

APPENDIX II

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

LEISURE SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 7 OCTOBER 1997 AT 1400 HOURS
IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD,
KILMARNOCK**

PRESENT: Councillors John Smith, Gordon McCredie, Gordon Cree, Ronald Brailsford and Jimmy Carmichael.

ATTENDING: William Stafford, Director of Community Services; John Griffiths, Head of Leisure Services; Alan Hasson, Library and Information Services Manager; Bill Walkinshaw, Principal Administrative Officer; Irene Townson, Principal Solicitor; and Ian Gemmell, Administrative Officer.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Bob Beattie, Robert Taylor and Tommy Farrell.

CHAIR: Councillor John Smith, Chair.

**HEALTH EDUCATION BOARD FOR SCOTLAND STRATEGIC STATEMENT: THE
PROMOTION OF PHYSICAL ACTIVITY IN SCOTLAND**

1. There was submitted a report dated 25 August 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services outlining the content of and making appropriate comment on a strategic statement recently published by the Health Education Board for Scotland (HEBS) concerning the promotion of physical activity in Scotland.

It was agreed that the Director of Community Services:-

- (i) respond to HEBS in relation to the strategic statement on the lines set out in his report; and
- (ii) incorporate, under the operational heading of "Community Health and Fitness" within the Council's Leisure Strategy, relevant areas of strategy, as set out in the Health Education Board's strategic statement.

**REVISION TO THE LETTING CONDITIONS FOR HALLS AND COMMUNITY
CENTRES (Item 6, Page 1141)**

2. There was submitted a report dated 17 September 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services seeking approval for a revision to the Letting Conditions for Halls and Community Centres, in the light of recent legal advice.

It was agreed to recommend that the following additional paragraph be included, with immediate effect, in the standard Letting Conditions for Halls and Community Centres, viz:- "The Lessee will be required to indemnify the Council against any claims or loss arising from the use of the premises by the Lessee".

CHARGES FOR LIBRARY AND MUSEUM SERVICES

3. There was submitted a report dated 20 September 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services outlining Counsel's opinion taken by the Scottish Library Association and the Scottish Museum Council on the declared intention of two Scottish Local Authorities to commence charging certain types of Library users for access to services; and also outlining the implications for East Ayrshire Council.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to welcome Council's opinion that it was unlawful to charge for admission to certain facilities established under the Public Libraries (Consolidation) Act 1982;
- (ii) that the opinion of Council in this matter did not effect any charges currently levied by East Ayrshire Council; and
- (iii) otherwise to note the report.

SIR WILLIAM WALLACE AND EAST AYRSHIRE

4. There was submitted a report dated 20 September 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services summarising the Council's current position concerning East Ayrshire connections with Sir William Wallace, with particular reference to his birthplace.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that in paragraph 3.4 of the report to replace the words "By long usage which has almost become tradition," with the words "Since the 19th century,";
- (ii) that the Director of Community Services continue research into Sir William Wallace's East Ayrshire connections, particularly regarding his birth at Ellerslie, Riccarton, Kilmarnock;
- (iii) to recognise the potential benefit in publicising Sir William Wallace's connections with East Ayrshire; and
- (iv) otherwise to note the report.

ATTENDANCE AT THE SCOTTISH LIBRARY ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE

5. There was submitted and noted a report dated 20 September 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services informing the Committee of the attendance of one Elected Member and one Officer of East Ayrshire Council at the Annual Conference of the Scottish Library Association.

LIBRARY SERVICES TO SCHOOLS

6. There was submitted a report dated 20 September 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on progress in providing a service to educational establishments following the transfer of the former Educational Resource Service (ERS) to Community Services.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the Director of Community Services hold discussions with the Education Department to establish a service level agreement detailing the service to be provided and the costs involved;
- (ii) to remit to the Personnel Services Sub-Committee of the Policy and Resources Committee the setting of a suitable salary scale for the Education Liaison Officer and the amendment of the establishment of the Community Services Department; and
- (iii) otherwise to note the report.

GRANTS TO VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS: AWARDS TO BANDS

7. There was submitted a report dated 18 September 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on an application by Burns Country Pipe Band (formerly Killoch Pipe Band) for financial assistance under the Awards to Bands Scheme.

It was agreed to make a grant of £800 to the Burns Country Pipe Band.

GRANTS TO VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS SCHEME: APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

8. There was submitted a report dated 18 September 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on a number of applications for financial assistance under the Grants to Voluntary Organisations Scheme.

It was agreed to deal with the applications as follows, viz:-

Cultural

- (i) Ayrshire Archaeological and Natural History Society - that a grant of £250 be made, the Director to discuss with the Society their possible involvement in the Council's research concerning Sir William Wallace; and
- (ii) Citizens Theatre Limited - that a grant of £500 be made.

Recreational/Others

- (i) Kilmarnock Magic Circle - that a grant of £100 be made.

Environmental

- (i) Scottish Wildlife Trust - that a grant of £300 be made.

LOTTERY GRANT AWARD - YOUTH THEATRE OUTREACH WORK

9. There was submitted and noted a report dated 18 September 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services advising of a successful grant application for Youth Theatre Outreach work made to National Lottery New Directions Fund administered by the Scottish Arts Council, which would enable the expansion of Youth Theatre into other communities in East Ayrshire by providing additional funding amounting to £73,320 over a period of 3 years.

The meeting terminated at 1435 hours.