

APPENDIX III

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

EAST AYRSHIRE ENVIRONMENTAL FORUM

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 2 NOVEMBER 1998 AT 1400 HOURS IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK

PRESENT: Councillors John Smith, Gordon McCredie, Gordon Cree, Jane Darnbrough and Robert Taylor; Community Representatives Mr Alex Currie and Mr Ian McVey; and Co-opted Members Miss Alison Barnes (RSPB) and Mr Bill Gilmour (ARM).

ATTENDING: William Stafford, Director of Community Services; Jim Maitland, Depute Director of Housing; John F Crawford, Head of Protective Services; Paul Todd, Principal Officer (Environmental Health and Waste Management); John Lilley, Principal Officer (Policy and Projects), Development Services; Morven M Buchanan, Environment Officer; Robert Robb, Recycling Officer; and Ian Gemmell, Administrative Officer.

APOLOGIES: Councillor James Carmichael; Community Representatives Mr Edward Torrance and Miss Ann McRoberts; and Co-opted Member Mr Graeme Walker (Scottish Natural Heritage).

CHAIR: Councillor John Smith, Chair.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

1. There was submitted for information and noted, the Minutes of the meeting of the East Ayrshire Environmental Forum held on 26 August 1998 (circulated).

PROVISION OF RECYCLING FACILITIES

2. There was submitted a report dated 16 October 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on existing recycling facilities within East Ayrshire, and on how those facilities could be extended.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the information provided in the report; and
- (ii) to approve, in respect of the Forum's interests, the additional recycling collection sites proposed by the Director of Community Services.

PRODUCER RESPONSIBILITY REGULATIONS

3. There was submitted and noted a report dated 15 October 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on the Producer Responsibility (Packaging Waste) Obligation Regulations 1997 for the recovery and recycling of packaging and packaging materials.

OPENCAST COAL SITES RESTORATION PROJECT

4. There was submitted and noted a report dated 15 October 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on the Opencast Coal Sites Restoration Project co-ordinated by the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds.

PRESENTATION ON THE OPENCAST COAL SITES RESTORATION PROJECT

5. A presentation was given by Alison Barnes of the Society's Opencast Coal Sites Restoration Project.

ADDITIONAL ITEM

The Chair agreed that this item of urgent business be reported in view of the timescale of the consultation involved.

U.K. CLIMATE CHANGE PROGRAMME - CONSULTATION PAPER

6. It was reported and noted (i) that Councils had been asked to respond to a Government consultation paper on a number of issues relating to climate change resulting from carbon dioxide emissions; (ii) that copies of the consultation paper had been enclosed for issue to Members of the Environmental Forum; and (iii) that Forum Members should forward any observations on the consultation paper direct to the Director of Community Services by mid December 1998.

The meeting terminated at 1445 hours.