

APPENDIX X

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

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

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 30 JUNE 1997 AT 0915 HOURS IN
THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD,
KILMARNOCK**

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

ATTENDING: Fiona Lees, Depute Chief Executive; Bill Walkinshaw, Principal Administrative Officer; Helen Downie, Senior Administrative Assistant; and Melanie Macleod, Administrative Officer.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Wilma Doyle and Daniel Coffey.

CHAIR: Provost Robert Stirling, Chair.

TOWN TWINNING LINKS (Item 1, Page 1216)

1. There was submitted a report dated 23 June 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services on progress with proposals for developing twinning links for East Ayrshire.

The Principal Administrative Officer reported that no response had been received from Alès to date in respect of East Ayrshire Council's proposals.

Thereafter, having noted that in future twinning links would be referred to in terms of international partnerships, it was agreed:

- (i) that East Ayrshire Council continue international partnerships with Joué-lès-Tours, Santa Coloma De Gramenet and Kulmbach (subject to clarification with Kulmbach that the partnership agreement would be with the whole of East Ayrshire and not only Kilmarnock);
- (ii) that, in relation to Herstal, Sukhum and Alès (a) a letter be issued by the Chief Executive to those authorities providing them with a final opportunity to confirm whether they would wish to proceed with an international partnership agreement with East Ayrshire as described in the report and that, if no response was received within one month from the date of the letter, East Ayrshire Council would consider that they did not wish to proceed with such a partnership; and (b) in the event of Sukhum, Herstal and Alès either rejecting East Ayrshire Councils proposals or not responding, the international partnership with those three communities be viewed on an continuing friendship basis providing for mutual exchange of information and correspondence, as required;
- (iii) that the Director of Support Services, in conjunction with other Service Department Directors, identifies for consideration a mechanism for co-ordinating and developing international links, taking into consideration the European Union dimension; and

- (iv) that no further international partnerships be established pending the development of present links, in order to ascertain the success of those partnerships in achieving the aims as detailed within the report.

Councillor Sneller joined the meeting during discussion of the above item.

STRATHCLYDE POLICE CHARITY DINNER - 30 OCTOBER 1997

- 2. There was submitted a report dated 3 June 1997 (circulated) by the Director Support Services on proposed representation at the Strathclyde Police Charity Dinner to be held on 30 October 1997 in the Glasgow Thistle Hotel, the proceeds of which would be donated to the Police Department's Trust and "Save the Children".

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the Council take a table for twelve at this event at a total cost of no more than £540; and
- (ii) that the detailed arrangements be remitted to the Director of Support Services in consultation with the Provost.

KILMAURS/WAASMUNSTER CULTURAL EXCHANGE - APPLICATION FOR CIVIC HOSPITALITY

- 3. There was submitted an application dated 20 May 1997 (circulated) from the above Exchange Group for a Civic Reception to be held on 14 August 1997 in the Dean Castle to welcome a party of visitors from Waasmunster, Belgium.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that civic hospitality in the form of a finger buffet with non-alcoholic refreshments be provided for approximately 126 people at a total cost of no more than £450; and
- (ii) that the detailed arrangement for the reception be remitted to the Director of Support Services, in consultation with the Provost.

The meeting terminated at 0931 hours.