

**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

**EMERGENCY POWERS COMMITTEE**

**MINUTE OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 15 JULY 1997 AT 1000 HOURS IN  
THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD,  
KILMARNOCK**

**PRESENT:** Councillors David Sneller, Drew McIntyre and Daniel Coffey.

**ATTENDING:** Fiona Lees, Depute Chief Executive; Robert Paton, Head of Economic Development and Julie Armstrong, Senior Administrative Officer.

**APOLOGIES:** Provost Robert Stirling and Councillor Eric Ross.

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

**EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

1. The Committee resolved that under Section 50A(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 as amended, the Press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 6 of Schedule 7A of the Act.

**FUNDING REQUEST - NEW CUMNOCK COMPANY**

2. There was submitted a report dated 14 July 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Development Service which provided details of a funding request for the set up of a new company.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to provide Loan Finance of £30,000 and Employment Subsidy (£1,000 per job) of £45,000 subject to the other elements of the funding package as detailed in the report being in place;
- (ii) that the Loan Finance be made from the Council's balances in the West of Scotland Loan Fund;
- (iii) that the Employment Grant be made from the residual cash balances from the Cumnock and Doon Valley Initiative which were due to be transferred to the Development Services Department; and
- (iv) that the Employment Grant be repayable up to a three year period if the employee numbers fell or if the company went into liquidation.

**FUNDING REQUEST - KILMARNOCK COMPANY**

3. There was submitted a report dated 14 July 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which provided details of a funding request to assist expansion and recruitment of additional jobs and in respect of a major market research exercise.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to provide £1,000 per new employee recruited, which was above the existing employment level, to a maximum of 50 recruits and that this support be subject to the provision of other funding support as detailed within the report;
- (ii) to provide funding support of up to £10,333 towards the costs of the market research study subject to similar support from Enterprise Ayrshire and the company;
- (iii) that it be delegated to the Directors of Development Services and of Finance to meet with the Company in order to discuss a payback amount if the market research study lead to commercial success ; and
- (iv) to note that the above funding would be accommodated within the Department's existing budgetary resources.

The meeting terminated at 1030 hours.