

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE****MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 26 SEPTEMBER 2000 AT 1001 HOURS IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK**

PRESENT: Councillors George Smith, Stephanie Young, Daniel Coffey, Lilian MacLean, Drew McIntyre, Harry Wilson, Iain Linton, John Knapp, Jim Raymond, Finlay MacLean, Robert McDill, Eric Jackson, Jimmy Kelly, Tommy Farrell, Julie Faulds and Robert Taylor.

ATTENDING: David Montgomery, Chief Executive; Stephen Chorley, Director of Development Services; Robert Paton, Head of Economic Development; Alan Neish, Head of Planning and Building Control; Jim Kane, Head of Roads and Transportation; Bill Walkinshaw, Administration Manager; Chris Johnston, Financial Services Manager; David Mitchell, Legal Manager; Graham Kerr, Public Relations Officer; and Alex Hewetson, Administrative Officer.

APOLOGIES: Councillor Douglas Reid, Provost Jimmy Boyd and Councillors Eric Ross and Jimmy Carmichael.

CHAIR: Councillor George Smith, Vice-Chair.

PLANNING APPLICATION**1.1 APPLICATION NO 00/0443/FL: EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL: DALMELLINGTON INDUSTRIAL CENTRE, MAIN STREET, DALMELLINGTON**

There was submitted an executive summary sheet and report dated 14 September 2000 (both circulated) by the Director of Development Services on a full planning application for proposed conversion of factory units into Health Centre and alternations, Dalmellington Industrial Centre, Main Street, Dalmellington.

The Head of Planning and Building Control gave the recommendation of the Director of Development Services: Approval, subject to notification of the Scottish Ministers under the Town and Country Planning (Notification of Applications) (Scotland) Direction 1997 and to the following conditions, viz:- (1) A landscaping scheme including the treatment of the boundary of the site shall be submitted to and agreed with the Head of Planning and Building Control prior to the commencement of any development and to be implemented no later than the next appropriate planting season after the development has been carried out. The scheme shall include details of the provision to be made for the maintenance of soft and hard landscaped areas and shall be maintained thereafter in accordance with these details. Any trees removed without consent or seriously damaged at any time thereafter shall be replaced by trees of similar size or species to be agreed in writing with the Head of Planning and Building Control; (2) The existing wall along the frontage of the Main Street shall be removed or lowered to provide visibility splay areas of 2.5 metres by 90 metres for the new access onto Main Street. The new access shall be constructed to minor commercial access standards indicated in the Roads Development Guide; (3) The existing bus stop shall be relocated away from the new access to the satisfaction of the Planning Authority and the Roads Authority; (4) The applicant shall consult with the Roads Authority with respect to the proposed box junction road markings prior to their provision on site, and the details shall be to the satisfaction of the Roads Authority; (5) The applicant shall consult with the Roads

Authority with respect to details of works to be undertaken within the public road; (6) The applicant shall make early contact with Transco, 95 Kilbirnie Street, Glasgow, G5, 8JD, regarding their service requirements; and (7) The security of the site during construction shall particularly be assured given the presence of schoolchildren in the vicinity.

It was agreed to grant the application subject to notification of the Scottish Ministers under the Town and Country Planning (Notification of Applications) (Scotland) Direction 1997 and to the conditions detailed.

MONITORING REPORTS

2.1 BUSINESS GRANTS AND LOANS SCHEMES STATUS REPORT

There was submitted and noted a report dated 8 September 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services on financial support awarded under the Council's Business Grants and Loans Schemes, to local companies, in the period 14 August to 8 September 2000.

Councillor Drew McIntyre left the meeting at this point.

2.2 STATISTICAL RETURNS TO THE ACCOUNTS COMMISSION

There was submitted and noted a report dated 11 September 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services on the audited statistical returns made to the Accounts Commission on some aspects of the performance of particular services within the Department of Development Services; and on changes made to the indicators reported from previous years.

2.3 ABSENCE MANAGEMENT REPORT: QUARTER TO JUNE 2000

There was submitted and noted a report dated 11 September 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services on the absence rates in the Department of Development Services for the quarter ended 30 June 2000.

Councillor McIntyre re-joined the meeting at this point.

2.4 BUDGETARY CONTROL SUMMARY STATEMENT DEVELOPMENT SERVICES TO 28 JULY 2000 (PERIOD 4)

There was submitted and noted a joint report dated 23 August 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Finance and the Director of Development Services on the current budgetary control position and the projected out-turn for the year for the Department of Development Services for the period ended 28 July 2000 (Period 4).

M77 PROGRESS UPDATE (Item 9, Page 1039, 99/02)

3. There was submitted a report dated 14 September 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services on current progress on the M77 project.

Councillor Drew McIntyre updated the Committee on his recent meeting with the Leader of East Renfrewshire Council on the importance that the M77 project should go ahead as part of the integrated scheme with the Glasgow South Orbital road.

The Leader of East Renfrewshire Council had accepted that the M77 project was as important as the Glasgow South Orbital road and confirmed that East Renfrewshire Council would do everything it could to ensure that both projects were completed successfully.

It was agreed to note:-

- (i) the outcome of the meeting between the Leaders of East Ayrshire Council and East Renfrewshire Council on both Council's interest in advance of the Public Inquiry on the linked Glasgow South Orbital project;
- (ii) progress to date on the implementation of the M77 project; and
- (iii) that East Ayrshire Council, as an objector, might require to be represented at the Public Inquiry for the Glasgow South Orbital road.

DRAFT NATIONAL PLANNING POLICY GUIDELINE (NPPG) 1: THE PLANNING SYSTEM

4. There was submitted a report dated 8 September 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services on the Draft National Planning Policy Guideline (NPPG) 1: The Planning System, which had been forwarded to the Scottish Executive prior to this Committee due to the timescales involved for submission of comments.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the contents of the report; and
- (ii) to homologate the action taken by the Head of Planning and Building Control, who forwarded the comments on the Draft NPPG 1: The Planning System, as detailed in Paragraph 3 of the report, to the Scottish Executive.

NATURAL HERITAGE ZONES

5. There was submitted and noted a report dated 8 September 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services on Natural Heritage Zones which were being developed by Scottish Natural Heritage as a way of helping people and the environment benefit from Scotland's natural diversity; an explanation as to the nature of Natural Heritage Zones; and which set out any implications which Natural Heritage Zones might have for the Council in its promotion of nature conservation in East Ayrshire.

SCOTTISHPOWER SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENT RESPONSE TIMES FOR STREET LIGHTING (Item 10, Page 775, 99/02)

6. There was submitted a report dated 14 September 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services on the progress of negotiations with ScottishPower since 15 March 2000; and on the Service Level Agreement response times for street lighting faults for the period 1 January to 31 August 2000.

The Head of Roads and Transportation reported that the date range for the Service Level Agreement response times, as detailed in Paragraph 5.1 of the report, should have read 1 January 2000 to 31 August 2000.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the improvement in the Service Level Agreement response times for street lighting faults for the period 1 January to 31 August 2000;
- (ii) to note the current state of negotiations between East Ayrshire Council and ScottishPower, as described in Paragraph 3 of the report; and
- (iii) to write to ScottishPower to welcome the marked improvement in performance but also to draw attention to the under-performance which was continuing in relation to 5th Core and Section faults.

SAFER ROUTES TO SCHOOL (Item 22, Page 1245, 99/02)

7. There was submitted a joint report dated 14 September 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services and the Director of Educational and Social Services on funding allocated to the Scottish Executive Development Department (SEDD) for Safer Routes to School; and which recommended projects for implementation in the current year and further survey work to prepare project proposals for future years.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note that East Ayrshire Council had been allocated £120,000 by the SEDD for Safer Routes to School;
- (ii) to approve implementation, in financial year 2000/01, of the proposed schemes set out in the Appendix to the report;
- (iii) to approve implementation of an in-depth study of travel plans based on surveys, initially with the schools identified in Paragraph 3.7 of the report, with the inclusion of Netherthird Primary School, Cumnock;
- (iv) to note that the report had also been submitted for consideration, to the meeting of the Education Committee, held on 19 September 2000; and
- (v) that the Director of Educational and Social Services be advised of the inclusion of Netherthird Primary School in the in-depth study of travel plans based on surveys.

AWARDING OF CONTRACTS

8. There was submitted and noted a report dated 11 September 2000 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources which provided details of the lowest satisfactory tenders which had been accepted in respect of the undernoted Department of Development Services' contracts:-

<u>CONTRACT</u>	<u>SUCCESSFUL CONTRACTOR</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Altonhill/Rugby Road, Kilmarnock - Lighting Improvements	Lightways (Contractors) Ltd, Larbert	£43,172.72
Hurlford Drumleyhill Area Lighting Improvements	Lightways (Contractors) Ltd, Larbert	£41,687.01
A76 Lighting Works 2000/01	Hyder Infrastructure Services, Dundonald	£24,677.80
A70 and A713 Resurfacing	Hillhouse Quarry Company Ltd, Troon	£38,605.54
Carriageway Surfacing - A71 Thin	Associated Asphalt, Oxfordshire	£88,923.83
Crookedholm and Riccarton Flood Prevention Schemes	Babtie Group, Glasgow	£49,892.00

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

9. 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 ROADS DLO - TRADING SERVICES TO 28 JULY 2000 (PERIOD 4)

10. There was submitted and noted a joint report dated 22 August 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Finance and the Director of Development Services on the current budgetary control position and the projected out-turn for the year for the Roads DLO - Trading Services for the period ended 28 July 2000 (Period 4).

BUDGETARY CONTROL SUMMARY STATEMENT VEHICLE MAINTENANCE DSO - TRADING SERVICES TO 28 JULY 2000 (PERIOD 4)

11. There was submitted and noted a joint report dated 22 August 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Finance and the Director of Development Services on the current budgetary control position and the projected out-turn for the year for the Vehicle Maintenance DSO - Trading Services for the period ended 28 July 2000 (Period 4).

SURPLUS GROUND - CUMNOCK

12. There was submitted a report dated 8 September 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which sought approval for an area of land forming part of the Cumnock Business Park, Glaisnock Road, Cumnock, to be declared surplus to requirements to enable its subsequent sale and consent to allow car parking spaces to be constructed upon the land previously designated as a landscaped area.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to declare the area of land at Cumnock Business Park, Glaisnock Road, Cumnock, identified in the plan attached to the report, surplus to operational requirements for the purpose of disposal to the party named within the report;
- (ii) to grant consent to allow car parking space to be constructed upon the land, also identified in the plan attached to the report, which had previously been designated as a landscaped area; and
- (iii) that the Director of Development Services, in conjunction with the Solicitor to the Council, proceed to complete the required negotiations and arrangements for the sale of the ground in accordance with the terms of the Scheme of Delegation.

The meeting terminated at 1040 hours.