

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**EDUCATION COMMITTEE****MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 29 AUGUST 1996 AT
1000 HOURS IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS,
LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK**

PRESENT: Councillors Tommy Farrell, Gordon McCredie, Drew McIntyre, Gordon Cree, Ronald Brailsford; Provost Robert Stirling; Councillors John Knapp, Daniel Coffey, David Fulton, David Macrae, Kim Nicoll, George Turnbull, Eric Ross, David Sneller, George Smith, Jimmy Carmichael, Robert Taylor and Eric Jackson and Church Representatives John McHugh, William McConnell and Matthew Sullivan; Teacher Representative Iain Harvey and Parent Representative Shelagh McKerrall.

ATTENDING: David Montgomery, Chief Executive; John Mulgrew, Director of Education; Margaret Burnell, Senior Depute Director of Education; Bernadette Docherty, Senior Depute Director of Social Work; Sue Angus, Depute Director of Education; Jennifer Wallace, Depute Director of Education; Douglas Campbell, Head of Public Relations and Marketing; Irene Brydie, Solicitor; Julie Armstrong, Senior Administrative Officer; Anne Marie Carr, Administrative Officer and Lesley-Ann Wallace, Administrative Assistant.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Irene Reeves and Douglas Reid.

CHAIR: Councillor Tommy Farrell, Chair.

INTRODUCTION OF TEACHER AND PARENT REPRESENTATIVES

1. The Chair introduced and welcomed to their first meeting, Iain Harvey who had been successful in the election for a Teacher Representative to the Education Committee and Shelagh McKerrall who had been successful in the election for a Parent Representative to serve on the Education Committee, both with full voting rights.

MINUTES OF SUB-COMMITTEES**2.1 COMMUNITY SUB-COMMITTEE OF 25 JUNE 1996**

There were submitted and approved both as a correct record and in respect of the recommendations contained therein, the Minutes of the Community Sub-Committee held on 25 June 1996 (circulated) as detailed in Appendix 1 to these Minutes.

2.2 BUSINESS SUB-COMMITTEE OF 27 JUNE 1996

There were submitted and approved both as a correct record and in respect of the recommendations contained therein, the Minutes of the Business Sub-Committee held on 27 June 1996 (circulated) as detailed in Appendix 2 to these Minutes.

2.3 CHAIR'S SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE OF 3 JULY 1996

There were submitted and approved both as a correct record and in respect of the recommendation contained therein, the Minutes of the Chair's Sub-Committee of the Education Committee held on 3 July 1996 (circulated) as detailed in Appendix 3 to these Minutes.

Councillors Ross, Sneller and Fulton joined the meeting at this point.

DEVELOPMENT OF OUTDOOR AND ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION SERVICE

3. There was submitted a report dated 12 August 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Education advising Members of the progress which was being made on achieving savings and re-defining the outdoor and environmental Education Service within East Ayrshire and on the new legislative development in relation to the Activity Centres (Young Persons Safety) Act 1995 and the Adventure Activities Licensing Regulations 1996.

It was agreed, due to the cost implications, to continue consideration of this item to allow the Chair, Vice Chair and one other Member from the Administration and one member from the Opposition Group to visit a number of premises including those at Glencairn Street, Kilmarnock.

IMPLEMENTATION OF SECTION 19, CHILDREN (SCOTLAND) ACT 1995 (LOCAL AUTHORITY PLANS FOR SERVICES TO CHILDREN) (Item 11, Page 1097)

4. There was submitted a joint report dated 15 August 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Education, Director of Social Work and the Director of Housing advising the Committee of the new statutory obligation on the Council to prepare a Children's Service Plan for East Ayrshire and of the comments made by East Ayrshire Council on the Scottish Office document "Draft Directions and Guidance on Children's Services: Local Authority Planning."

It was agreed:

- (i) to note the terms of the report and to instruct Directors of appropriate Service Committees to report further on implementation issues as necessary following publication of the final directions and guidance; and
- (ii) to remit the report to the Policy and Resources Committee for their interest and consideration.

The meeting terminated at 1015 hours.