

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 26 SEPTEMBER 1996
AT 1000 HRS IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS,
LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK**

PRESENT: Councillors Gordon McCredie, Drew McIntyre, Irene Reeves, Gordon Cree, Douglas Reid, Wilma Doyle, Ronald Brailsford, Jane Darnbrough, Alan Campbell, Jim O'Neill, Bob Beattie, John Knapp, Daniel Coffey, David Fulton, George Turnbull, Robert McDill, Jim Kelly, David Sneller, Jimmy Boyd, George Smith, Jimmy Carmichael, Robert Taylor, John Smith, Tommy Farrell and Eric Jackson.

ATTENDING: David Montgomery, Chief Executive; Fiona Lees, Depute Chief Executive; William Stafford, Director of Community Services; Stephen Chorley, Director of Development Services; John Hillis, Director of Housing; Alex McPhee, Senior Depute Director of Finance; Roddy Wallace, Head of Administration; Kate McVey, Head of Legal Services; Douglas Campbell, Head of Public Relations and Marketing; Bill Walkinshaw, Principal Administrative Officer; and Julie Armstrong, Senior Administrative Officer.

APOLOGIES: Provost Robert Stirling and Councillors Kathleen Hall, David Macrae, Kim Nicoll and Eric Ross.

CHAIR: In the absence of Provost Stirling, Depute Provost Boyd.

DEPUTE PROVOST'S REMARKS - STRATHCLYDE POLICE - STAFFING

1. Depute Provost Boyd commented on recent changes in the staffing of Strathclyde Police U Division and welcomed Chief Superintendent Andrew Cameron and Depute Divisional Commander Scott Thomson to the meeting.

Depute Provost Boyd referred to the promotion of Chief Superintendent Martin Papworth, who had been the Divisional Commander at Kilmarnock for three years, and had now been moved to Chief Superintendent in charge of the Personnel Division at Force Headquarters, Glasgow.

Depute Provost Boyd commented that Chief Superintendent Martin Papworth had been replaced by Chief Superintendent Andrew Cameron who was born in Cumnock, worked in Kilmarnock and resided in Stewarton. Chief Superintendent Cameron had joined Ayrshire Constabulary in 1972 and worked in various areas in Ayrshire until he was subsequently seconded to HM Inspectorate at the Scottish Office. In 1994 he returned to Strathclyde Police and was appointed Sub-Divisional Officer for Clydebank and Drumchapel. In 1995 he was transferred to Kilmarnock as Depute Divisional Commander.

Finally, Depute Provost Boyd referred to Superintendent Scott Thomson, the new Depute Divisional Commander who joined Lanarkshire Constabulary in 1971 and served in various areas of Glasgow. Having gained various promotions, he was transferred to Partick and promoted to Superintendent in 1995 and was appointed to Depute Divisional Commander post in Kilmarnock on 16 September 1996.

Depute Provost Boyd then concluded by wishing the three Officers well in their new posts and that Members should feel free to approach them should they wish any assistance.

Chief Superintendent Andrew Cameron then addressed the meeting, pledging to work in close partnership with East Ayrshire Council and the community in all policing aspects throughout the area. He further commented that on 1 October 1996 a three month spotlight initiative would be introduced which it was hoped would reduce street disturbances and violence. He concluded by stating that he looked forward to working with East Ayrshire Council and invited Members to approach him at any time to discuss any issues of concern.

PREVIOUS MINUTES

2. There were submitted (circulated) Minutes of Council meeting held on 27 June 1996 which were approved as a correct record.

COMMITTEE MINUTES

- 3.1 There were submitted (circulated) and, except as undernoted, approved both as correct records and in respect of recommendations contained therein, the Minutes of the undernoted Committee meetings as follows, viz:-
 - 3.1.1 **DOON VALLEY LOCAL PLANNING COMMITTEE OF 18 JUNE 1996 (pages 982-983).**
 - 3.1.2 **DOON VALLEY LOCAL COMMITTEE OF 18 JUNE 1996 (pages 984-988).**
 - 3.1.3 **CUMNOCK AREA LOCAL PLANNING COMMITTEE OF 19 JUNE 1996 (pages 989-992).**
 - 3.1.4 **CUMNOCK AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE OF 19 JUNE 1996 (pages 993-999).**
 - 3.1.5 **KILMARNOCK NORTH LOCAL PLANNING COMMITTEE OF 20 JUNE 1996 (page 1000).**
 - 3.1.6 **KILMARNOCK NORTH LOCAL COMMITTEE OF 20 JUNE 1996 (pages 1001-1007).**
 - 3.1.7 **KILMARNOCK CENTRAL LOCAL PLANNING COMMITTEE OF 21 JUNE 1996 (pages 1008-1009).**
 - 3.1.8 **KILMARNOCK CENTRAL LOCAL COMMITTEE OF 21 JUNE 1996 (pages 1010-1014)**
 - 3.1.9 **KILMARNOCK SOUTH LOCAL PLANNING COMMITTEE OF 25 JUNE 1996 (page 1015).**
 - 3.1.10 **KILMARNOCK SOUTH LOCAL COMMITTEE OF 25 JUNE 1996 (pages 1016-1023)** subject to the following:-
Page 1016 - "Mrs Anne" should be changed to "Mrs Anne McRoberts".
 - 3.1.11 **IRVINE VALLEY LOCAL PLANNING COMMITTEE OF 26 JUNE 1996 (pages 1024-1030)**
 - 3.1.12 **IRVINE VALLEY LOCAL COMMITTEE OF 26 JUNE 1996 (pages 1031-1037).**

- 3.1.13 SPECIAL CUMNOCK AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE OF 26 JUNE 1996 (pages 1038-1042).**
- 3.1.14 NORTHERN AREA LOCAL PLANNING COMMITTEE OF 28 JUNE 1996 (pages 1051-1053).**
- 3.1.15 NORTHERN AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE OF 28 JUNE 1996 (pages 1054-1059).**
- 3.1.16 EMERGENCY POWERS COMMITTEE OF 1 AUGUST 1996 (page 1060).**
- 3.1.17 SPECIAL DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE OF 1 AUGUST 1996 (pages 1061-1079).**
- 3.1.18 SPECIAL NORTHERN AREA LOCAL PLANNING COMMITTEE OF 1 AUGUST 1996 (pages 1080-1082).**
- 3.1.19 SPECIAL IRVINE VALLEY LOCAL PLANNING COMMITTEE OF 13 AUGUST 1996 (pages 1083-1084).**
- 3.1.20 SOCIAL WORK COMMITTEE OF 22 AUGUST 1996 (pages 1085-1087).**
- 3.1.21 SPECIAL KILMARNOCK SOUTH LOCAL PLANNING COMMITTEE OF 22 AUGUST 1996 (pages 1088-1089) subject to the following:-**
Page 1088 - Agreed that Councillor Campbell's apology be included.
- 3.1.22 SPECIAL CUMNOCK AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE OF 26 AUGUST 1996 (pages 1090-1091).**
- 3.1.23 SPECIAL CUMNOCK AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE OF 26 AUGUST 1996 (pages 1092-1093).**
- 3.1.24 HOUSING COMMITTEE OF 28 AUGUST 1996 (pages 1094-1106).**
- 3.1.25 EDUCATION COMMITTEE OF 29 AUGUST 1996 (pages 1107-1121).**
- 3.1.26 COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE OF 4 SEPTEMBER 1996 (pages 1122-1164).**
- 3.1.27 DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE OF 5 SEPTEMBER 1996 (pages 1165-1188)**
- 3.1.28 COMMERCIAL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE OF 10 SEPTEMBER 1996 (pages 1189-1191).**
- 3.1.29 POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE OF 12 SEPTEMBER 1996 (pages 1192-1253).**
- 3.2 HOUSING COMMITTEE OF 28 AUGUST 1996**
- 3.2.1 MATTERS ARISING**
- (I) MEMBER/OFFICER HOUSING WORKING GROUP ON HARMONISATION OF HOUSING ISSUES (Item 4, Page 1095) - It was agreed that copies of Minutes of Meetings of the Working Group be issued to the Leader of the Opposition.**

3.3 COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE OF 4 SEPTEMBER 1996

3.3.1 MATTERS ARISING

(i) PROGRAMME TO ERADICATE BSE IN THE UNITED KINGDOM (Item 16, Page 1126)

It was noted that the Director of Community Services would respond direct to Councillor Coffey outlining the steps he proposed to take to ensure that Animal Health and Welfare Legislation and Public Health Legislation was properly enforced.

(ii) SCOTTISH ACCIDENT PREVENTION COUNCIL: NOMINATIONS (Item 22, Page 1128)

Councillor Beattie, seconded by Councillor John Smith, moved the recommendation of the Committee that Councillor George Smith be nominated as the Council's representative on the Scottish Accident Prevention Council's Home Safety Committee and that Councillor John Smith be nominated as the Council's representative on the Scottish Accident Prevention Council's Water and Leisure Safety Committee.

Councillor McDill, seconded by Councillor Coffey, moved as an amendment that Councillor Hall be nominated to represent the Council on both the Home Safety Committee and the Water and Leisure Safety Committee.

On a division by a show of hands, the motion was carried by 19 votes to 6.

3.4 POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE OF 12 SEPTEMBER 1996

3.4.1 REMITS FROM COMMITTEE

(i) IMPLEMENTATION OF SECTION 19 OF THE CHILDREN (SCOTLAND) ACT 1985 (LOCAL AUTHORITY PLANS FOR SERVICES TO CHILDREN) (Item 6, Page 1194)

It was agreed that the following Members serve on the Member/Officer Working Group, viz:- Councillors Darnbrough (Chair), Reeves, Brailsford, Hall, Knapp, Macrae and Ross.

(ii) NATIONAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT FORUM ON POVERTY (Item 28, Page 1202)

It was agreed that Councillor Darnbrough be appointed to represent the Council at the Forum.

3.5 MATTERS ARISING

3.5.1 APPLICATION FOR SUPERIOR'S CONSENT FOR FORMER COUNCIL HOUSES (Item 14, Page 1197)

Councillor McIntyre, seconded by Councillor Farrell, moved the recommendation of the Committee that the Council approve a fee of £50 per application to cover the administrative work involved.

Councillor Coffey, seconded by Councillor Reid, moved as an amendment that the Council approve a fee of £25 per application to cover the administrative work involved.

On a division by a show of hands, the motion was carried by 19 votes to 6.

APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS (Item 4, Page 1074)

4. There was submitted a report dated 11 September 1996 (circulated) by Director of Support Services regarding certain organisations which had requested the appointment of Members to their organisations and to provide some background information on the organisations as follows:-

(i) STRATHCLYDE FIRE BOARD - DISCIPLINARY TRIBUNALS SUB-COMMITTEE AND APPEALS SUB-COMMITTEE (Item 4, Page 1047)

It was unanimously agreed in terms of Standing Order 51 to reconsider this request as further information had been received clarifying the fact that the Council could only nominate one Member plus one substitute.

Councillor Sneller, seconded by Councillor McIntyre, moved that Councillor Farrell be nominated with substitute member Councillor Cree to either of the Sub-Committees to be determined by the Fire Board.

Councillor McDill, seconded by Councillor Coffey, moved that Councillor Campbell be nominated to either of the Sub-Committees to be determined by the Fire Board.

On a division by a show of hands the motion was carried by 19 votes to 6.

(ii) SCOTTISH LOCAL GOVERNMENT INFORMATION UNIT JOINT COMMITTEE (Item 4, Page 603)

Councillor Sneller, seconded by Councillor McIntyre, moved that Councillors Doyle and Jackson be appointed to the Joint Committee.

Councillor McDill, seconded by Councillor Brailsford, moved as an amendment that Councillors Coffey and McDill be nominated to the Joint Committee.

On a division by a show of hands the motion was carried by 19 votes to 6.

(iii) ONE PLUS - PROMOTING POSITIVE POLICIES FOR ONE PARENT FAMILIES

Councillor Sneller, seconded by Councillor Farrell, moved that one Member from the Administration be nominated whose name was to be forwarded to the Chief Executive.

Councillor McDill, seconded by Councillor Coffey, moved as an amendment that Councillor Hall be nominated.

On a division by a show of hands, the motion was carried by 19 votes to 6.

(iv) INTER-AUTHORITY WORKING GROUP ON LOW FLYING AIRCRAFT

Councillor Sneller, seconded by Councillor McIntyre, moved that Councillors George Smith and Carmichael be nominated.

Councillor McDill, seconded by Councillor Coffey, moved as an amendment that Councillors Reid and Coffey be nominated to the organisation.

On a division by a show of hands the motion was carried by 19 votes to 6.

REVIEW OF SCHEME OF DELEGATION (Item 8, Page 714)

5. There was submitted a report dated 13 September 1996 (circulated) by Director of Support Services presenting to Council a review of the Scheme of Delegation of powers and duties to Committees, Sub-Committees and Officers for consideration and approval.

It was agreed:

- (i) to approve the proposed amendments as detailed within the report;
- (ii) to authorise the Director of Support Services to implement the amendments and make the necessary arrangements to publish the Scheme;
- (iii) to note that additional regular reviews of the Scheme of Delegation would be programmed; and
- (iv) to the following additional amendments, viz:-

Item 1.9 - Recruitment Sub-Committee of the Policy and Resources Committee

It was agreed that the membership of the Sub-Committee be the Leader and Depute Leader of Council, Chair and Vice-Chair of the responsible Service Committee for the vacant Chief Officer's post and one Member of the Opposition. In respect of Chief Officers' posts that were within the remit of the Policy and Resources Committee, membership shall be the Leader and Depute Leader, two other Members of the Administration and one Member of the Opposition.

The Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leaders of the Administration and Opposition, to secure names of required Members on each occasion.

Item 11 - Local Planning Committees - Membership

It was agreed that Councillors Knapp, George Smith and one Opposition Member, still to be nominated, be included in the membership of the Local Planning Committees so far as necessary to make up a quorum and that Members be required to confirm not later than 24 hours prior to the meeting their attendance or non-attendance at meetings.

Officer Delegation - Support Services - Community Councils (former KLDC area) - Filling of Casual Vacancies - Interim Arrangements

It was agreed that "and after consultation with the Chair of Policy and Resources" be deleted.

Business Development Grants

It was further agreed that the Director of Development Services would submit regular reports to Members advising of grants made under the Scheme of Delegation.

The meeting terminated at 1058 hrs.