeting of this Committee; and
- (ii) otherwise to note the report.

ABSENCE MANAGEMENT TO 2 OCTOBER 1998

8. There was submitted and noted a report dated 9 November 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on the absence rates for the Department of Community Services for the quarterly period ending 2 October 1998.

NATIONAL SPRING CLEAN 1998

9. There was submitted a report dated 30 October 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on the Council's performance in the above event.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the Council's continued participation in National Spring Clean in 1999; and
- (ii) that the Director of Community Services provide Councillor Ross with a list of schools that officers have visited to highlight environmental issues; and
- (iii) otherwise to note the report.

UK CLIMATE CHANGE PROGRAMME - CONSULTATION PAPER

10. There was submitted a report dated 10 November 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on arrangements made to compile a response to the above Consultation Paper.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note that the figure at paragraph 2.4 should read 1991 and not 1919;
- (ii) to note that the East Ayrshire Environmental Forum would be requested to compile an appropriate response for consideration by this Committee prior to the submission of the Council's formal response by the closing date for submissions on 12 February 1999; and
- (iii) otherwise to note the report.

AIR QUALITY REVIEW AND ASSESSMENT

11. There was submitted a report dated 18 November 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on the production of the Air Quality Review and Assessment for East Ayrshire following the guidance issued by the Scottish Office.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the Director of Community Services make any necessary arrangements to submit the review and assessment for consideration to the Scottish Office; and
- (ii) otherwise to note the report.

DANGER DETECTIVES

12. There was submitted a report dated 11 November 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on the current year's Danger Detectives event, which took place in East Ayrshire from 31 August to 2 October 1998.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the Council continue to support the Danger Detectives event in the future; and
- (ii) otherwise to note the report.

SALE OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS TO YOUNG PERSONS

13. There was submitted a report dated 28 October 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on the results of a national survey of the enforcement procedures for legal measures introduced to control the sale of tobacco products to children, on the results of discussions with the Procurator Fiscal in respect of the issues, and which outlined the current enforcement programme.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the enforcement strategy set out in the Director's report;
- (ii) that the Director of Community Services raise with the Convention of Scottish Local Authorities, under the current review of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982, the need for new legislation to allow the licensing of traders selling tobacco products;
- (iii) to note the increased enforcement activity proposed under the above strategy; and
- (iv) that the Director of Community Services request Strathclyde Police to include the issue of the sale of tobacco products to young persons under the current Strathclyde Police Spotlight Initiative.

THE HORSE PASSPORTS ORDER 1997, THE HORSE PASSPORTS (AMENDMENT) ORDER 1998

14. There was submitted and noted a report dated 30 October 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on new legislation which established a system of identification documents for horses registered with recognised organisations and born in Great Britain.

Councillor Nicoll left the meeting at this point.

AVAILABILITY OF LAIRS IN EAST AYRSHIRE CEMETERIES

15. There was submitted a report dated 10 November 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on the available lair space in the cemeteries of East Ayrshire.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the Director of Community Services make suitable arrangements to publicise the Council's policy on the sale of lairs in cemeteries; and
- (ii) to note the following additional information provided by the Director in respect of Riccarton Cemetery:-
 - (a) Lairs remaining - 1,294;
 - (b) Average annual usage - 38; and
 - (c) Renewal required - 36 years.
- (iii) otherwise to note the report.

STRATEGIC REVIEW OF ORGANIC WASTE SPREAD ON LAND

- 16.** There was submitted a report dated 9 November 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which advised the Committee that the Secretary of State had received a report from the Scottish Environment Protection Agency on a strategic review of organic waste spread on land.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the Director of Community Services make immediate representations urging the Government to introduce new legislation prohibiting the spreading of blood and gut contents and septic tank sludges on land; and
- (ii) otherwise to note the report.

INSTITUTE OF TRADING STANDARDS ADMINISTRATION CONFERENCE, STIRLING: 5-6 NOVEMBER 1998

- 17.** There was submitted and noted a report dated 9 November 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on the above Conference, at which the Council had been represented.

ACCEPTANCE OF TENDER

- 18.** There was submitted and noted a report dated 3 November 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services which provided the details of the undernoted tender which had been awarded in respect of a Community Service contract:-

Contract	Successful Contractor	Amount
Erection and Dismantling of Seasonal Street and Tree Lighting 1998/99 Programme.	John Girvan and Sons Ltd, Ayr.	£25,617.83

The meeting terminated at 1150 hours.