

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE****MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 13 OCTOBER 1999 AT 1000 HOURS IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK**

PRESENT: Councillors Robert Taylor, Ann Hay, Stephanie Young, Daniel Coffey, John Weir, Harry Wilson, Jane Darnbrough, Finlay MacLean, Eric Jackson, Tommy Farrell, Julie Faulds, William Menzies, Eric Ross, Elaine Dinwoodie and Jimmy Carmichael.

ATTENDING: David Montgomery, Chief Executive; William Stafford, Director of Community Services; John F Crawford, Head of Protective Services; Tim Baulk, Financial Services Manager; Robert McCulloch, Outdoor Amenities Manager; Julie Armstrong, Senior Administrative Officer; Irene Brydie, Solicitor; Ian Gemmell, Administrative Officer; Katie Kelly, Leisure Development Officer; and David Morgan, Public Relations Officer.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Katie Hall, Brian Reeves, Drew McIntyre, David Macrae and Iain Linton.

CHAIR: Councillor Robert Taylor, 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 **SPECIAL LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE - 1 JULY 1999 - APPENDIX I**
 - 1.2 **LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE - 29 SEPTEMBER 1999 - APPENDIX II**

BUDGETARY CONTROL SUMMARY STATEMENT: COMMUNITY SERVICES TO 27 AUGUST 1999 (PERIOD 5)

2. There was submitted and noted a joint report dated 29 September 1999 (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 27 August 1999 (Period 5).

DEPARTMENTAL PROGRESS REPORT

3. There was submitted and noted a report dated 23 September 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on progress within the Community Services Department.

“MAKE OUR COMMUNITY SAFER” CHALLENGE COMPETITION 2000/01

4. There was submitted a report dated 27 September 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on proposals to reorganise the annual Closed Circuit Television Challenge Competition.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to welcome the opportunity to bid for further capital funding for developing community safety initiatives, including the extension of closed circuit television; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

GROUNDS MAINTENANCE WINTER SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENT 1999/2000

5. There was submitted a report dated 22 September 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on the Grounds Maintenance Service Level Agreement to be delivered by the Parks DSO from October 1999 to March 2000.

It was agreed to approve the Winter Service Level Agreement for Grounds Maintenance as set out in the Director's report.

WOODROAD CARAVAN PARK - BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY

6. There was submitted a report dated 21 September 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on the outcome of the proposed leasing of Woodroad Caravan Park as a business opportunity.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note that no bids for the lease of Woodroad Caravan Park had been received to date;
- (ii) to note the potential overspend in respect of the facility and that efforts were being made to absorb this within current budgets;
- (iii) that the Director of Community Services raise the matter during the budget setting process for 2000/2001;
- (iv) that the Director of Community Services provide information to Councillor Ross regarding the caravanning periodicals in which the Caravan Park's facilities were advertised; and
- (v) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

SUN TANNING FACILITIES IN SPORTS HALLS

7. There was submitted a report dated 13 September 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on three recent communications in relation to skin cancer and sun tanning facilities from the Health Education Board for Scotland, the Convention of Scottish Local Authorities and from the Sunbed Association, and which sought approval for the continued use of sunbeds in Council facilities.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to continue meantime to operate sunbeds within Council facilities, observing the strict guidelines as issued by the Institute of Sport and Recreation Management; and

- (ii) that the Director of Community Services seek further guidance from Ayrshire and Arran Health Board, following receipt of which a further report would be submitted to allow continued consideration of the position.

“LEVELLING THE PLAYING FIELDS”: SPORTSCOTLAND’S STRATEGIC PLAN FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF LOTTERY MONIES FOR SPORT, 1999-2003

- 8. There was submitted and noted a report dated 21 September 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on Sportscotland’s (formerly the Scottish Sports Council) revised plan for the distribution of lottery funds for sport for 1999 to 2003.

POLICY ACTION TEAM 10 REPORT: ARTS AND SPORT AND SOCIAL INCLUSION

- 9. There was submitted and noted a report dated 21 September 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on the main findings of the Policy Action Team 10 which was established by Central Government to draw up an Action Plan to maximise the impact of arts, sports and leisure policies in relation to Social Inclusion Initiatives.

DISPOSAL OF SURPLUS PROPERTY - PROPERTY AT 11 CASTLEHILL, NEW CUMNOCK

- 10. There was submitted a report dated 30 August 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which invited the Committee to declare the premises at 11 Castlehill, New Cumnock, as surplus to requirements for disposal in accordance with Council policy.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to declare the garage at 11 Castlehill, New Cumnock, surplus to requirements;
- (ii) that the Director of Community Services advise the Director of Development Services accordingly; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the report.

NATIONAL SPRING CLEAN 1999

- 11. There was submitted a report dated 30 August 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on the National Spring Clean Initiative in 1999.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to confirm continued support for National Spring Clean in the year 2000;
- (ii) that the Director of Community Services provide information to Councillor McLean regarding the extent to which persons subject to Community Service Orders are deployed in the National Spring Clean initiatives; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

THE REMADE PROJECT - DEVELOPING MARKETS FOR RECYCLED MATERIAL

- 12. There was submitted a report dated 27 September 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on a joint initiative from The Scottish Executive and the

Convention of Scottish Local Authorities to work with industry in Scotland to develop new markets for materials from the waste stream.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to authorise payment from existing budgets of the sum of £1,000 per year for three years towards the "Remade" Project; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

CLEANSING - VEHICLE REPLACEMENT

- 13.** There was submitted a report dated 13 September 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which advised the Committee of the vehicle replacement requirements of the Cleansing DSO in the financial year 2000/2001, and which sought approval to acquire three refuse collection vehicles, one large street sweeping vehicle and two support vehicles.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the acquisition of the following vehicles at the estimated costs stated:- three refuse collection vehicles (£350,000 total); one street cleansing vehicle (£80,000); one box van (£31,000); and one 3.5 tonne pick-up vehicle (£16,500); and
- (ii) that the Director of Finance secure appropriate operating leases for the above.

GRANTS TO VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS: AWARDS TO BANDS

- 14.** There was submitted a report dated 16 September 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on an application for financial assistance under the Awards to Bands Scheme.

It was agreed to authorise payment of a grant of £800 to Muirkirk District Pipe Band in terms of the Awards to Bands Scheme.

GRANTS TO VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS SCHEME: APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

- 15.** There was submitted a report dated 16 September 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on applications for financial assistance under the Grants to Voluntary Organisations Scheme.

In respect of the submitted applications, the following decisions were made:-

- (i) Cyclist Tourist Club - Ayrshire Section - £300;
- (ii) Grassyards Canoe Club - £400;
- (iii) Scottish Association for Blind Bowlers - £1,500;
- (iv) Cluarankwai Judo Club - £750; and
- (v) Royal Scottish National Orchestra - to refuse the application for the reason detailed in the report.

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

16. The Committee resolved that under Section 50A(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, as amended, the Press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 6 of Schedule 7A of the Act.

BUDGETARY CONTROL SUMMARY STATEMENT: REFUSE COLLECTION AND STREET CLEANSING TO 27 AUGUST 1999 (PERIOD 5)

17. There was submitted and noted a joint report dated 29 September 1999 (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 for the period ended 27 August 1999 (Period 5).

BUDGETARY CONTROL SUMMARY STATEMENT: GROUNDS MAINTENANCE AND LEISURE MANAGEMENT TO 27 AUGUST 1999 (PERIOD 5)

18. There was submitted and noted a joint report dated 29 September 1999 (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 Grounds Maintenance and Leisure Management for the period ended 27 August 1999 (Period 5).

The meeting terminated at 1100 hours.