

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 27 JUNE 1996 AT 1000 HRS
IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS,
LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK**

PRESENT: Provost Robert Stirling and Councillors Gordon McCredie, Drew McIntyre, Irene Reeves, Douglas Reid, Wilma Doyle, Ronald Brailsford, Jane Darnbrough, Alan Campbell, Jim O'Neill, Kathleen Hall, Bob Beattie, John Knapp, Daniel Coffey, David Fulton, Kim Nicoll, George Turnbull, Robert McDill, Eric Ross, Jim Kelly, David Sneller, George Smith, Jimmy Carmichael, Robert Taylor, John Smith, Tommy Farrell and Eric Jackson.

ATTENDING: David Montgomery, Chief Executive; Fiona Lees, Depute Chief Executive; Bill Stafford, Director of Community Services; Stephen Chorley, Director of Development Services; John Mulgrew, Director of Education; Gordon Clark, Director of Finance; John Hillis, Director of Housing; Jim Dickie, Director of Social Work; Barbara Haughan, Director of Support Services; Roddy Wallace, Head of Administration; Kate McVey, Head of Legal Services; Douglas Campbell, Head of Public Relations and Marketing; Bill Walkinshaw, Principal Administrative Officer; and Julie Armstrong, Senior Administrative Officer.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Gordon Cree, David Macrae and Jimmy Boyd.

CHAIR: Provost Stirling, Chair.

MRS ELSIE MENZIES MBE JP

The Provost referred to the recent sad and untimely death of one of the area's foremost citizens and supporters, Mrs Elsie Menzies MBE who had passed away last week. The Provost described Mrs Menzies as someone who was the very backbone of her community and had been closely involved in a number of organisations both local and national which had brought benefits to so many. Mrs Menzies had served as a Councillor with the Burgh of Cumnock until she retired from Local Government in 1975, and thereafter continued to serve as a Justice of the Peace. The Provost referred to just a few of the local groups such as Age Concern, the Women's Guild and the local Twinning Association which had gained from her involvement; and such service to her community had resulted in the award of an MBE in 1992.

The Provost commented on the attendance at Mrs Menzies' funeral last Friday which in his opinion summed up her popularity and the respect in which she was held far better than the he could. The Provost stated that he was sure that all Members and Officers would wish to join with him in recording deep sadness at Mrs Menzies' passing and in sending condolences to her family. As a mark of respect for the contribution which Mrs Menzies had made to the community the Provost asked everyone to join with him in standing to observe one minute's silence.

Council observed a minute's silence as a mark of respect to Mrs Menzies' memory.

PROVOST'S REMARKS

The Provost referred to a number of events which had taken place over the past few weeks.

The Provost referred to his attendance, along with his wife, Margaret, and the Depute Chief Executive at the opening of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland on 18 May. Her Royal Highness the Princess Royal had been appointed Moderator for the proceedings and everyone who attended had found it immensely interesting.

The Provost thanked all Members, Officers and their families who had attended the Kirkin' of the Council Service at St Columba's Church, Stewarton on 26 May and stated that he had been particularly delighted with the support which had been given to him on this special civic occasion.

The Provost referred to various events which deserved support such as the Boys' Brigade West Lowland Hike with its prizegiving taking place in Muirkirk; the Ayrshire Special Games held at Dam Park in Ayr; the Kilmarnock Chinese Community Association party in the Grand Hall and the Duke of Edinburgh's Award 40th Anniversary celebration in Dean Castle Country Park. The Provost thanked all concerned for the great deal of time and effort that had gone into the organisation of these events.

The East Ayrshire Cup Final between Cumnock and Auchinleck had been won by Cumnock and the Provost expressed his delight at being invited to present the Cup to the winning side. He also stated that he had been as equally delighted when Auchinleck reached the Ayrshire Cup Final thus evening up the score. He extended his congratulations to two excellent sides who had provided great entertainment this season.

The Provost concluded his remarks by referring to an excellent production of "The Sound of Music" by Kilmarnock Academy which he had attended last Friday night and the commemorative procession to the National Burns Monument in Mauchline last Sunday which had been organised by the local Community Council and Mauchline Burns Club. The Provost reported that he had laid a wreath in the Council's colours at the Memorial on behalf of East Ayrshire Council and had been delighted to see such a good attendance from all walks of life.

PRESENTATION BY CHIEF CONSTABLE, STRATHCLYDE POLICE ON POLICING IN EAST AYRSHIRE

1. The Provost introduced John Orr OBE BA, Chief Constable of Strathclyde Police, who had been invited to address the Council this morning and who was accompanied by Chief Superintendents Martin Papworth, Divisional Commander, U Division and Sandra Hood, Divisional Commander, R Division.

Chief Constable Orr, followed by Chief Superintendents Martin Papworth and Sandra Hood gave presentations on policing in East Ayrshire; the structure of Strathclyde Police and the aims and objectives which the Police would wish to achieve.

The presentation was followed by a question and answer session and the Provost thanked the Officers for coming along to give the presentation.

Councillor Reid joined the meeting during the presentation.

PREVIOUS MINUTES

2. There were submitted (circulated) Minutes of Council meeting held on 16 May 1996 which were approved as a correct record.

COMMITTEE MINUTES

- 3.1 There were submitted (circulated) and, except as undernoted, approved both as correct records and in respect of recommendations contained therein, the Minutes of the undernoted Committee Minutes as follows, viz:-

3.1.1 DOON VALLEY LOCAL PLANNING COMMITTEE OF 7 MAY 1996

3.1.2 DOON VALLEY LOCAL COMMITTEE OF 7 MAY 1996

3.1.3 CUMNOCK AREA LOCAL PLANNING COMMITTEE OF 8 MAY 1996

3.1.4 CUMNOCK AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE OF 8 MAY 1996

3.1.5 KILMARNOCK NORTH LOCAL PLANNING COMMITTEE OF 9 MAY 1996

3.1.6 KILMARNOCK NORTH LOCAL COMMITTEE OF 9 MAY 1996

3.1.7 KILMARNOCK CENTRAL LOCAL PLANNING COMMITTEE OF 10 MAY 1996

3.1.8 KILMARNOCK CENTRAL LOCAL COMMITTEE OF 10 MAY 1996

3.1.9 KILMARNOCK SOUTH LOCAL PLANNING COMMITTEE OF 14 MAY 1996

3.1.10 KILMARNOCK SOUTH LOCAL COMMITTEE OF 14 MAY 1996

3.1.11 IRVINE VALLEY LOCAL PLANNING COMMITTEE OF 15 MAY 1996

3.1.12 IRVINE VALLEY LOCAL COMMITTEE OF 15 MAY 1996

3.1.13 NORTHERN AREA LOCAL PLANNING COMMITTEE OF 15 MAY 1996

3.1.14 NORTHERN AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE OF 15 MAY 1996

3.1.15 SOCIAL WORK COMMITTEE OF 23 MAY 1996

3.1.16 SPECIAL IRVINE VALLEY LOCAL PLANNING COMMITTEE OF 27 MAY 1996

3.1.17 HOUSING COMMITTEE OF 29 MAY 1996 subject to the following:-

Page 876, Item 4(u) - The words "as and when appropriate" be deleted.

3.1.18 EDUCATION COMMITTEE OF 30 MAY 1996

3.1.19 SPECIAL DOON VALLEY LOCAL PLANNING COMMITTEE OF 3 JUNE 1996

3.1.20 EMERGENCY POWERS COMMITTEE OF 4 JUNE 1996

3.1.21 COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE OF 5 JUNE 1996

3.1.22 DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE OF 6 JUNE 1996

3.1.23 COMMERCIAL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE OF 11 JUNE 1996

3.1.24 POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE OF 13 JUNE 1996 subject to the following, viz:-

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Page 942, Item 27 (iv) - the word "could" be substituted by the word "cannot".

3.1.25 SPECIAL CUMNOCK AREA LOCAL PLANNING COMMITTEE OF 13 JUNE 1996

3.1.26 SPECIAL DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE OF 14 JUNE 1996

3.2 KILMARNOCK NORTH LOCAL COMMITTEE OF 9 MAY 1996

3.2.1 MATTERS ARISING

(i) ROAD SAFETY (Item 5.2 Page 829)

It was noted that the Director of Development Services would submit a report on general road safety issues to the next Committee meeting to be held on 19 September 1996.

3.3 NORTHERN AREA LOCAL PLANNING AND LOCAL COMMITTEES OF 15 MAY 1996

3.3.1 MATTERS ARISING

(i) RESCHEDULED MEETINGS

It was agreed that the next meetings of the Northern Area Local Planning and Local Committees scheduled for 27 September 1996 would now take place on Friday 4 October 1996.

3.4 HOUSING COMMITTEE OF 29 MAY 1996

3.4.1 REMIT FROM COMMITTEE (Item 5, Page 876)

(i) TRIPARTITE MEETING - EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL, THE SCOTTISH OFFICE AND SCOTTISH HOMES

Councillor Sneller, seconded by Councillor McIntyre, moved that the Member representation at the Tripartite meeting be Councillors Kelly, Macrae and Sneller, being the Chair and Vice-Chair of Housing and Chair of Policy and Resources Committees respectively.

Councillor Coffey, seconded by Councillor Brailsford, moved as an amendment that the Member representation at the Tripartite meeting include Councillor Reid.

On a division by a show of hands the motion was carried by 19 votes to B.

3.5 EDUCATION COMMITTEE OF 30 MAY 1996

3.5.1 REMITS FROM COMMITTEE

(i) RESULTS OF THE ELECTION OF THE TEACHER REPRESENTATIVE TO THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE (Item 4, Page 881)

It was agreed that Iain Harvey be appointed as the teacher representative to serve on the Education Committee with full voting rights and, following a request by Councillor Farrell, also agreed that Iain Harvey be appointed to serve on the Business Sub-Committee of the Education Committee with full voting rights.

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(ii) RESULTS OF THE ELECTION OF THE PARENT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE (Item 5, Page 881)

It was agreed that Shelagh McKerrall be appointed as the parent representative to serve on the Education Committee with full voting rights and following a request by Councillor Farrell, also agreed that Shelagh McKerrall be appointed to serve on the Community Sub-Committee of the Education Committee with full voting rights.

3.5.2 MATTERS ARISING

(i) RATIONALISATION OF SCHOOLS (Item 6, Page 882)

The motion by Councillor Nicoll, seconded by Councillor Coffey, to reconsider in terms of Standing Order 51, the issues in relation to item 6 in respect of the rationalisation of schools was defeated by 19 votes to B and failed to achieve the requisite two-third majority of Members present and voting.

3.6 COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE OF 5 JUNE 1996

3.6.1 REMIT FROM COMMITTEE (Item 8, Page 907)

(i) EAST AYRSHIRE ACCIDENT PREVENTION COMMITTEE

It was agreed that Councillors Cree, Campbell, Coffey, Fulton, Boyd, G Smith, Carmichael and J Smith serve on the Accident Prevention Committee.

3.7 DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE OF 6 JUNE 1996

3.7.1 MATTERS ARISING

(i) SPECIAL MEETING OF DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE

It was noted that a special meeting of the Development Services Committee would be held on 1 August 1996 at 1000 hrs to determine planning applications.

3.8 POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE OF 13 JUNE 1996

3.8.1 MATTERS ARISING

(i) COMPULSORY COMPETITIVE TENDERING AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT REORGANISATION (Item 27, Page 942)

Councillor Sneller reported and it was noted that following the Secretary of State's decision the moratorium for CCT would not now end on 31 December 1996. No new date had been set and therefore, the decision to award further works of construction to the Commercial Operations Department would apply during the moratorium.

(ii) REMIT FROM CIVIC CEREMONIAL SUB-COMMITTEE (Page 963)

It was agreed to appoint Provost Stirling as Chair to the Sub-Committee.

APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS (Item 10, Page 714)

4. There was submitted a report dated 14 June 1996 (circulated) by Director of Support Services on appointments to be made to various organisations.

The following appointments to outside bodies were agreed, viz:-

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Strathclyde Fire Board -

- (i) Disciplinary Tribunals Sub-Committee - Nominees - Councillor Farrell, substitute Councillor Knapp.
- (ii) Appeals Sub-Committee - Nominees - Councillor Cree, substitute Councillor Campbell.

Avonlea Joint Management Committee - Local Member, Councillor G Smith.

Auchinleck Indoor Bowling Club - Local Members Councillors Boyd and G Smith and Vice-Chair of Community Services Committee, Councillor J Smith.

Cumnock and Doon Valley Crime Prevention Panel - Councillors Ross and Boyd.

The Bridge Project, Ayr - Councillor Darnbrough, Vice-Chair of Social Work Committee.

Glasgow and West of Scotland Society for the Blind - Board of Directors - Councillor

Farrell.

PRISON (AND LEGALISED POLICE CELLS) VISITING COMMITTEES

5. There was submitted a report dated 20 June 1996 (circulated) by Director of Support Services inviting Council to appoint two Members to Visiting Committees, one Member to the Prison Visiting Committee for Barlinnie and one to the Visiting Committee for the Legalised Police Cells at Ayr respectively.

It was agreed to appoint Councillor Knapp to the Prison Visiting Committee for Barlinnie and the Visiting Committee for the Legalised Police Cells at Ayr.

RESCHEDULING OF SOCIAL WORK SUB-COMMITTEES (Item 9, Page 714)

6. As the meetings calendar was approved by Council in April 1996, it was unanimously agreed, in terms of Standing Order 51, to consider this item.

There was submitted a report dated 13 June 1996 (circulated) by Director of Support Services on proposed rescheduled dates for the Community Care and the Children, Families and Criminal Justice Sub-Committees of the Social Work Committee for consideration.

It was agreed that the Social Work Sub-Committees be rescheduled as follows:

September 1996

Wednesday 11 - 1400 hrs - Children, Families and Criminal Justice Sub-Committee

Friday 13- 1000 hrs - Community Care Sub-Committee

October 1996

Wednesday 23 - 1400 hrs - Children, Families and Criminal Justice Sub-Committee

Friday 25- 1000 hrs - Community Care Sub-Committee

December 1996

Wednesday 4 - 1400 hrs - Children, Families and Criminal Justice Sub-Committee

Friday 6-1000 hrs - Community Care Sub-Committee

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Wednesday 29 - 1400 hrs - Children, Families and Criminal Justice Sub-Committee

Friday 31 - 1000 hrs - Community Care Sub-Committee

March 1997

Wednesday 12 - 1400 hrs - Children, Families and Criminal Justice Sub-Committee

Friday 14 - 1000 hrs - Community Care Sub-Committee

THIRD STATUTORY REVIEW OF ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS (Item 11, Page. 936)

7. There was submitted a report dated 24 June 1996 (circulated) by Director of Support Services advising of the Boundary Commission's decision to increase the number of

Electoral Wards for East Ayrshire Council from 30 to 32.

It was agreed that the Director of Support Services prepare a draft Scheme of Representation for East Ayrshire Council which would provide for 32 Electoral Wards for submission to the Boundary Commission by 4 October 1996.

SCOTTISH CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION (Item 71 Page 235, 1995/96)

8. There was submitted a report dated 19 June 1996 (circulated) by Director of Support Services giving details of a recent request to give support, including possible financial assistance, to the Convention.

Councillor Sneller, seconded by Councillor McIntyre, moved that the Council make a donation of £2,000 to the Convention subject to the funds not being used for publicity purposes as defined in the Local Government Act 1986.

Councillor McCredie, seconded by Councillor Nicoll, moved as an amendment, that following comments by the local Member of Parliament to condemn plans for a referendum on Scottish devolution proposals, to postpone a decision until a clear indication of the Labour Party's proposals was available.

On a division by a show of hands the motion was carried by 19 votes to 8.

HRA HOUSING CAPITAL PROGRAMME 1996/97

9. There was submitted a report dated 21 June 1996 together with two appendices (circulated) by Director of Housing seeking approval to carry out a further Window Replacement Programme and that additional projects be included in the Housing Capital Programme 1996/97.

ADJOURNMENT

The Provost agreed to adjourn the meeting at 1210 hrs, in order that Members could peruse the Appendices to the paper.

RECONVENTION

The meeting reconvened at 1223 hrs with the same Members present.

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FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF MATTER

It was agreed:

- (i) that window replacement be prioritised on the condition of existing windows and it be remitted to the Director of Housing to select addresses;

- (ii) that the projects as follows be now carried out:

Renewal of Lead Water pipes - £35,000

Priority Treatment Areas - £503000

Environmental Works £70,000

Internal Refurbishment -£1553000

Security/Door Entry System -£115,000

Aids/adaptations -£1103000

Total Value - £535,000

- (iii) that it be remitted to the Head of Contracting and Technical Services to award these works of construction following negotiation with the Commercial Operations Department;
- (iv) that the Director of Housing prepare a report to the Housing Committee identifying options to complete outstanding window replacements within the Kilmarnock and Loudoun area which would have been implemented under previous criteria; and
- (v) to note that any Members wishing copies of address specific programmes for any of the projects could contact the Director of Housing for the information.

The meeting terminated at 1230 hrs.