

APPENDIX II

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

**COMMUNITY CARE SUB-COMMITTEE OF
THE SOCIAL WORK COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY 6 JUNE 1997 AT 1000 HOURS
IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD,
KILMARNOCK**

PRESENT: Councillors Jimmy Boyd, Jane Darnbrough, David Macrae and Eric Jackson.

ATTENDING: Douglas Bulloch, Director of Social Work; John Hillis, Director of Housing; Allan MacDougall, Depute Director of Social; Bill Walkinshaw, Principal Administrative Officer; Kay Gilmour, Principal Officer (Community Care); Anna Gallagher, Assistant Principal Solicitor; Diane Page, Service Officer (Community Care); Melanie Macleod, Administrative Officer; and Christine Baillie, Administrative Assistant.

ALSO ATTENDING: Jean Dunlop, Disability Forums Representative on Community Care (Direct Payments) Working Group.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Wilma Doyle, Bob Beattie and David Sneller.

CHAIR: Councillor Jimmy Boyd, Chair.

INITIATIVE ON ROUGH SLEEPING

1. There was submitted a joint report dated 2 May 1997 (circulated) by the Directors of Housing and of Social Work on Scottish Office proposals for an Initiative on Rough Sleeping and seeking authority to progress initiatives to deal with this matter.

The Director of Housing clarified that the new Complex at St Andrews Street, Kilmarnock, was programmed for completion in August/September of the current financial year and would be used as a 'drop in centre' with a soup kitchen facility and beds for homeless persons, including rough sleepers.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to support the Director of Housing in submitting projects for Challenge Fund financing to research the extent of rough sleeping and hidden homelessness in East Ayrshire;
- (ii) to support the Director of Housing in undertaking a review of homeless persons accommodation provision within East Ayrshire in the light of the St Andrew's Street project coming to fruition, to ascertain if there were any suitable properties for this client group, which include rough sleepers;
- (iii) that the Directors of Housing and of Social Work carry out a study to identify a strategy to assist people of all ages currently sleeping rough in the East Ayrshire area and to incorporate "safety net" proposals into the plan to assist in the prevention of rough sleeping; and
- (iv) otherwise to note the content of the report.

**SOCIAL WORK (SCOTLAND) ACT 1968 - SECTION 10 PAYMENTS TO
VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS**

2. There was submitted report dated 20 May 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work on progress in respect of the review of applications for Section 10 funding in 1997/98.

The Depute Director of Social Work reported that, in an amendment to the report submitted, it was now recommended that a monthly grant of £2,100 per month be made to Stewarton and District Community Care Forum to allow the continuation of the group's present level of activities, pending the result of a general review of the grant system by the Council's member/officer working group on grants and information and advice.

It was agreed:-

- (i) payment of £2,100 be made to Stewarton and District Community Care Forum to be paid in monthly instalments in the current financial year, pending the review as detailed above, which practice was consistent in respect of where grant reviews by working groups were underway; and
- (ii) that the application for grant funding from the Buchanan Centre, Kilmarnock be refused and that, following a review, the group's activities be considered for mainline Community Care funding as part of a contractual arrangement;
- (iii) to note that the revised applications for Ayrshire Council on Alcohol and Marriage Guidance Ayrshire would be considered at a future Social Work Committee; and
- (iv) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

COMMUNITY CARE (DIRECT PAYMENTS) ACT 1996 (Item 4, Page 1826)

3. There was submitted a report dated 27 May 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work seeking approval for East Ayrshire Council's response to the Community Care (Direct Payments) Act 1996 to be through a wider Personal Assistance Scheme and advising of the resource and organisational applications of offering such an option.

Having heard Jean Dunlop, Disability Forums Representative on the Community Care (Direct Payments) Working Group, it was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the proposals set out in Section 4 of the report in terms of developing personal assistance services as the Council's method of implementing the Community Care (Direct Payments) Act 1996 and arranging for the managing of a Personal Assistance Scheme by a local voluntary organisation, namely the two Disability Forums in East Ayrshire; and
- (ii) that the Director of Social Work submit to the Sub-Committee a report on the operation of the Scheme at a later date.

The meeting terminated at 1045 hours.