

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 29 JUNE 2000 AT 1000 HRS
IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS,
LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK**

PRESENT: Provost Jimmy Boyd and Councillors Brian McNeil, Katie Hall, Ann Hay, Stephanie Young, Brian Reeves, Daniel Coffey, Willie Coffey, Douglas Reid, John Weir, Drew McIntyre, David Macrae, Harry Wilson, Iain Linton, Alex Walsh, Alan Campbell, Jane Darnbrough, John Knapp, Jim Raymond, Finlay MacLean, Robert McDill, Eric Jackson, George Smith, Jimmy Kelly, Tommy Farrell, Julie Faulds, William Menzies, Eric Ross, Elaine Dinwoodie and Robert Taylor.

ATTENDING: David Montgomery, Chief Executive; Fiona Lees, Depute Chief Executive; William Stafford, Director of Community Services; Stephen Chorley, Director of Development Services; John Mulgrew, Director of Education; Alex McPhee, Director of Finance; James Lavery, Director of Homes and Technical Services; Alan McDougall, Depute Director of Social Work; Douglas Campbell, Head of Public Relations and Marketing; Ian Arnott, Corporate Accounting Manager; Julie Jamieson, Financial Services Manager; Bill Walkinshaw, Principal Administrative Officer; Gail Cooper, Trainee Accountant; and Julie Armstrong, Senior Administrative Officer.

APOLOGY: Councillor Jimmy Carmichael.

CHAIR: Provost Jimmy Boyd, Chair.

PROVOST'S REMARKS

1. The Provost, before beginning the meeting, intimated that he wished to mention the names of a few people who had received honours in this year's Queen's Birthday Honours List.

The Provost referred first to John Mulgrew, Director of Education, who had been awarded an OBE for his services to education. The Provost commented that not only was John engaged in education in East Ayrshire, he was also involved in a range of national groups within the education service. The Provost also stated that John had been invited by the Minister of Education to chair an Action Group investigating foreign language provision in Scottish schools which would report shortly and that John was also the Vice-President of the Association of Directors of Education in Scotland.

The Provost then referred to Neil McIntosh, who had been awarded a Knighthood for services to the community. The Provost stated that Neil McIntosh had been the former Chief Executive of Dumfries and Galloway Regional Council and Strathclyde Regional Council. The Provost also stated that the Council had nominated Neil McIntosh to serve on the Commission on Local Government, a Commission he eventually chaired. The Provost further commented that Neil McIntosh was currently Chairman of the Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations and was active in other national bodies.

The Provost also mentioned David Kennedy, who had been awarded the Queen's Fire Service Medal. The Provost stated that David Kennedy was currently Depute Firemaster of Strathclyde Fire Brigade but was perhaps best known to most

Members as a result of his period as the Senior Officer of East Ayrshire's own local West Command.

Members and Officers joined the Provost in congratulating all of these persons on their achievements.

PREVIOUS MINUTES

2. There were submitted (circulated) Minutes of Meeting of Council held on 18 May 2000 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 **DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE OF 9 MAY 2000 (pages 962-966, 99/02).**
 - 3.2 **SPECIAL CUMNOCK AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE OF 10 MAY 2000 (pages 967-972, 99/02).**
 - 3.3 **EMERGENCY POWERS COMMITTEE OF 15 MAY 2000 (page 973, 99/02).**
 - 3.4 **NORTHERN AREA LOCAL PLANNING COMMITTEE OF 15 MAY 2000 (pages 974-979, 99/02).**
 - 3.5 **SOUTHERN LOCAL PLANNING COMMITTEE OF 19 MAY 2000 (pages 995-998, 99/02).**
 - 3.6 **KILMARNOCK NORTH LOCAL COMMITTEE OF 23 MAY 2000 (pages 999-1003, 99/02).**
 - 3.7 **EMERGENCY POWERS COMMITTEE OF 25 MAY 2000 (page 1004, 99/02).**
 - 3.8 **CUMNOCK AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE OF 25 MAY 2000 (pages 1005-1009, 99/02).**
 - 3.9 **HOUSING COMMITTEE OF 31 MAY 2000 (pages 1010-1020, 99/02).**
 - 3.10 **IRVINE VALLEY LOCAL COMMITTEE OF 31 MAY 2000 (pages 1021-1024, 99/02).**
 - 3.11 **CENTRAL LOCAL PLANNING COMMITTEE OF 2 JUNE 2000 (pages 1025-1030, 99/02).**
 - 3.12 **DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE OF 6 JUNE 2000 (pages 1031-1042, 99/02).**
 - 3.13 **KILMARNOCK CENTRAL LOCAL COMMITTEE OF 6 JUNE 2000 (pages 1043-1046, 99/02).**
 - 3.14 **COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE OF 7 JUNE 2000 (pages 1047-1057, 99/02).**
 - 3.15 **KILMARNOCK SOUTH LOCAL COMMITTEE OF 7 JUNE 2000 (pages 1058-1061, 99/02).**
 - 3.16 **EMERGENCY POWERS COMMITTEE OF 8 JUNE 2000 (page 1062, 99/02).**

3.17 EDUCATION COMMITTEE OF 8 JUNE 2000 (pages 1063-1069, 99/02).**MATTERS ARISING****(i) CONSULTATION ON THE SCHOOLS SCOTLAND CODE**

It was noted that the Director of Education would submit a report to the first appropriate Education Committee following the recent incident at Flowerbank Nursery.

3.18 NORTHERN AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE OF 8 JUNE 2000 (pages 1070-1074, 99/02).**3.19 NORTHERN AREA LOCAL PLANNING COMMITTEE OF 9 JUNE 2000 (page 1075, 99/02).****3.20 SPECIAL NORTHERN AREA LOCAL PLANNING COMMITTEE OF 12 JUNE 2000 (pages 1076-1079, 99/02).****3.21 SOCIAL WORK COMMITTEE OF 14 JUNE 2000 (pages 1080-1085, 99/02).****3.22 DOON VALLEY LOCAL COMMITTEE OF 14 JUNE 2000 (pages 1086-1089, 99/02).****3.23 POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE OF 15 JUNE 2000 (pages 1090-1110, 99/02).****3.24 SOUTHERN LOCAL PLANNING COMMITTEE OF 16 JUNE 2000 (pages 1111-1121, 99/02).****3.25 SPECIAL DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE OF 16 JUNE 2000 (pages 1122-1123, 99/02).**

**EAST AYRSHIRE COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM -
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

4. There was submitted and noted Minutes of Meeting held on 14 June 2000 (circulated) as shown in Appendix I.

SOCIAL INCLUSION STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP GROUP

5. There was submitted for information and endorsement of the recommendations of the Social Inclusion Strategic Partnership Group in relation to the Social Inclusion budget 2000/2001, Minutes of Meeting held on Thursday 22 June 2000 (circulated).

It was agreed to endorse the recommendations contained in the Minutes.

**ABSTRACT OF ACCOUNTS AND COMPETITIVE SERVICES
ANNUAL REPORT 1999/2000**

6. There was submitted a report dated 15 June 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Finance to submit the Annual Accounts for 1999/2000 to the Council and which sought approval to forward them to the Controller of Audit.

It was agreed:

- (i) that £0.973m be transferred to the Insurance Fund;
- (ii) that the Annual Accounts for 1999/2000 be forwarded to the Controller of Audit; and

- (iii) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

STATUTORY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS 1999/2000

7. There was submitted a report dated June 2000 (circulated) by the Chief Executive which submitted the draft Statutory Performance Indicators 1999/2000 to the Council and which sought approval to forward them to the External Auditor.

There was also circulated amendments to pages 4 and 14 (circulated).

Councillor W Coffey, seconded by Councillor D Coffey, moved that the Council publish figures in relation to Housing Indicator No 1, Response Repairs (Emergency and 24-hour categories), reliable or otherwise, along with the Statutory Performance Indicators contained within the report.

Councillor Kelly, seconded by Councillor Macrae, moved as an amendment;

- (i) to submit the draft Statutory Performance Indicators 1999/2000 contained within Appendix to the report to the External Auditor;
- (ii) to note the actions that had been requested in relation to Housing Indicator 1 Response Repairs;
- (iii) to note that a full report on this Indicator would be presented by the Director of Homes and Technical Services to an early meeting of the Housing Committee; and
- (iv) to note that all Indicators once audited would be presented to appropriate Service Committees for a full discussion.

On a division by a show of hands the amendment was carried by 16 votes to 13.

The Council having been advised by the Director of Homes and Technical Services that figures for the Response Repairs categories in question were not available for 1999/2000, agreed to note the assurances given by the Director of Homes and Technical Services that in respect of Housing Indicator Number 1, Response Repairs (Emergency and 24-hour categories) that performance data was now being collated for this financial year and that reliable performance figures would be available for 2000/2001 and thereafter.

FINANCIAL REGULATIONS (Item 5, Page 343, 99/02)

8. There was submitted a report dated 1 June 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Finance which presented to the Council a list of minor amendments to Financial Regulations to reflect Departmental restructuring.

It was agreed:

- (i) to approve the Financial Regulations and authorise the Director of Finance to implement amendments and to make the necessary arrangements to notify the amendments to appropriate staff; and
- (ii) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL SCHEME OF DELEGATION, STANDING ORDERS AND STANDING ORDERS IN RELATION TO CONTRACTS

9. There was submitted a report dated 15 June 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Corporate Services which sought authority of Council to make minor amendments to

the Standing Orders and Standing Orders in Relation to Contracts and to submit for consideration amendments to the Scheme of Delegation which took cognisance of the recent review of organisational structural and restructuring of certain Council Departments, and certain operational requirements.

It was agreed:

- (i) to confirm the Proper and Appointed Officers and statutory appointments as detailed in the Scheme;
- (ii) to approve and adopt the amended Scheme of Delegation as detailed within the Appendix to the report;
- (iii) to a further amendment in relation to page 37 in respect of Community Grants the sum of £250 being increased to £500; and
- (iv) to remit to the Director of Corporate Resources (Designate) in consultation with appropriate Officers to amend any reference to obsolete designations as appropriate within the Standing Orders and Standing Orders Relating to Contracts.

**THE COUNCIL PLAN - TASKS, TARGETS
AND TIMESCALES (Item 10, Page 570, 99/02)**

- 10.** There was submitted a report dated 27 June 2000 (circulated) by the Chief Executive to submit for approval the draft Tasks, Targets and Timescales that would support the Council's top priorities as outlined within the Council Plan and previously approved by the Council.

Having noted two amendments to the text of the Council Plan as intimated by the Chief Executive, it was agreed:

- (i) to approve the draft East Ayrshire Council Plan as detailed within the report and appendix subject to any further necessary textual amendments that may be indicated to the Chief Executive;
- (ii) to note that the Council's arrangements for securing community planning would be reported to a future meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee; and
- (iii) to remit to the Chief Executive to arrange for the East Ayrshire Council Plan to be published in an appropriate form.

**POLITICAL LEADERSHIP STRUCTURES/
RENEWING LOCAL DEMOCRACY GROUP**

- 11.** There was submitted a report dated 20 June 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Corporate Services which proposed, on receipt of the report from the Renewing Local Democracy Group (the Kerley Committee), the referral of the report to the Member/Officer Working Group appointed to examine the Council's Committee structure and decision making processes.

Councillor Farrell, seconded by Councillor McIntyre, moved:

- (i) to note the receipt of the Kerley report and to remit this to the Member/Officer Group in order that it may be taken into account in the preparation of their recommendations; and

- (ii) to increase the membership of the Group to provide for a total of five Administration Members and three SNP Opposition Members and one Conservative Opposition Member.

Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Reid, moved as an amendment:

- (i) to note the receipt of the Kerley report and to remit this to the Member/Officer Group in order that it may be taken into account in the preparation of their recommendations; and
- (ii) to increase the membership of the Group to provide for a total of five Administration Members, four SNP Opposition Members and one Conservative Opposition Member.

On a division by a show of hands, the motion was carried by 17 votes to 13.

It was further agreed that the names for the vacant membership positions on the Working Group (one Administration and three SNP) be submitted to the Head of Administrative and Legal Services as soon as possible.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION AND MEMBERSHIP OF CUMNOCK AND DOON VALLEY MINERALS TRUST

- 12.** There was submitted a report dated 21 June 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Corporate Services which advised Members of a request to change the Constitution of the Cumnock and Doon Valley Minerals Trust to increase the number of co-opted Trustees (those appointed by the nominated Trustees) from eight to nine.

It was agreed to the request by the Trust that the number of co-opted Trustees be increased from eight to nine with the additional Trustee representing the mineral operators.

The meeting terminated at 1057 hrs.

EAST AYRSHIRE COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 14 JUNE 2000 AT 1135 HOURS IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK

PRESENT: Councillors Jimmy Carmichael, Brian Reeves, Daniel Coffey, George Smith and William Menzies; Local Committee Representatives: Charles Calman (Kilmarnock Central); Andrew Nisbet (Irvine Valley); and Matt Donnelly (Kilmarnock North); Tony Kane and Bob Andrews, Fire Safety Officers, Strathclyde Fire Brigade; Chief Inspector James Thomson and Superintendent Alistair McKie, Strathclyde Police; Jean Smith, Cumnock and District Blind Club; Jean McFarlane, Kilmarnock and Loudoun Crime Prevention Panel; Ann Ferguson, Council of Voluntary Organisations; Willie Goudie, Safer New Cumnock; and Mary Reilly, ROSPA.

ATTENDING: William Stafford, Director of Community Services; Alison J Smith, Principal Officer (Licensing and Community Safety); Ann Williams, Community Safety Officer; Hugh Mitchell, Police Liaison Officer; Gerald Cummins, Road Safety Training Officer; Dot Grieve, Strategy Development Officer; Eleanor Dewar, Environmental Health Officer; James Crawshaw, Student Environmental Health Officer; Caroline Gordon, Public Relations Assistant; and Stuart Nelson, Administrative Officer.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Harry Wilson, Iain Linton and Robert Taylor; Local Committee Representative: Finvola Barnes (Kilmarnock South); Margaret McWilliams, Ayrshire and Arran Health Board; Judith Cunningham, Ayrshire and Arran Primary Care Trust; Susan Paton, Victim Support; Alistair Beckenridge, Ayrshire and Arran Tourist Industry Forum; Janice Cameron, East Ayrshire (North) Forum on Disability; Dr Iain Brown, East Ayrshire (South) Forum on Disability; and Margaret Booth, Safe Barshare.

WELCOME BY WILLIAM STAFFORD, DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES AND SECRETARY TO THE FORUM

1. William Stafford welcomed those present and wished the new Members well in their participation in the work of the Forum.

APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR

2. William Stafford, Secretary, invited the Members to appoint a Chair and Vice-Chair and it was unanimously agreed that Councillor Jimmy Carmichael be appointed Chair and that Mr Andrew Nisbet be appointed Vice-Chair.

Councillor Jimmy Carmichael then took the Chair.

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

3. There were submitted (circulated) and approved as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting of the East Ayrshire Community Safety Forum held on 29 March 2000.

EAST AYRSHIRE COMMUNITY SAFETY LOGO

4. Alison J Smith, Principal Officer, reported that as there had been no response from the Secondary Schools who had been invited to participate in this competition, the

wider community had been invited to participate by means of advertising in the local press.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to delay the closing date for the Competition to enable local Primary Schools to participate; and
- (ii) that the Secretary submit a report on the outcome to the next meeting.

William Stafford, Secretary, left the meeting at this point.

ACTIVITIES OF FORUM PARTICIPANTS

5. The Forum heard from a number of the participants in the Forum who advised of the activities of their respective organisations over the recent period in relation to Community Safety issues as follows, namely:-

5.1 Local Committee Representative (Kilmarnock Central)

Mr Charles Calman drew attention to issues which had been raised in respect of (a) the possible siting of a temporary fairground at Armour Street, Kilmarnock; and (b) the road safety implications of the siting of a new tyre and exhaust depot at Wellbeck Street, Kilmarnock as highlighted by Piersland and Bentinck Community Council.

It was agreed to request the Head of Planning and Building Control, East Ayrshire Council to discuss with Mr Calman, the implications for road safety of the siting of the new tyre and exhaust Depot, and the representations made in this respect by the local Community Council.

5.2 Safer New Cumnock

Mr Willie Goudie reported on (a) a scheme which had been undertaken by Safer New Cumnock to provide security lighting at houses within the local community occupied by elderly persons; and (b) a further project being promoted by the Group, in partnership with other agencies, for the provision of security Closed Circuit Television at houses occupied by elderly persons within the local community.

5.3 Local Committee Representative (Kilmarnock North)

Mr Matt Donnelly highlighted concerns which had been expressed in the local area regarding (a) the poor condition of the Burns Monument at the Kay Park, Kilmarnock; (b) the general lack, and poor condition, of the facilities provided at the Kay Park and the possible use of monies from the former Kay Park Trust to fund a programme of improvements, Mr Donnelly expressing the view that funding for this purpose should be found from East Ayrshire Council's own budgets; and (c) the public perception that the programme of road works being undertaken within Kilmarnock Centre on behalf of the West of Scotland Water Authority, had been poorly publicised and that implementation had been badly managed.

5.4 Kilmarnock And Loudoun Crime Prevention Panel

Mrs Jean McFarlane (a) acknowledged the difficulties for drivers arising from the roadworks within Kilmarnock Centre as highlighted by Mr Donnelly above, but indicated that difficulties for vehicles in gaining access to the south part of the town were now easing; (b) reported that the adult experiential learning course which was scheduled to take place between April to June had been postponed and would now take place in the Autumn; (c) advised that the School Watch Campaign would be

proceeding following the Summer holidays and would include experiential learning activities for teenagers; and indicated that an interesting point arising from the input from young people thUs far was the perceived threat/risk to young people from their peers; and (d) reported that she had recently attended an event at Glasgow Cathedral as representative of the Crime Prevention Panel which had proved to be very interesting and informative.

5.5 Cumnock And District Blind Club

Mrs Jean Smith (a) indicated that she had participated in visits to local primary schools with Officers from East Ayrshire Council's Sensory Impairment Team which have proved to be very useful in making children aware of the issues and circumstances which need to be addressed by persons with sensory impairment; and (b) advised that East Ayrshire (South) Against Crime, of which she is a member, had made progress, in liaison with Strathclyde Police, towards the production of a new leaflet which will focus on "Spotlight" activity undertaken by the Police.

5.6 Strathclyde Fire Brigade

Bob Anderson, Fire Safety Officer (a) advised of an Open Day which would be taking place at Kilmarnock Fire Station on Saturday 17 June 2000 which would include tours of the Fire Station, enable the public to inspect fire appliances and would feature a number of "hands on" activities; and (b) confirmed the ongoing involvement of Officers of the Brigade in promoting experiential learning activities, often in conjunction with other agencies.

5.7 Rospa

Mary Reilly (a) provided details of the Scottish Accident Prevention Council Annual Conference and encouraged all Organisations/Agencies involved in, or with an interest in, Community Safety to be represented at the Conference, if possible; and (b) outlined the progress being made in the field of Home Safety with particular reference to the appointment of dedicated Home Safety Officers by Scottish Local Authorities, and the Home Safety Committee's position that Home Safety should be a mandatory function for local authorities.

5.8 East Ayrshire Council - Roads And Transportation: Road Safety

Gerald Cummins, Road Safety Training Officer made reference to a number of road safety related initiatives, viz:- (a) cycle training courses, undertaken in conjunction with over 30 local Schools, for the benefit of young people, which also include checks on the condition of bicycles; (b) the implementation of walk to school initiatives in Fenwick; (c) road engineering improvements at Crossroads and at Crosshands, both on the A76 route; (d) provided an update in respect of the proposed M77 extension and indicated that in the meantime funding had been made available by the Scottish Office to undertake accident prevention measures on the A77; and (e) traffic calming measures in Kilmaurs, Newmilns and within the Kilmarnock area.

Arising from discussion it was agreed that Mr Cummins would arrange for information on the traffic calming works at Newmilns to be provided to Mr Andrew Nisbet; and at Wellpark, Kilmarnock to be provided to Mr Charles Calman.

5.9 East Ayrshire Council - Environmental Health

Eleanor Dewar, Environmental Health Officer reported on the involvement of her Section in the provision of food hygiene training to the local community; this years

National Spring Clean which involves the local community in projects aimed at cleaning up the local area; the “Homelands” music event at the Dalleagles, New Cumnock; and experiential learning initiatives.

5.10 East Ayrshire Council - Education: Community Learning

Dot Grieve, Strategy Development Officer reported on (a) works undertaken with young people in respect of drugs issues, young people and authority and on the National Youth Summit in Motherwell with a further shadow event to be held locally; and (b) experiential learning projects for teenagers.

5.11 Strathclyde Police

Superintendent Alistair McKie advised of the publication of the latest edition of Strathclyde Police Annual Report and drew attention to statistics contained within the report which indicated substantial increases in charges relating to drugs and drink related crimes; (b) made reference to the ongoing Spotlight Initiative being undertaken within Kilmarnock Town Centre in conjunction with the Kilmarnock Retail Traders Association which is considered to be a key factor in the decrease in the incidents in crimes of violence and disorder in the Town Centre; and (c) highlighted that there had been an increase in the recorded incidences of house-breaking within the area.

5.12 Police Liaison

Sergeant Hugh Mitchell (a) referred to recent publicity given to the East Ayrshire Drugs and Alcohol Forum and highlighted the need for community support and endorsement of the work and activities of the Forum; (b) advised that an anti-drugs initiative being promoted jointly by Kilmarnock Football Club, East Ayrshire Council and Strathclyde Police had received funding of £24,000 from Scotland Against Drugs; (c) confirmed involvement in the amendment and resubmission of the bid for funds to facilitate the provision of security CCTV at houses occupied by elderly persons in New Cumnock, as referred to previously by Mr Willie Goudie; (d) reported on initiatives on the production of information cards for elderly persons and to encourage proper behaviour by youths attending football matches; and (e) advised of involvement in the School Watch Campaign and in discussions with Social Inclusion Teams on Community Safety Initiatives.

On the matter being raised during discussion by Mrs Jean Smith, it was agreed (a) that the Secretary write to the Manager of the recently opened Tesco store in Auchinleck regarding concerns which the Forum have about the siting of display boards at designated disabled persons car parking bays within the Car Park at the store; and (b) Eleanor Dewar, Environmental Health Officer would arrange to pursue this matter with the Store Manager through the Environmental Health Service.

COMMUNITY SAFETY OFFICER'S REPORT: REVIEW OF EVENTS AND INITIATIVES

6. There was submitted and noted a report dated 5 June 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which provided an update on developments and initiatives undertaken by the Community Safety Officer.

SCOTTISH ACCIDENT PREVENTION COUNCIL: HOME SAFETY COMMITTEE

7. There was submitted and noted a report dated 2 June 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which advised of the business discussed at the meeting of the SAPC Home Safety Committee on 31 May 2000.

SCOTTISH ACCIDENT PREVENTION COUNCIL: WATER AND LEISURE SAFETY COMMITTEE

8. There was submitted and noted a report dated 6 June 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which advised of the business discussed at the meeting of the Water and Leisure Safety Committee on 31 May 2000.

SCOTTISH ACCIDENT PREVENTION COUNCIL: ROAD SAFETY SUB-COMMITTEE

9. There was submitted and noted a report dated 6 June 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services on matters discussed at the meeting of the SAPC Road Safety Sub-Committee on 3 May 2000.

PRODUCTION OF A COMMUNITY SAFETY BOOKLET

10. There was submitted a report dated 5 June 2000 (circulated) by the Head of Protective Services which sought the Forum's view on the production of a booklet designed to raise awareness in East Ayrshire about Community Safety issues.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to support, in principle, the proposed production and distribution of a booklet as suggested;
- (ii) that the Director of Community Services submit a further report to an early meeting providing details as to how the proposal could be progressed, including funding arrangements;
- (iii) that any booklet to be produced be made available in a range of formats to suit the needs of persons with sensory impairments;
- (iv) that the Secretary make representations to East Ayrshire Council with a view to a dedicated "Community Safety" section being included within the next and subsequent issues of "Headlines"; and
- (v) that, on the matter being raised by Mr Matt Donnelly during discussion, the Secretary make representations to the Director of Homes and Technical Services of East Ayrshire Council regarding the possibility of the installation of water sprinkler systems within Council houses to combat fire hazard.

Mr Charles Calman and Mr Matt Donnelly left the meeting at this point.

VOLUNTARY REGISTRATION SCHEME FOR BONFIRE AND FIREWORKS DISPLAYS

11. There was submitted a report dated 6 June 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which advised of the Voluntary Registration Scheme currently being promoted by four English Unitary Authorities in the area covered by the Avon Fire Brigade and which sought the views of Members of the Forum on the introduction of a similar scheme within East Ayrshire.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve, in principle, the introduction of a Voluntary Registration Scheme for firework and bonfire displays;
- (ii) that a small Working Group be established, to include representatives from Strathclyde Fire Brigade, Strathclyde Police and appropriate East Ayrshire Council Departments, to discuss the adoption of a scheme with a view to implementation prior to bonfire night in November this year; and
- (iii) that the Secretary report to a future meeting on progress.

KEY ISSUES SEMINAR

- 12.** There was submitted a report dated 6 June 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on the Key Issues Seminar which took place on 13 April 2000 in Cumnock Town Hall.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the terms of the report; and
- (ii) that the Officers concerned should give consideration to transport arrangements for events such as this which are to be held in future, although the Members of the Forum acknowledged that there may be significant financial issues to be addressed.

The meeting terminated at 1305 hours.

AGENDA