

APPENDIX III

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

LEISURE SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE COMMUNITY SERVICES

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 26 AUGUST 1997 AT 1400 HOURS
IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD,
KILMARNOCK**

PRESENT: Councillors John Smith, Gordon McCredie, Gordon Cree, Bob Beattie, Kim Nicoll, Jimmy Carmichael, Robert Taylor and Tommy Farrell.

ATTENDING: William Stafford, Director of Community Services; John Griffiths, Head of Leisure Services; John F Crawford, Head of Protective Services; Alan Hasson, Library and Information Services Manager; C J Woodward, Museums and Arts Manager; Irene Townson, Principal Solicitor; Julie Armstrong, Senior Administrative Officer; and Ian Gemmell, Administrative Officer.

ALSO ATTENDING: Inspector Bob Pollock, Police Liaison Officer.

CHAIR: Councillor John Smith, Chair.

SURPLUS PROPERTY

1. There was submitted a report dated 8 August 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on the disposal of two surplus properties, viz: Assloss Cottage in Dean Castle Country Park, and a shelter in Kilmarnock Cemetery.

It was agreed to declare:-

- (i) Assloss Cottage surplus to requirements, the Head of Property Services to dispose of the property in accordance with Council procedures; and
- (ii) the shelter in Kilmarnock Cemetery surplus to requirements, the Director of Community Services to arrange for its safe demolition.

SALE OF GROUND AT MAIN ROAD, GATEHEAD (Item 6, Page 2186)

2. There was submitted a report dated 12 June 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services providing additional information on the proposed sale of the site at the former Community Centre, Gatehead.

It was agreed to authorise the Head of Property to negotiate the terms of the sale of the ground in question, subject to appropriate conditions.

ARCHIVAL ACQUISITIONS POLICY

3. There was submitted a report dated 5 August 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which defined and sought approval of the Archive's Policy on acquiring archives and record collections as advised by the Scottish Record Office.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to recommend that East Ayrshire Council adopt the acquisitions policy as outlined in the Director's report; and

- (ii) that the Director of Community Services report to a future meeting on the possibility of back-up copies of archive documents being made in order to ensure their preservation along with associated costs.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE PRESERVATION AND MANAGEMENT OF LOCAL AUTHORITY RECORDS IN EAST AYRSHIRE

4. There was submitted a report dated 5 August 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services summarising the main points contained within the Records Policy produced by his Department for the management and preservation of Local Authority Records and requesting the Sub-Committee's approval to the management and preservation of records in East Ayrshire.

It was agreed to approve the proposed arrangements for the preservation and management of Local Authority Records in East Ayrshire, as outlined in the Director's report.

MUSEUMS AND ARTS ACQUISITION AND DISPOSAL POLICY

5. There was submitted a report dated 1 August 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on the proposed Museums and Arts Acquisition and Disposal Policy for the Council.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to recommend that the Council approve the proposed Museums and Arts Acquisition and Disposal Policy as outlined in the Director's report; and
- (ii) that the Director of Community Services provide, in 12 months time, a report to the Sub-Committee on progress with documentation of Museums and Arts material held by East Ayrshire Council.

LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SERVICE WORKING GROUP

6. There was submitted a report dated 7 August 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services requesting the Sub-Committee's approval to the establishment of a Member/Officer Working Group to review the current library and information service.

It was agreed that a Member/Officer Working Group be established to examine the library and information service and to report back to a future meeting, the Group to comprise of the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Community Services Committee, two Members of the Administration and two Members of the Opposition, nominations to be submitted to the Director of Community Services in due course.

PURCHASE OF A MOBILE LIBRARY

7. There was submitted a report dated 7 August 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services requesting the Sub-Committee's approval to the replacement of the Council's Mobile Library vehicle, provision for which had been made in the Capital Programme for 1997/98.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the tender submitted by G C Smith Limited be accepted, subject to final design alterations proposed by the Director of Community Services, the

expenditure amounting to fifty eight thousand, nine hundred and forty nine pounds (£58,949), excluding VAT; and

- (ii) to approve expenditure on ancillary services amounting to four thousand pounds (£4,000), excluding VAT.

LIBRARY SERVICE - NATIONAL LIBRARIES WEEK 3-9 NOVEMBER 1997

- 8. There was submitted a report dated 11 August 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services seeking the Sub-Committee's approval for the Director of Community Services to proceed with arrangements for the participation of East Ayrshire Library and Information Services in National Libraries Week.

It was agreed to authorise the Director of Community Services to proceed with arrangements for National Libraries Week 1997 in the terms as set out in the report.

EAST AYRSHIRE SPORTS COUNCIL: PROGRESS REPORT

- 9. There was submitted and noted a report dated 8 August 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on the progress associated with East Ayrshire Sports Council in its first year of operation.

APPOINTMENT OF RUGBY DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

- 10. There was submitted a report dated 15 May 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services seeking the Sub-Committee's approval to appoint a Rugby Development Officer for East Ayrshire in partnership with the Scottish Rugby Union.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to recommend the appointment in principle of a Rugby Development Officer in partnership with the Scottish Rugby Union for a three year term commencing in April 1998, subject to the availability of appropriate funding; and
- (ii) that the Director of Community Services bring forward this proposal for consideration during the budget planning process for 1998/99.

GOLF COURSES - DRESS CODE FOR PLAYERS

- 11. There was submitted a report dated 5 August 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services requesting the Sub-Committee's approval of an appropriate dress code for players using the three golf facilities managed by the Council at Annanhill, Caprington and Patna.

It was noted that in the first sentence of paragraph 2.2 of the report, the word "not" should be added in order that the sentence should read "There is no clear policy established on this issue and the issue has **not** previously been considered by this Committee.

It was agreed to continue consideration of this matter to the next meeting, in order that the Director of Community Services may prepare a further report for consideration.

COMMUNITY FACILITIES REVIEW

12. There was submitted a report dated 6 August 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on the recommendations of the Joint Chair's Working Group on community facilities.

A motion by Councillor McCredie, seconded by Councillor Nicoll to reconsider in terms of Standing Order 51, the percentage increase of the charging policy for public halls was defeated by 6 votes to 2 and failed to receive the requisite two thirds majority of Members voting.

It was thereafter agreed to:-

- (i) approve the closure of Barshare Hall, Cumnock;
- (ii) declare both the Barshare Hall and Darvel Bands Hall surplus to requirements; and
- (iii) recommend approval and implementation of the Community Facility Charging Policy shown in Appendix 1 to the Director's report.

THE HOMES OF FOOTBALL EXHIBITION (Item 2, Page 1883)

13. There was submitted a report dated 5 August 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on further details of the Homes of Football Exhibition planned for the Dick Institute in 1998.

It was agreed to approve the staging of the Homes of Football Exhibition at the Dick Institute in 1998, as set out in the Director's report.

PROPOSED WRITERS WEEKEND

14. There was submitted a report dated 8 August 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services seeking the Sub-Committee's approval for the Director of Community Services to proceed with arrangements for a Writer's Weekend to be held during the National Libraries Week (3 - 9 November 1997).

It was agreed to approve the proposals contained in the Director's report.

Councillor Cree left the meeting at this point.

NATIONAL LOTTERY STRATEGY

15. There was submitted a report dated 23 June 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services presenting a strategy for the Council's involvement in Lottery funding bids for both Community based and Council funded projects.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the Lottery Strategy as set out in the Director's report and to recommend to the Policy and Resources Committee its adoption; and
- (ii) that the Director of Community Services provide further progress reports to this Sub-Committee in due course.

GRANTS TO VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS SCHEME: APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

16. There was submitted a report dated 8 August 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on a number of applications for financial assistance submitted under the Grants to Voluntary Organisations Scheme.

In respect of the submitted applications, the following decisions were made, viz:-

- (i) Scottish Youth Dance Festival - £150;
- (ii) Dalmellington Folk Festival - £2,000;
- (iii) Scottish Early Music Consort - Nil;
- (iv) National Youth Orchestra of Scotland - £150;
- (v) The Ayrshire Music Festival - £500;
- (vi) Scottish Ballet - £150;
- (vii) East Ayrshire Family History Society - £1,000;
- (viii) Scottish Poetry Library - £300;
- (ix) Sounds of Progress - £600;
- (x) Loudoun Musical Society - £1,000;
- (xi) Kilmarnock Dramatic Club - £1,020, with the additional condition that the organisation must work with the Arts and Cultural Development Officer of East Ayrshire Council to ensure extensive community involvement in the celebration of its 65th year of operation;
- (xii) The Cats Protection League - Kilmarnock Branch - £880; and
- (xiii) The National Trust for Scotland - Nil.

GRANTS TO VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS: AWARDS TO BANDS

17. There was submitted a report dated 8 August 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on a number of applications for financial assistance under the Awards to Bands Scheme.

In respect of the submitted applications, the following decisions were made, viz:-

- (i) Kilmarnock Concert Brass Band - £800;
- (ii) Dalmellington Band - £800; and
- (iii) Dalmellington Junior Band - £800.

CHAIR'S REMARKS

The Chair welcomed Inspector Bob Pollock to the Sub-Committee. The Director of Community Services explained that Inspector Pollock was an Officer seconded from Strathclyde Police `U' Division, and that his role would be to work with the Council on a wide range of matters initially in the preparation of a Community Safety Strategy.

The meeting terminated at 1530 hours.