

## **EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

### **MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 23 SEPTEMBER 1999 AT 1000 HRS IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK**

**PRESENT:** Provost Jimmy Boyd and Councillors Brian McNeil, Stephanie Young, Brian Reeves, Daniel Coffey, Willie Coffey, Douglas Reid, Robert Stevenson, John Weir, Drew McIntyre, David Macrae, Harry Wilson, Iain Linton, Alex Walsh, Alan Campbell, John Knapp, Jim Raymond, Robert McDill, Eric Jackson, George Smith, Jimmy Kelly, Julie Faulds, William Menzies, Eric Ross, Elaine Dinwoodie, Robert Taylor and Jimmy Carmichael.

**ATTENDING:** David Montgomery, Chief Executive; Fiona Lees, Depute Chief Executive; Barbara Haughan, Director of Corporate Services; William Stafford, Director of Community Services; Stephen Chorley, Director of Development Services; John Mulgrew, Director of Education; Alex McPhee, Director of Finance; Kate McVey, Solicitor to the Council; Bernadette Docherty, Senior Depute Director of Social Work; Roddy Wallace, Head of Administration; John Stobie, Head of Building and Works; Tom Wilkie, Head of Technical Services; Bill Walkinshaw, Principal Administrative Officer; and Nicholas Duffy, Trainee Solicitor.

**APOLOGIES:** Councillors Katie Hall, Ann Hay, Jane Darnbrough, Finlay MacLean and Tommy Farrell.

**CHAIR:** Provost Jimmy Boyd, Chair.

#### **PRESENTATION BY JEFF ORD, FIREMASTER, STRATHCLYDE FIRE BRIGADE**

1. The Provost welcomed Firemaster Ord and his team to the meeting and gave a short resume of Jeff Ord's career.

There was a presentation by Jeff Ord, Firemaster, Strathclyde Fire Brigade, together with his team including D Kennedy, Depute Firemaster, P Robinson, Local Commander, West Command and Mrs I Baird, Financial Director. The Firemaster, in his presentation, gave a profile of Strathclyde Fire Brigade covering infrastructure, resources and activities throughout Strathclyde. Phil Robinson gave details of the activities of the Fire Brigade within West Command. Mrs I Baird gave a breakdown on the financial commitments and resources of Strathclyde Fire Brigade both revenue and capital and there was also provided details of expenditure within the West Command area covering East Ayrshire.

Following questions from Members, the Provost thanked Firemaster Ord and his team for their presentation.

#### **PREVIOUS MINUTES**

2. There was submitted Minutes of Meeting of the Council held on 29 June 1999 (circulated) which were approved as a correct record.

#### **COMMITTEE MINUTES**

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

- 3.1 EMERGENCY POWERS COMMITTEE OF 22 JUNE 1999 (page 134, 99/02).
- 3.2 SPECIAL DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE OF 28 JUNE 1999 (pages 135-143, 99/02).
- 3.3 SPECIAL AD HOC COMMERCIAL STRATEGY REVIEW COMMITTEE OF 29 JUNE 1999 (pages 159-162, 99/02).
- 3.4 SPECIAL SOUTHERN LOCAL PLANNING COMMITTEE OF 30 JUNE 1999 (pages 163-167, 99/02).
- 3.5 EMERGENCY POWERS COMMITTEE OF 7 JULY 1999 (page 168, 99/02).
- 3.6 EMERGENCY POWERS COMMITTEE OF 20 JULY 1999 (pages 169-170, 99/02).
- 3.7 SPECIAL NORTHERN AREA LOCAL PLANNING COMMITTEE OF 20 JULY 1999 (pages 171-178, 99/02).
- 3.8 EMERGENCY POWERS COMMITTEE OF 26 JULY 1999 (page 179, 99/02).
- 3.9 DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE OF 3 AUGUST 1999 (pages 180-188, 99/02).
- 3.10 NORTHERN AREA LOCAL PLANNING COMMITTEE OF 6 AUGUST 1999 (pages 189-193, 99/02).
- 3.11 EMERGENCY POWERS COMMITTEE OF 12 AUGUST 1999 (page 194, 99/02).
- 3.12 KILMARNOCK NORTH LOCAL COMMITTEE OF 17 AUGUST 1999 (pages 195-200, 99/02).
- 3.13 CUMNOCK AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE OF 19 AUGUST 1999 (pages 201-205, 99/02).
- 3.14 CENTRAL LOCAL PLANNING COMMITTEE OF 20 AUGUST 1999 (pages 206-209, 99/02).
- 3.15 EMERGENCY POWERS COMMITTEE OF 24 AUGUST 1999 (page 210, 99/02).
- 3.16 HOUSING COMMITTEE OF 25 AUGUST 1999 (pages 211-224, 99/02).
- 3.16.1 OUTSTANDING REPAIR LINES (Item 8.1(i), Page 213, 99/02)

It was agreed that the Director of Homes and Technical Services report to the next meeting of the Housing Committee providing details of the number of outstanding job lines for repairs to Council houses and likely timescale for remedying the backlog.

- 3.17 IRVINE VALLEY LOCAL COMMITTEE OF 25 AUGUST 1999 (pages 225-231, 99/02).
- 3.18 SOUTHERN LOCAL PLANNING COMMITTEE OF 27 AUGUST 1999 (pages 232-239, 99/02).
- 3.19 DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE OF 31 AUGUST 1999 (pages 240-245, 99/02).
- 3.19.1 REMITS FROM COMMITTEE

**(i) THE NEWMILNS TOWNSCAPE HERITAGE INITIATIVE (Item 4, Page 241, 99/02)**

Councillor McIntyre, seconded by Councillor Jackson, moved that the Chair of Development Services, Chair of Housing and the Local Member be nominated to represent the Council on the Newmilns Townscape Heritage Initiative Committee.

Councillor Reid, seconded by Councillor Wilson, moved as an amendment that the Chair of Development Services, Chair of the Local Committee and Local Member be nominated to represent the Council on the Newmilns Townscape Heritage Initiative Committee.

On a division by a show of hands the motion was carried by 16 votes to 11.

**(ii) NORTHWEST KILMARNOCK ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENTS GROUP (Item 5, Page 242, 99/02)**

It was agreed to nominate the Elected Members for the Wards concerned to be representatives of the Council on the Northwest Kilmarnock Environmental Improvement Group, namely Councillors Young (Ward 4), D Coffey (Ward 6), W Coffey (Ward 7) and Reid (Ward 8) and that the Vice-Chair of the Development Services Committee substitute for the Chair of the Development Services Committee.

**3.20 KILMARNOCK CENTRAL LOCAL COMMITTEE OF 31 AUGUST 1999 (pages 246-249, 99/02).**

**3.21 COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE OF 1 SEPTEMBER 1999 (pages 250-261, 99/02).**

**3.22 KILMARNOCK SOUTH LOCAL COMMITTEE OF 1 SEPTEMBER 1999 (pages 262-266, 99/02).**

**3.23 EDUCATION COMMITTEE OF 2 SEPTEMBER 1999 (pages 267-273, 99/02).**

**3.24 NORTHERN AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE OF 2 SEPTEMBER 1999 (pages 274-279, 99/02).**

**3.25 NORTHERN AREA LOCAL PLANNING COMMITTEE OF 3 SEPTEMBER 1999 (pages 280-285, 99/02).**

**3.26 SOCIAL WORK COMMITTEE OF 7 SEPTEMBER 1999 (pages 286-292, 99/02).**

**3.27 DOON VALLEY LOCAL COMMITTEE OF 7 SEPTEMBER 1999 (pages 293-297, 99/02).**

**3.28 POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE OF 9 SEPTEMBER 1999 (pages 298-329, 99/02).**

**3.28.1 REMIT FROM COMMITTEE - MONITORING OF PERSONNEL ISSUES (Item 19, Page 303, 99/02)**

It was agreed that Councillors Jackson (Chair), McIntyre, Kelly and D Coffey be appointed to the Personnel Issues Monitoring Group.

**3.29 SPECIAL NORTHERN AREA LOCAL PLANNING COMMITTEE OF 10 SEPTEMBER 1999 (pages 330-333, 99/02).**

### **STATUTORY REPORTS**

**4.1 STATUTORY REPORT 99/2 - MILLENNIUM COUNTDOWN YEAR 2000**

There was submitted and noted report dated 9 August 1999 (circulated) by the Chief Executive advising Council of a recent report (detailed as Appendix 1 of the report) by the Accounts Commission for Scotland on progress by essential services in their preparations to achieve Year 2000 compliance and to set out the further steps being taken to finalise the Council's position.

Councillor Raymond left the meeting during consideration of the above item.

#### **4.2 STATUTORY REPORT 99/03 - OVERVIEW REPORT ON THE 1996/97 AUDITS OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES**

There was submitted and noted report dated 15 September 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Finance presenting to Members the Report by the Controller of Audit giving his Overview on the 1996/97 Audits of all Scottish Local Authorities.

#### **FINANCIAL REGULATIONS**

5. There was submitted report dated 15 September 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Finance presenting to Council a draft review of the Financial Regulations for consideration and approval.

It was agreed to approve the Financial Regulations as submitted and authorise the Director of Finance to implement the amendments and make the necessary arrangements to distribute the Regulations.

#### **BUILDING AND WORKS DLO: LOCAL GOVERNMENT PLANNING AND LAND ACT 1980: SECTION 19(B) DIRECTION**

6. There was submitted a report dated 21 September 1999 (circulated) by the Chief Executive (i) advising the Council of the Scottish Executive's favourable response to the Council's request for a variation in the current Section 19(B) Direction to allow a modest proportion of capital works to be carried out by the Building and Works DLO; (ii) to recommend acceptance of the terms of the variation offered by the Scottish Executive; and (iii) to recommend that the capital works set out in the approved 1999/2000 Business Plan now be awarded to the DLO at benchmarked prices.

It was agreed:

- (i) to accept the terms and conditions set out in paragraph 2.1 of the report, thus securing Ministerial consent to carrying out capital works as requested;
- (ii) to remit to Officers to let to the Building and Works DLO the capital works envisaged in its approved 1999/2000 Business Plan, to be carried out at benchmarked prices; and
- (iii) to endorse the action taken in securing continuing necessary management support for the Building and Works DLO in its transitional phase and to remit to the Director of Homes and Technical Services to secure within existing resources, any further management support which may be required in the short term.

The meeting terminated at 1155 hrs.