

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 6 September 1995 at 10.00am in the Council Offices, Lugar

PRESENT: Councillors J Boyd (Chair), R Beattie, R Brailsford, J Carmichael, W Cree, W Doyle, T Farrell, D Fulton, K Hall, E Jackson, J Kelly, J Knapp, G McCredie, R McDill, A McIntyre, D Macrae, K Nicoll, J O'Neill, I Reeves, E Ross, G Smith, J Smith, D Sneller, R Taylor and G Turnbull

ATTENDING: D Montgomery, Chief Executive; F Lees, Depute Chief Executive; S Chorley, Director of Development Services; G Clark, Director of Finance; J Dickie, Director of Social Work; B Haughan, Director of Support Services; J Hillis, Director of Housing; W Stafford, Director of Community Services; D Tierney, Director of Commercial Operations; D Campbell; Head of Public Relations & Marketing; R McLeary, Head of Property; K McVey, Head of Legal Services; A Neish, Head of Planning; R Paton, Head of Economic Development; W Taylor, Head of Roads and Transportation; R Wallace, Head of Administration; T Wilkie, Head of Contracting and Technical Services; B Woodcock, Head of Leisure Services; A M Carr, A Fairbairn, G Fraser and M O'Rourke, Chief Executive's Department.

1. SEDERUNT AND APOLOGIES

The Sederunt was taken and apologies were intimated on behalf of the Convener, Councillor Stirling, and Councillors Campbell, Coffey, Darnbrough and Reid.

2. SENIOR OFFICER APPOINTMENTS

It was reported by the Chief Executive that appointments to the following Senior Officer posts had been completed and the officers present were introduced to the Members of Council.

New Officers

Fiona Lees, Depute Chief Executive;
Stephen Chorley, Director of Development Services;
Barbara Haughan, Director of Support Services;
William Stafford, Director of Community Services;
Desmond Tierney, Director of Commercial Operations;
Kathleen McVey, Head of Legal Services;
Alan Neish, Head of Planning;
Robert Paton, Head of Economic Development;
William Taylor, Head of Roads and Transportation;
Roderick Wallace, Head of Administration;
Thomas Wilkie, Head of Contracting and Technical Services;
Brian Woodcock, Head of Leisure Services.
(John Crawford, Head of Protective Services, not in attendance)

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 29 June 1995 were submitted and approved as a correct record.

4. MINUTES OF COMMITTEES

There were submitted the following Minutes of Committee meetings, viz:-

Community Services Committee held on 8 August 1995;
 Housing Committee held on 9 August 1995;
 Education Committee held on 10 August 1995;
 Social Work Committee held on 16 August 1995;
 Development Services Committee held on 17 August 1995;
 Commercial Operations Committee held on 22 August 1995;
 Policy and Resources Committee held on 24 August 1995.

4.1 HOUSING COMMITTEE - 9 AUGUST 1995 (PAGE 11)

Arising from the above, it was noted that views expressed by Members regarding proposals for elected Member training would be taken into account by the Chair of Housing and the Director of Housing in making arrangements.

4.2 EDUCATION COMMITTEE - 10 AUGUST 1995 (PAGE 17)

Arising from the above, Councillor Farrell advised Members that clarification was being sought regarding the legal position pertaining to the Education Committee's intention to allocate voting rights to all representatives on the Education Committee who were not members of the Education Authority and that a report would be submitted to a future meeting of the Education Committee outlining the position.

It was agreed to note the position.

4.3 DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE - 17 AUGUST 1995

Arising from a query from Councillor McDill regarding the absence of representation from the opposition group on the proposed East Ayrshire Group to meet with representatives from Enterprise Ayrshire, Councillor Turnbull advised that reports regarding the outcome of discussions between East Ayrshire Council and Enterprise Ayrshire would be submitted for consideration by the Development Services Committee in due course.

It was agreed to note the position.

4.4 COMMERCIAL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE - 22 AUGUST 1995 (PAGE 32)

Arising from a query from Councillor Nicoll, Councillor O'Neill confirmed that possible involvement in the Security Guard function was a matter for future consideration by the Council rather than a current responsibility of the Department of Commercial Operations.

It was agreed to note the position.

4.5 POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE - 24 AUGUST 1995

Arising from a query from the opposition group regarding a recent meeting held with the Trade Unions, Councillor Sneller advised that rather than Minutes of all individual

Trade Union liaison meetings being brought to the Council, outcomes would be reflected in reports to the Policy and Resources Committee in due course.

When Joint Consultative Committees were established formally with the Trade Unions Minutes of these meetings would be circulated within the Council.

4.6 PRE-5 EDUCATION SERVICES

Arising from a query from Councillor Nicoll, it was agreed that clarification be obtained regarding the statistics contained in the East Ayrshire Social and Economic Profile pertaining to Pre-5 services provision and that Councillor Nicoll be advised accordingly.

In relation to any future questions of detail Members may have regarding Committee Minutes, it was agreed that those should be submitted to the Chief Executive as far as possible in advance of the Council meeting in accordance with Standing Order 16.

5. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Recommendations contained in the aforementioned minutes were otherwise approved.

6. MEMBERSHIP OF SUB-COMMITTEES

There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive regarding the proposed membership of individual Sub-Committees and Member/Officer Groups.

It was agreed that elected Members be appointed to serve on the Sub-Committees and Member/Officer Groups as detailed below:-

Education - Business Sub-Committee

Councillors Taylor (Chair)
Carmichael
Coffey
Cree
Farrell
Macrae
McCredie
Nicoll
Reeves
G Smith
Sneller
Stirling

Education - Community Sub-Committee

Councillors Farrell (Chair)
Fulton
Jackson
Knapp
McCredie
McIntyre
Nicoll
Ross
Sneller
Taylor
Turnbull

Social Work - Children, Families and Criminal Justice Sub-Committee

Councillors Darnbrough (Chair)
 Boyd
 Brailsford
 Campbell
 Cree
 Farrell
 Hall
 McIntyre
 O'Neill
 Reeves
 Ross

Social Work - Community Care Sub-Committee

Councillors Boyd (Chair)
 Beattie
 Campbell
 Darnbrough
 Doyle
 Hall
 Jackson
 Kelly
 Macrae
 J Smith
 Sneller

Development Services - Planning Sub-Committee

Councillors Ross (Chair)
 Doyle
 Farrell
 Knapp
 McDill
 Reid
 Sneller
 Turnbull

Community Services - Leisure Sub-Committee

Councillors J Smith (Chair)
 Beattie
 Carmichael
 Cree
 Farrell
 McCredie
 Nicoll

Taylor

Housing - Capital Sub-Committee

Councillors Kelly (Chair)
Doyle
Knapp
Nicoll
Reid
G Smith
Sneller

Housing - Appeals Sub-Committee

Councillors Macrae (Chair)
Fulton
McIntyre
Reid
J Smith

Policy & Resources - Finance and Property Sub-Committee

Councillors Sneller (Chair)
Coffey
Darnbrough
Doyle
Farrell
Fulton
Jackson
Kelly
McIntyre
Nicoll
Reid

Policy & Resources - Personnel Sub-Committee

Councillors McIntyre (Chair)
 Beattie
 Coffey
 Boyd
 Hall
 O'Neill
 Reeves
 Ross
 Sneller
 Stirling
 Turnbull

Policy & Resources - Decentralisation Sub-Committee

Councillors Fulton (Chair)
 Beattie
 Brailsford
 Darnbrough
 Doyle
 Farrell
 Hall
 Jackson
 Kelly
 McIntyre
 Nicoll
 Sneller

Policy & Resources - Publicity and Publications Sub-Committee

Councillors McIntyre (Chair)
 Boyd
 Nicoll
 O'Neill
 Reeves

Policy & Resources - Members Services Sub-Committee

Councillors Farrell (Chair)
 Doyle
 Hall
 McIntyre
 Sneller

Policy & Resources - Emergency Powers Sub-Committee

Councillors Sneller (Chair)
 Coffey
 McIntyre

Ross
Stirling

MEMBER/OFFICER GROUPS

(i) Economic Development Strategy

Councillors Sneller (Chair)
Farrell
Jackson
Nicoll
Turnbull

(ii) Social Support & Regeneration Strategy

Councillors McIntyre (Chair)
Boyd
Fulton
Hall
Sneller

(iii) Environmental Strategy

Councillors McIntyre (Chair)
Beattie
Brailsford
Ross
Stirling

(iv) Equal Opportunities Strategy

Councillors Sneller (Chair)
Darnbrough
O'Neill
Reeves
Reid

7. VALUATION AND JOINT BOARD (SCOTLAND) ORDER 1995

There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive outlining arrangements for the calling of the first meeting of the Ayrshire Valuation Joint Board and proposing that South Ayrshire Council provide the Clerk to the Board.

It was agreed that East Ayrshire Council support the proposal that South Ayrshire provide the Clerk to the Ayrshire Valuation Joint Board.

8. NOTICE OF MOTION

There was submitted Notice of Motion proposed by Councillor Sneller, seconded by Councillor McIntyre. Councillor Sneller outlined the particular powers proposed by the Scottish Constitutional Convention for a Scottish Parliament, noting that these powers would be transferred from Whitehall rather than from local government level and proposed the motion:-

“East Ayrshire Council resolves to fully support the work of the Scottish Constitutional Convention and its campaign for a democratically elected Scottish Parliament. We welcome the fact that the Convention’s proposals provide for the transfer of the powers from Whitehall to Scotland, and reject the absurd suggestion that this constitutes a threat to the status or authority of Scotland’s local Councils.”

Councillor Nicoll, seconded by Councillor McCredie, spoke in favour of all of the powers of Whitehall being transferred to a Scottish Parliament and moved the amendment:-

“East Ayrshire Council fully supports the creation of a democratically elected Scottish Parliament, which will transfer the powers of Whitehall to Scotland. We

reject, as absurd, the suggestion that this constitutes a threat to the status or authority of Scotland's local Councils."

On a division by a show of hands the motion was carried by 20 votes to 5.