

APPENDIX VIII

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

**CIVIC CEREMONIAL SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE POLICY
AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 30 JULY 1996 AT 0930 HOURS IN
THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD,
KILMARNOCK**

PRESENT: Provost Robert Stirling and Councillors Drew McIntyre, Wilma Doyle, Ronald Brailsford, David Sneller and Jimmy Boyd.

ATTENDING: Bill Stafford, Director of Community Services; Stephen Chorley, Director of Development Services; Barbara Haughan, Director of Support Services; Douglas Campbell, Head of Public Relations and Marketing; Graham Short, Head of Quality Development (Education); Bill Walkinshaw, Principal Administrative Officer; Helen Downie, Senior Administrative Assistant (Members'/Civic) and Melanie Macleod, Administrative Officer.

APOLOGY: Councillor Daniel Coffey.

CHAIR: Provost Stirling, Chair.

TOWN TWINNING LINKS (Item 5, Page 965)

There was submitted a report dated 23 July 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services on proposals for developing Town Twinning links for East Ayrshire.

It was agreed:

- (i) to approve the proposals for Town Twinning links as follows:
- that within town twinning partnerships, opportunities do exist to develop economic, social, cultural, recreation and educational activities;
 - that East Ayrshire Council agree that its principal aim in maintaining and developing town twinning partnerships be to promote such initiatives for the benefit of East Ayrshire residents;
 - that, in pursuing these aims, East Ayrshire Council would develop partnerships with local organisations such as Chambers of Commerce, Retail Traders Association and Town Twinning Associations;
 - that, in future, twinning partnerships be viewed from an East Ayrshire perspective;
 - that East Ayrshire Council develop a Charter setting out its aims for town twinning partnerships; and
 - that existing twin towns be (a) notified of the Council's aims and how the Council would wish to develop its town twinning partnerships; (b) invited to confirm whether they would wish to participate in the proposals; and (c) at a subsequent future date, asked to sign the aforementioned Charter to this effect.

- (ii) that, following consultation with the existing twin towns, each Town Twinning link be assessed;
- (iii) to note progress to date in respect of discussions with Cumnock and Doon Valley and Kilmarnock and Loudoun Town Twinning Associations; and
- (iv) that the necessary arrangements be remitted to the Director of Support Services.

Councillor MacIntyre joined the meeting during discussion of this item.

APPLICATIONS FOR CIVIC RECEPTIONS

2.1 HANOVER LEGION PIPES AND DRUMS

There was submitted an application dated 28 June 1996 (circulated) from the above organisation for civic hospitality prior to a performance by the Band at Dean Castle, Kilmarnock on the afternoon of Saturday 10 August 1996.

It was agreed:

- (i) that civic hospitality in the form of a two course buffet meal be provided within the Civic Hall at a total cost of £400;
- (ii) that the Provost, Depute Provost, Chair of Community Services, Leader of the Opposition, Chief Executive, Depute Chief Executive and Director of Community Services (or nominees), together with their partners, be invited to represent the Council at the Civic Reception;
- (iii) that all Elected Members be given the opportunity of attending the concert immediately following the Civic Reception; and
- (iv) that arrangements for appropriate civic gifts, be remitted to the Director of Support Services in consultation with the Provost following further details on the visiting delegation.

Councillor Doyle joined the meeting during discussion of this item

2.2 EAST AYRSHIRE SPORTS COUNCIL

There was submitted an application dated 28 June 1996 (circulated) from the above organisation for a Civic Reception in respect of a reciprocal visit by the Lisburn Sports Advisory Council, including the Mayor of Lisburn, Councillors and other appropriate representatives of the Borough Council, on Saturday 21 September 1996.

It was agreed:

- (i) that civic hospitality in the form of two course buffet meal, including wine, be provided within the Galleon Centre, Kilmarnock at a total cost of £1,000;
- (ii) that the Depute Provost, Chair of Community Services, Galleon Centre Chairman, Chief Executive and Director of Community Services (or nominees), Representative of the Opposition, together with their partners, be invited to represent the Council at the Civic Reception; and

- (iii) that arrangements for appropriate civic gifts be remitted to the Director of Support Services in consultation with the Provost following further details on the visiting delegation.

2.3 ATTENDANCE AT CIVIC RECEPTIONS

In the course of discussion of items 2.1 and 2.2 above, it was agreed that:

- (i) in respect of these and future applications, an additional employee representative of the Council be nominated by the appropriate Director to attend the civic reception in question, in recognition of the work done by the Council personnel at all levels; and
- (ii) with specific reference to the civic receptions outlined in Items 2.1 and 2.2, it be remitted to the Director of Community Services to nominate the personnel to attend in each case.

2.4 VISIT BY MODERATOR OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

There was submitted a report dated 22 July 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services on a request received from the Church of Scotland, Presbytery of Ayr, to provide a civic reception for the visit by the Moderator of the General Assembly who would be taking the morning service at Muirkirk on Sunday 3 November 1996.

It was agreed:

- (i) that a Civic Lunch be provided in an appropriate venue within the Muirkirk area on Sunday 3 November 1996, following the church service in Muirkirk; and
- (ii) that the detailed arrangements for the reception be remitted to the Director of Support Services in consultation with the Provost.

2.5 FRIENDS OF AYRSHIRE CHILDLINE - TENTH BIRTHDAY BALL

There was submitted a report dated 22 July 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services on a request received from Childline Scotland intimating that, following the success of its first ball last year, a similar fundraising event would be held on Saturday 23 November 1996 in the Station Hotel, Ayr.

It was agreed:

- (i) that a table for 10 be taken at this event at a cost of £250, and to approve associated transport including any ancillary expenses, and
- (ii) that the detailed arrangements in respect of the Council's attendance be remitted to the Director of Support Services in consultation with the Provost.

JOUÉ-LES-TOURS - TWIN TOURISM (Item 8 Page 966)

3. The Principal Administrative Officer reported and it was noted in letter, dated 19 June 1996 had been received from the Town Twinning Committee of Joué-lès-Tours, advising of:

- (i) the cancellation of the planned exhibition and "European Days" programme, which would be rescheduled for 1997; and

- (ii) the formation of a new "twinning working group" which had been formed within Joué-lès-Tours.

The meeting terminated at 0940 hours.