

**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

**EMERGENCY POWERS COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 12 AUGUST 1997 AT 0930 HOURS  
IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD,  
KILMARNOCK**

**PRESENT:** Councillor David Sneller, Provost Robert Stirling and Councillor Daniel Coffey.

**ATTENDING:** David Montgomery, Chief Executive; Fiona Lees, Depute Chief Executive; Roddy Wallace, Head of Administration; David Mitchell, Principal Solicitor; and Julie Armstrong, Senior Administrative Officer.

**APOLOGY:** Councillor Drew McIntyre.

**CHAIR:** Councillor David Sneller, Chair.

**SCOTLAND FORWARD - THE CAMPAIGN FOR SCOTLAND'S PARLIAMENT**

1. There was submitted a report dated 4 August 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services which gave details of a recent request from Scotland FORward to consider (i) a statement of support; (ii) distribution of literature; (iii) raising awareness; and (iv) financial support for the Campaign.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the Committee register Council support as follows:-

East Ayrshire Council supports the establishment of a Scottish Parliament with tax varying powers, welcomes the commitment by the Scottish Constitutional Convention to the principle of subsidiarity and agrees to give support to the all party Campaign being organised by Scotland FORward;
- (ii) that appropriate Scotland FORward literature be made available to the public at Council Libraries, Community Centres and Local Offices and that the necessary arrangements be remitted to the Director of Community Services to co-ordinate;
- (iii) that the Council participate in raising public awareness about the Referendum and encourage people within East Ayrshire to use their vote and that the necessary arrangements be remitted to the Head of Public Relations and Marketing;
- (iv) to make a Council donation of £1,000 to the Campaign with any donation being made on the condition that the funds are used only for legitimate purposes including the provision of information, research and administration and not used for publicity purposes defined in the Local Government Act 1986; and
- (v) that if any local Scotland FORward groups request financial assistance from the Council, that a £50 donation be granted, again with any donation being made on the condition that the funds are used only for legitimate purposes including the provision of information, research and administration and not used for publicity purposes defined in the Local Government Act 1986.

Councillor Coffey intimated his dissent to the decisions shown at item (i), (iv) and (v) above.

### **RESCHEDULING OF THE CUMNOCK AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE**

2. It was agreed in terms of Standing Order 51 to reconsider this matter.

There was submitted a report dated 8 August 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services for consideration to be given on a proposal to alter the Meetings Calendar in respect of the Cumnock Area Local Committee in order that a presentation may be given to the Local Committee by the Chief Executive of Ayrshire Doctors on Call.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the rescheduling of the Cumnock Area Local Committee from Tuesday 16 September 1997 at 1400 hours to Wednesday 17 September 1997 at 1330 hours; and
- (ii) to remit to the Director of Support Services to make the necessary arrangements.

### **COALFIELD COMMUNITIES CAMPAIGN - ANNUAL CONFERENCE - 16-18 SEPTEMBER 1997**

3. There was submitted a report dated 11 August 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services to advise Council on attendance at the Annual Conference of the Coalfield Communities Campaign to take place in Swansea from 16-18 September 1997.

It was agreed to authorise attendance at the above Conference by one Member, if available, the name to be notified to the Chief Executive as soon as possible.

### **INDEPENDENT COMMISSION ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND THE SCOTTISH PARLIAMENT**

4. There was submitted a report dated 11 August 1997 (circulated) by the Chief Executive which gave details of a recent request from CoSLA for suggestions for nominations to the Independent Commission on Local Government and the Scottish Parliament.

It was agreed to suggest to CoSLA that Douglas Hemmings, OBE, and Neil McIntosh, CBE, be considered for nomination to the Independent Commission on Local Government and the Scottish Parliament.

The meeting terminated at 0945 hours.