

## **EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

### **DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**Minutes of Meeting held on Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> November 1995 at 2.00pm in the Meeting Room, London Road Centre, Kilmarnock**

**PRESENT:** G Turnbull (Chair), R Brailsford, W Doyle, T Farrell, D Fulton, J Knapp, R McDill, I Reeves, E Ross, G Smith and D Sneller.

**ATTENDING:** D Montgomery (Chief Executive), M O'Rourke, S Chorley (Director of Development Services), A Neish (Head of Planning), R Paton (Head of Economic Development), W Taylor (Head of Roads and Transportation), D Campbell (Head of Public Relations and Marketing).

**APOLOGIES:** A McIntyre, D Coffey, D Reid.

#### **1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

There was submitted and noted the minutes of the Development Services Committee of 28 September 1995.

#### **2. EAST AYRSHIRE REGENERATION PARTNERSHIP**

There was submitted a report (issued) by the Director of Development Services seeking the Committee's approval for a consultative report on a proposed partnership for the regeneration of priority areas in East Ayrshire including the objectives, management scheme and funding proposals.

After discussion, when the need for community consultation was emphasised, it was agreed to approve the outline for community regeneration partnership for further consultation with local groups.

#### **3. LOCAL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT SERVICES**

There was submitted a report (issued) by the Director of Development Services outlining possible partnership arrangements for the delivery of local business development services in East Ayrshire from 1<sup>st</sup> April 1996. After discussion it was agreed to:

- (a) proceed with the outline structures as noted in the report and consult with Enterprise Ayrshire, the two Local Enterprise Trusts in the area and the Cumnock Initiative, in order to reach a consensus on local business development delivery for 1996/97 and beyond, and for this to be reported to the Committee at an early stage for further consideration; and

- (b) agree to the preparation of a study into wider business development issues between Enterprise Ayrshire and East Ayrshire Council, and note that its recommendations and findings will be reported to Committee for consideration at an early stage.

#### **4. LOCAL COMMITTEES - INVOLVEMENT IN DEVELOPMENT SERVICES**

There was submitted a report (issued) by the Director of Development Services indicating policy areas and service management responsibilities within the remit of the Development Services Committee and department which could be delegated to the proposed local committees.

After discussion it was agreed that:

- (a) the report be remitted to the Policy and Resources (Decentralisation) Sub-Committee as initial proposals for delegation of policy and service management responsibilities to the proposed local committees; and
- (b) the Director of Development Services be requested to give further consideration to the management arrangements required to support the local committees.

#### **5. CAPITAL PROGRAMME FOR 1996/97**

There was submitted a report (issued) by the Director of Development Services seeking approval for a draft outline Capital Programme for 1996/97.

After discussion it was agreed to:

- (a) approve the priorities set out in paragraphs 10 and 11 of the report subject to review after the Council has adopted an economic strategy;
- (b) request the Director of Development Services in conjunction with the Director of Finance and in consultation with the Chair of the Committee to draw up for consideration by the Policy and Resources Committee draft development Services proposals for inclusion in the authority's overall submission to the Scottish Office for capital borrowing consent allocations, based on the outline programme set out on Annexes 2 and 3 of the report;
- (c) request that the Director of Development Services seek the assistance of the existing authorities in carrying out further feasibility assessments and initial design work on projects which would meet the proposed priorities; and
- (d) request the Director of Development Services to submit a report to a future meeting of the Committee setting out more detailed proposals based on indications of funds likely to be available and the further work proposed at (c) above.

## **6. ARCHAEOLOGICAL SERVICES**

There was submitted a report (issued) by the Director of Development Services.

- (a) outlining the options for meeting the Council's duties in relation to the conservation of archaeological sites;
- (b) recommending an approach to providing archaeological services in the future.

It was agreed, subject to confirmation after the Council has drawn up its budget, to support

- (i) the continuation of the Regional service if the cost can be reduced to around half that proposed by the Regional Council; or
- (ii) an Ayrshire based service, subject to a similar cost ceiling and if necessary including the cost of any transitional arrangements required to transfer the existing Regional database.

## **7. DRAFT NATIONAL PLANNING POLICY GUIDELINE - SPORT AND PHYSICAL RECREATION**

There was submitted a report (issued) by the Director of Development Services informing the Committee of the planning implications of the Draft National Planning Policy Guidelines on Sport and Physical Recreation that the Community Services Committee had agreed could form the basis for the joint development of policy guidelines with the Director of Community Services.

After discussion it was agreed to:

- (a) endorse the decision of the Community Services Committee that the Director of Community Services jointly with the Director of Development Services carry out a review of open spaces and recreational provision and that subsequent policy guidelines be accommodated as appropriate within any subsequent review of the local plan framework;
- (b) carry out this review in consultation with the local committees; and
- (c) request that Secretary of State make sport an optional issue for Structure Plans.

## **8. SCHOOL CROSSING PATROLS**

There was submitted a report (issued) by the Director of Development Services informing the Committee of a recent transfer of responsibility for school crossing patrols from the Police to the Regional Council Roads Department and that these would become the responsibility of East Ayrshire Council from April

After discussion, it was agreed that the Committee request the Head of Roads and the Director of Commercial Operations to draw up detailed management and operational proposals for consideration by the committee prior to 31<sup>st</sup> March 1996.

#### **9. AGENCY ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF TRUNK ROADS**

There was submitted and agreed a report (issued) by the Director of Development Services:

- (a) informing the Committee of the submission of a bid for the management and maintenance of trunk roads in the Clyde Conurbation area by the local authority consortium; and
- (b) seeking the Committee's approval to confirm that East Ayrshire Council would wish to enter into an agency agreement to deliver maintenance service for the "all purpose" trunk roads in East Ayrshire.

#### **10. FUTURE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE PUBLIC TRANSPORT AUTHORITY**

The Committee welcomed to the meeting for this item Mr S Lockley, Director General of the Strathclyde Passenger Transport Executive and Councillor Maggs, Vice-Chair, Strathclyde Regional Council's Roads and Transport Committee.

Having emphasised the importance of public transport to the people of East Ayrshire, Councillor Turnbull then invited Mr Steven Lockley to give a presentation on the future arrangements for the Public Transport Authority.

After a full discussion, when in particular the need for East Ayrshire to obtain value for money for any arrangements entered into with the PTA was emphasised, Councillor Turnbull extended the appreciation of the Committee to Councillor Maggs and Mr Lockley for their contribution to the Committee.