

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE****MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 1 SEPTEMBER 1998 AT 1002 HOURS IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK**

PRESENT: Councillors Drew McIntyre, Douglas Reid, Provost Robert Stirling and Councillors John Knapp, Daniel Coffey, David Fulton, George Turnbull, Robert McDill, Eric Ross, Jim Kelly, Jimmy Boyd, George Smith, Jimmy Carmichael and Tommy Farrell.

ATTENDING: Fiona Lees, Depute Chief Executive; Stephen Chorley, Director of Development Services; Robert Paton, Head of Economic Development; Alan Neish, Head of Planning and Building Control; Sandy Gillat, Acting Head of Roads and Transportation; Jim Kane, Chief Engineer (Roads and Transportation); Bill Walkinshaw, Principal Administrative Officer; John Lilley, Principal Planner; Alex McPhee, Senior Accountant; Karen MacLeod, Senior Solicitor; Graham Kerr, Public Relations Officer; and Alex Hewetson, Administrative Officer.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Ronald Brailsford, Kathleen Hall and David Sneller.

CHAIR: Councillor Drew McIntyre, Chair.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS**1.1 APPLICATION NO 97/0814/FL: MR T MALONE (Item 1.2, Page 2911)**

There was submitted a report dated 11 August 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services on a retrospective full planning application for the use of land for siting of mobile hot food carry-out premises at corner of St Marnock Street/Waterside Street, Kilmarnock.

There was also submitted Note of Procedure (circulated) to be followed at the Hearing.

The Administrative Officer explained the procedure to be followed at the Hearing.

The Head of Planning and Building Control reported that 25 objections, on behalf of Kilmarnock Retail Traders Association and 8 letters of representation stating no objection to the application, had been received, details of which were contained within the report; summarised the planning considerations in respect of the application; and recommended: Refusal for the following reason, viz:- The proposed development would have a detrimental effect on the character and amenity of the area, by virtue of its appearance and location in a prominent position.

1.1.1 PLANNING HEARING

The Committee then heard Mr Tognini, representative of Kilmarnock Retail Traders Association, in support of their objections and Mr Brown, representative of the applicant, in support of the application. Members asked questions of the representative of the objectors and the representative of the applicant. The representative of the objectors and the representative of the applicant responded to issues raised, all in accordance with the Hearing procedure.

The Chair closed the Hearing.

1.1.2 DETERMINATION OF APPLICATION

The Head of Planning and Building Control responded to questions by Members.

Councillor McDill, seconded by Councillor Coffey, moved that as it was considered on this occasion that the appearance of the mobile hot carry-out caravan was not detrimental to the character and amenity of the area that the application be granted and that it be remitted to the Head of Planning and Building Control to determine appropriate conditions in relation to this planning application.

Councillor McIntyre, seconded by Councillor Turnbull, moved as an amendment, to refuse the application for the reason detailed.

On a division by a show of hands, the amendment was carried by 9 votes to 3.

Councillor Ross joined the meeting during the Hearing and took no part in the consideration and determination of the planning application.

1.2 APPLICATION NO 98/0234/OL: MR J CUTHBERT (Item 1.9, Page 3605)

There was submitted a report dated 28 August 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services on the decision of the Northern Area Local Planning Committee held on 21 August 1998, to refer consideration of this planning application to this Committee with a recommendation, that on the basis an on-site presence was necessary for reasons of the management and security of the building and the activities currently undertaken within it, permission be granted with a condition that notwithstanding the plans submitted, no new access to the public road be formed (access being taken using the existing two accesses to the former Grougar Primary School) and a report dated 11 August 1998 (circulated) by the Head of Planning and Building Control on this outline planning application for proposed erection of single dwellinghouse at land at former Grougar Primary School, Moscow.

The Head of Planning and Building Control reported that no letters of objection and a supporting statement by the applicant's agent, had been received, details of which were contained within the report; summarised the planning considerations in respect of the application; and recommended: Refusal for the following reasons, viz:- (1) The proposed development would be contrary to Policy CAT1 and CAT1A in the Strathclyde Structure Plan approved by the Secretary of State since there is no specific locational need for the development. No sufficient justification has been provided to allow isolated development without a specific locational need to be in the countryside; (2) The proposed development would constitute the erection of a new dwelling in the countryside without agricultural support, and would therefore not be in accordance with Policy HR1 of the Finalised District Plan. The relationship of the dwelling with a potential new business does not justify approval of the application contrary to the Development Plan; and (3) The proposed development would be detrimental to road safety by reason of the inability to achieve the necessary sightlines.

Councillor McIntyre, seconded by Councillor Boyd, moved that the application be refused for the reasons detailed.

Councillor Fulton, seconded by Councillor Knapp, moved as an amendment, that as it was considered on this occasion that justification for a specific locational need had

been satisfied that the application be granted subject to appropriate conditions including control of access and ensuring the use of the premises was linked to the security and management of the adjacent Leisure Centre.

On a division by a show of hands, the amendment was carried by 9 votes to 4.

1.3 APPLICATION NO 98/0212/OL: RAVEN SCOTLAND LIMITED

There was submitted a report dated 17 August 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services on an outline planning application for proposed demolition of existing BMK office building and erection of 30,000 square feet of Class 1, non-food retail floor space at Burnside Street, Kilmarnock.

The Head of Planning and Building Control reported that no letters of objection had been received; summarised the planning considerations in respect of the application and recommended: Approval, subject to the following conditions, viz:- (1) In the case of the reserved matters specified below, application for approval must be made not later than the expiration of three years beginning with the date of this permission; (2) That the development to which this permission relates must be begun not later than the expiration of five years from the date of this permission or within the expiration of two years from the final approval of all reserved matters, whichever is the later; (3) The proposed development shall be carried out in accordance with the application form and plans submitted on 31 March 1998 as revised by the various plans received by the Planning Authority on 1 June 1998 and 27 July 1998 as far as the details relate to a proposed development of a 30,000 square feet non-food retail development and the associated car parking, service yard and road improvements; (4) Before any development commences on the site, the further approval of the Planning Authority shall be obtained in respect of the undermentioned matters hereby reserved: (a) the layout of the site; (b) the size, height, design and external appearance of the proposed building(s); (c) the means of drainage and sewage disposal; (d) details of the access arrangements; (e) the provision for car parking; (f) the boundary walls/fences to be erected; (g) the landscaping of the site; (h) finished site levels/floor levels; (5) That the indicative layout and elevational plans submitted along with the application, with the exception of those road improvements shown in drawing no 300/100, are for information purposes only and shall not be treated as forming part of the issued consent; (6) Notwithstanding the plans hereby approved and the provisions of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (Scotland) Order 1992 and Country Planning (Use Classes) (Scotland) Order 1989 or any order revoking and re-enacting that order; no individual retail unit within the development shall be less than 500 square metres in size; (7) The developer shall ensure that if the surface water from the proposed car parking areas is to be discharged to the Kilmarnock water it shall first pass through a suitably sized oil interceptor; and (8) The developer shall satisfy himself that the details to be submitted under condition 4(b) above in relation to finished site levels/floor levels provide sufficient protection against the flooding of the site; Conditions (1) and (2) being imposed to comply with Section 59 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997; Condition (3) to ensure that the development is carried out in accordance with the approved details and to clarify the extent of this consent; Condition (4) the approval is in outline only; Condition (5) the approval is in outline only, and the details relating to layout and design of the buildings require to be submitted as reserved matters; Condition (6) to safeguard the vitality of the town

centre; Condition (7) in the interest of public health and to protect the water quality in the Kilmarnock water; and Condition (8) the site has previously been flooded.

It was agreed to grant the application subject to the conditions and for the reasons detailed.

1.4 APPLICATION NO 98/0407/FL: RACKWOOD COLLIERY COMPANY LIMITED (Item 1.4, Page 2912)

There was submitted a report dated 10 August 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services on a full planning application for variation of Condition 1 of existing consent (97/0596/FL) to extend the benefit of the personal planning permission to include Ath Resources (the proposed contractor of the Skares Road Site), Skares Road Opencast Coal Site, near Cumnock.

The Head of Planning and Building Control reported that one letter of representation had been received, details of which were contained within the report; summarised the planning considerations in respect of the application; and recommended: (i) Approval, subject to the following condition, viz:- Condition 1 of planning consent 97/0596/FL dated 15 May 1998 shall be varied to read as follows: "The development hereby permitted shall enure for the benefit of the applicant and to Ath Resources, and shall be commenced within 12 months of the date of the issued Notice of Decision and that the approved operations shall be completed within 12 years of the commencement date of the operations, or at such other times as may be agreed with the Planning Authority;" being imposed as the development is acceptable only because of the individual circumstances pertaining to the applicant and the appointed contractor, and on a temporary basis only; and (ii) the issue of the Decision Notice be withheld until the appropriate amended Section 75 Agreement had been presented for registration with the Keeper of the Register of Sasines.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to grant the application subject to the condition and for the reason detailed; and
- (ii) that the issue of the Decision Notice be withheld until the appropriate amended Section 75 Agreement had been presented for registration with the Keeper of the Register of Sasines.

1.5 APPLICATION NO 98/0408/FL: RACKWOOD COLLIERY COMPANY LIMITED (Item 1.4, Page 2912)

There was submitted a report dated 19 August 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services on a full planning application for variation of Condition 36 of existing consent (97/0596/FL) to extend the agreed working hours of the Skares Road Opencast Coal Site, near Cumnock.

The Head of Planning and Building Control reported that 2 letters of objection had been received, details of which were contained within the report; summarised the planning considerations in respect of the application; and recommended: Refusal for the following reason, viz:- The extension of noise producing activities into the early hours of the morning (0600 - 0700 hours) and the evening (1900 - 2200 hours) is considered to be environmentally unacceptable and undesirable and the Council considers that approval of the application would result in detriment to the relatively tranquil locality at Skares.

It was agreed to refuse the application for the reason detailed.

1.6 APPLICATION NO 98/0409/FL: RACKWOOD COLLIERY COMPANY LIMITED (Item 1.4, Page 2912)

There was submitted a report dated 10 August 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services on a full planning application for variation of Condition 37 of existing consent (97/0596/FL) to extend the agreed coal dispatch hours of the Skares Road Opencast Coal Site, near Cumnock.

The Head of Planning and Building Control reported that one letter of objection had been received, details of which were contained within the report; summarised the planning considerations in respect of the application; and recommended: Refusal for the following reason, viz:- The extension of the coal dispatch into the early hours of the morning (0700 -0800 hours) will result in both on-site and off-site noise producing activities which is considered to be environmentally unacceptable and undesirable and the Council considers that approval of the application would result in detriment to the relatively tranquil locality at Skares and other communities in the area.

It was agreed to refuse the application for the reason detailed.

Councillor Kelly left the meeting at this point.

MONITORING REPORTS

2.1 BUDGETARY CONTROL SUMMARY STATEMENT - DEVELOPMENT SERVICES TO 17 JULY 1998 (PERIOD 4)

There was submitted and noted a joint report dated 17 August 1998 (circulated) by the Acting Director of Finance and the Director of Development Services on the current budgetary control position and the projected out-turn for the year for the Department of Development Services for the period ended 17 July 1998 (Period 4).

2.2 BUSINESS GRANTS AND LOAN SCHEME STATUS REPORT

There was submitted and noted a report dated 17 August 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services on grant and loan support awarded to companies in East Ayrshire during the period 1 April to 31 July 1998.

2.3 ROAD MAINTENANCE OPERATIONS IN 1997/98

There was submitted and noted a report dated 6 August 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services on Roads Operations activities in 1997/98 and on the Accounts Commission's "Value for Money Audit" of roads inspections, repair timescales and the administration of claims.

2.4 ACCOUNTS COMMISSION STATUTORY INDICATORS: BUILDING CONTROL

There was submitted and noted a report dated 21 August 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services on a Statistical Analysis of the Building Control function within the Department of Development Services based on criteria set by the Accounts Commission.

2.5 ANNUAL REPORT BY THE SCOTTISH OFFICE PLANNING AUDIT UNIT

There was submitted and noted a report dated 25 August 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services on the comparative performance of Planning Authorities in dealing with planning applications identified in the first annual report of The Scottish Office Planning Audit Unit.

Councillor Kelly re-joined and Councillor Ross left the meeting at this point.

CONFERENCES ATTENDED

- There was submitted and noted a report dated 20 August 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services on recent Conferences attended by senior members of staff of the Department of Development Services and an Elected Member.

AWARDING OF TENDERS

- There was submitted and noted a report dated 20 August 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services providing details of tenders which had been awarded in respect of the undernoted Department of Development Services contracts:-

<u>CONTRACT</u>	<u>SUCCESSFUL CONTRACTOR</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
A713 Ayr to Patna - Resurfacing	Hillhouse Quarry Company Limited, Troon	£57,576.94
Kilmarnock Grange Estate, Phase 3 Column Replacement	CIS Limited (Highways Division), Dundonald	£33,640.72
Patching - North Area	Lightways Contracts Limited, Larbert	£50,000.00
Kilmarnock Grassyards Road Area, Column Replacement	CIS Limited (Highways Division), Dundonald	£30,388.10
Wellbeck Street/Queen's Drive Mini-Roundabouts, Kilmarnock	East Ayrshire Council Roads and Transportation Division, Kilmarnock	£30,627.78
Footway Resurfacing - Kilmaurs, Stewarton and Dunlop	J H Moodie (Tarmacadam Contractors), Dalmellington	£33,568.55
Footway Works - Dalrymple, Drongan and Patna	Wallace Dick and Son, Darvel	£20,161.40
Footways Slurry Seal	Specialist Surfacing Limited, Scunthorpe	£15,335.65

EAST AYRSHIRE OPENCAST COAL SUBJECT PLAN - FINALISED VERSION

5. There was submitted a report dated 19 August 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services on the Finalised Version of the East Ayrshire Opencast Coal Subject Plan.

The East Ayrshire Opencast Coal Subject Plan - Finalised Version had been circulated to all Members of the Council on 21 August 1998.

It was agreed:-

- C** (i) to recommend approval of the Finalised Version of the East Ayrshire Opencast Coal Subject Plan, which included modification to the specific wording of the proposed policy changes for policies MIN7, MIN21 and MIN22 as detailed in Clause 4.4 of the report, and thereafter authorise the Head of Planning and Building Control to undertake the necessary statutory procedures to progress the Opencast Coal Subject Plan to adoption; **C**
- (ii) to authorise the Head of Planning and Building Control to initiate further consultation on the Finalised Opencast Coal Subject Plan, along the lines described in Clause 5.1 of the report, with the organisations and bodies which had been previously formally consulted and made representations on the original draft version of the Subject Plan and with the various Opencast Action Groups who had also in the past made representations on the previous draft documents; and
- C** (iii) to recommend approval, until such time as the East Ayrshire Opencast Coal Subject Plan is formally adopted by the Council, the Finalised Version of the Plan as a prime material consideration and the main local plan policy base against which any future proposed opencast coal related development in East Ayrshire would be assessed. **C**

Councillor Ross re-joined the meeting during discussion of this item.

PROTOCOL: OPENCAST COAL INFORMATION TRANSFER

6. There was submitted a report dated 21 July 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services seeking approval of a Protocol for the transfer of information on opencast coal development between the Council's Department of Development Services and Department of Community Services and the Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA).

It was agreed to approve the terms of the Protocol on Opencast Coal Information Transfer, as detailed in an Appendix to the report.

DRAFT NATIONAL PLANNING POLICY GUIDELINE - RURAL DEVELOPMENT

7. There was submitted a report dated 25 August 1998 (circulated) on the contents of the Draft National Planning Policy Guideline on Rural Development and the response thereon made by the Head of Planning and Building Control, on behalf of the Council, to the Convention of Scottish Local Authorities and The Scottish Office Development Department.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the response made by the Head of Planning and Building Control, on behalf of the Council, to the Convention of Scottish Local Authorities and

The Scottish Office Development Department on the Draft National Planning Policy Guideline on Rural Development as detailed in Paragraph 3 of the report; and

- (ii) to remit to the Head of Planning and Building Control to inform The Scottish Office Development Department accordingly.

UPDATE ON FLY ROCK INCIDENT AT BURNFOOT MOOR OPENCAST COAL SITE, MUIRKIRK (Item 2, Page 3384)

- 8. There was submitted and noted a report dated 17 August 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services on subsequent developments in relation to the fly rock incident at Burnfoot Moor Opencast Coal Site, Muirkirk.

SCOTTISH NATIONAL MARITIME MUSEUM

- 9. There was submitted a report dated 18 August 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services on his response to an invitation to East Ayrshire Council from the Scottish National Maritime Museum Trust, to nominate a representative from East Ayrshire Council to participate on its Council of Trustees.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note that following consideration of the issue and having consulted the Chair, the Director of Development Services had concluded that there would be no strong grounds for recommending that the Council should participate actively in the Scottish National Maritime Museum; and
- (ii) to note that the Director of Development Services had responded to the Scottish National Maritime Museum in the terms described in an Appendix to the report.

REFURBISHMENT OF KILMARNOCK ACADEMY TECHNICAL ANNEXE AND ADJACENT AMENITIES/FEASIBILITY STUDY

- 10. There was submitted a joint report dated 18 August 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services and the Head of Property Services providing background information on the Technical Annexe of Kilmarnock Academy; suggesting a future use for the building; and recommending the commissioning of a feasibility study to assess potential options for continued use of the Technical Annexe.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve an allocation of £7,500 to be met from within the approved budgetary resources of the Department of Development Services in 1998/99 towards the estimated £30,000 cost of a feasibility study to assess potential options for continued use of the Kilmarnock Academy Technical Annexe and adjacent amenities;
- (ii) to note that the balance of funding for the feasibility study would be met as undernoted:-
 - (a) Department of Support Services Property Division - £5,000 in financial year 1998/99 and up to £2,500 in financial year 1999/2000; and
 - (b) Enterprise Ayrshire (agreed in principle to phased study) - £15,000;

- (iii) to note that the outcomes of the feasibility study would be reported to a future meeting of this Committee; and
- (iv) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

MAIN STREET INDUSTRIAL ESTATE, DALMELLINGTON

11. There was submitted a report dated 17 August 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services seeking authorisation to purchase the landlord's interest in the Main Street Industrial Estate development at Dalmellington and to participate in the project to redevelop and modernise the estate in a manner which would more effectively support the achievement of the Council's key strategic priorities, as identified in the Council's Economic Strategy.

The Director of Development Services advised the Committee of an amendment to recommendation 3 within the report, to read; "approve in principle subject to funding availability".

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the property development project proposals as detailed in Paragraph 3 of the report;
- (ii) to note the successful bid for European Regional Development Funding for the proposal through the RECHAR II programme;
- (iii) to approve the project in principle subject to funding availability;
- (iv) to approve the principle of the acquisition of the landlord's interest in the Low Main Street Industrial Estate; and
- (v) to remit the aforementioned action (under (iv) above), to the Head of Property Services, subject to the approval of the Personnel and Property Sub-Committee of the Policy and Resources Committee, to negotiate appropriate terms and conditions for the proposed purchase.

LOCAL ACTION FOR TEXTILES AND CLOTHING NATIONAL CONFERENCE - 5 AND 6 NOVEMBER 1998 IN GLASGOW

12. There was submitted a report dated 17 August 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services seeking authority to provide sponsorship of £500 for the 1998 National Conference of the Local Action for Textiles and Clothing to be held in Glasgow on 5 and 6 November 1998.

The Director of Development Services advised the Committee of an amendment to recommendation 2 within the report, to read; "to refer the nomination of a delegate to attend the 1998 National Conference of the Local Action for Textiles and Clothing to the Members' Services and Civic Ceremonial Sub-Committee of the Policy and Resources Committee".

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve a sponsorship contribution of £500 for the 1998 National Conference of the Local Action for Textiles and Clothing to be met from within the approved budgetary resources of the Department of Development Services in 1998/99; and

- (ii) to refer the nomination of a delegate to attend the Conference to the Members' Services and Civic Ceremonial Sub-Committee of the Policy and Resources Committee.

CURRENT ECONOMIC POSITION

- 13.** There was submitted a report dated 24 August 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services on actions being taken at East Ayrshire and Ayrshire levels in response to recent announcements of job losses in the area and developments on Programme for Partnership Area bids.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the actions that had been taken following recent job loss announcements, as described in Paragraph 2.2 of the report;
- (ii) to note that further reports would be submitted to this Committee outlining policy issues and proposed Action Plans; and
- (iii) to note that further developments on Social Inclusion Partnerships, in the context of the Council's Economic Regeneration Strategy, would be submitted to the Policy and Resources Committee on 10 September 1998.

SIGNPOSTING AND TOURISM INFORMATION FOR AYRSHIRE AND THE DUMFRIES AND GALLOWAY "TOURIST ROUTE TO AYR"

- 14.** There was submitted a report dated 16 July 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services on the details of the second phase of tourism signing being submitted to The Scottish Office (Roads); on related proposals to promote the Dumfries and Galloway "Tourist Route to Ayr"; and seeking approval to progress implementation of the signs.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the submission of phase 2 of the joint signposting and tourism information project to The Scottish Office and Strathclyde European Partnership and to progress the implementation of the signs as soon as practicable; and
- (ii) to approve that the aforementioned action (under (i), above), for the Doon Valley as a contribution to promoting the Dumfries and Galloway "Tourist Route to Ayr" and to authorise the Director of Development Services to take any other supportive action to promote this national tourist route to be met from within the confines of the approved budgetary resources of the Department of Development Services.

DALMELLINGTON ENVIRONMENTAL BASED TRAINING PROJECT - PHASE 2

- 15.** There was submitted a report dated 17 August 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services on the status of an application for funding through the RECHAR II Programme to support the implementation of the second phase of the Dalmellington Environmental Based Training Project and seeking approval for funding support of £7,500 in 1998/99 and £7,500 in 1999/2000.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the action taken regarding the preparation and submission of RECHAR II applications to support phase 2 of the Dalmellington Environmental Based Training Project; and
- (ii) to approve capital financial support for the project totalling £15,000, comprising (a) £7,500 for the year 1998/99; and (b) £7,500 for the year 1999/2000.

INTEGRATED TRANSPORT POLICY

- 16.** There was submitted a report dated 25 August 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services on the publication of the Government's white paper on Integrated Transport entitled "Travel Choices for Scotland" and its significance to East Ayrshire Council.

The Chair informed the Committee that Calum MacDonald, MP, Minister for Housing, Transport and European Affairs, had agreed to visit East Ayrshire Council on 2 October 1998 to meet a cross party delegation from East Ayrshire Council and that he would be writing to the Minister to request an urgent meeting with a cross party delegation from East Ayrshire Council earlier than that date if possible.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that a report on detailed proposals for the preparation of a Local Transport Strategy would be submitted to this Committee in due course;
- (ii) to initiate discussion with neighbouring Local Authorities and Scottish Passenger Transport on appropriate arrangements for collaboration on the preparation of a Local Transport Strategy; and
- (iii) to note that a cross party delegation from East Ayrshire Council would meet Callum MacDonald, MP, Minister for Housing, Transport and European Affairs on 2 October 1998, or earlier if possible.

GALSTON NEW BRIDGE, A71 GALSTON BYPASS

- 17.** There was submitted a report dated 11 August 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services seeking authorisation to carry out major repairs to the Galston New Bridge, A71 Galston Bypass.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve in principle that Galston Bridge A71 Galston Bypass be repaired and resurfaced at an estimated cost of £140,000 subject to finance being available; and
- (ii) to remit to the Director of Development Services to draw to the attention of The Scottish Office the difficulties encountered in meeting the cost of substantial extraordinary road repairs within current Department of Development Services capital allocations.

UNDERGROUNDING OF STREET LIGHTING SERVICES IN SORN VILLAGE

- 18.** There was submitted a report dated 13 August 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services on a proposal to underground an overhead power system in Sorn; the implications for the street lighting in the village; and seeking authority to replace the street lighting in the affected areas.

It was agreed to approve the proposals for replacing the lighting attached to Scottish Power's wooden transmission poles at an estimated cost of £27,000 to be met from within the approved budgetary resources of the Department of Development Services.

REPORT ON THE CONDITION OF STREET LIGHTING IN THE MILL O'SHIELDS AREA, DRONGAN

19. There was submitted a report dated 17 August 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services on the condition of street lighting in the Mill O'Shields Road area of Drongan and seeking authority to replace street lighting in affected areas.

It was agreed to replace the street lights in Drongan at an estimated cost of £47,000, to be met from within the approved budgetary resources of the Department of Development Services in the current financial year 1998/99, subject to finance being available.

FREIGHT TRANSPORT ASSOCIATION PARTNERSHIP

20. There was submitted a report dated 13 August 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services on the Freight Transport Association's current partnership initiative to encourage best practice in the delivery of goods in towns and cities and seeking approval to participate in such an initiative for Kilmarnock.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the Freight Transport Association initiative to encourage best practice in the delivery of goods in towns and cities;
- (ii) to approve the participation in such an initiative for Kilmarnock; and
- (iii) to note that a report on the progress of such an initiative would be reported to this Committee in due course.

ALL-PURPOSE TRUNK ROAD MANAGEMENT AGENT CONTRACT (A76)

21. There was submitted a report dated 11 August 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services on the Roads and Transportation Division's current involvement in the tendering process for the new all-purpose trunk road Management Agent Contract (which includes the A76 in East Ayrshire).

The Director of Development Services Committee informed the Committee that East Ayrshire Council has been confirmed as a member of the South West Local Authority Consortium and would be invited to tender for relevant works.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note East Ayrshire's involvement in the tendering process for the Management Agency of the A76, through its partnership in the South West Local Authority Consortium; and
- (ii) to approve that the Council should participate in the Consortium bid for the continued trunk road work on the A76 under contract for The Scottish Office.

ROAD SAFETY PLAN - EAST AYRSHIRE

22. There was submitted a report dated 17 August 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services on the preparation of a Road Safety Plan and seeking

approval of the recommendations of the Member/Officer Working Group on Road Safety with regard to finalising the Draft Plan.

The Road Safety Plan - Revised Draft No 7 had been circulated to Members on 21 August 1998.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the recommendations made by the Working Group on Road Safety as detailed in Paragraph 5.1 of the report;
- (ii) that the Finalised Plan should be circulated to all Members of the Council, all Council Departments, all Schools and other organisations with a role in providing road safety;
- (iii) that Directors of East Ayrshire Council should examine the Road Safety Plan with a view to, where appropriate, submitting proposals to their Service Committees; and
- (iv) that the Member/Officer Working Group on Road Safety should reconvene in one year's time to consider the effectiveness of the Road Safety Plan.

TOWN CENTRE PARKING ORDER, KILMARNOCK

- 23.** There was submitted a report dated 12 August 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services on progress of the promotion of a new East Ayrshire Council off-street Car Parks Traffic Regulation Order to extend the number of car parks in Kilmarnock for which charges are made and to designate certain Kilmarnock Town Centre car-parks for short-stay only.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note that a Hearing, to enable objectors to the Order to be heard, may be held at a Special Meeting of this Committee to consider the Town Centre Parking Order, Kilmarnock; and
- (ii) to note that if all objections to the Town Centre Parking Order were withdrawn the proposed Order would be submitted to this Committee for consideration without the requirement for a Hearing.

FUTURE CAPITAL RAIL FUNDING

- 24.** There was submitted a report dated 12 August 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services on current proposals for rail improvements in East Ayrshire and on the current position with Strathclyde Passenger Transport in relation to the commitment of funding for improvements to enhance rail services.

The Chair proposed that the Director of Development Services approach the Director General of Scottish Passenger Transport to seek a meeting with a cross party delegation from East Ayrshire Council to discuss the issues addressed within the report.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to welcome the Railtrack commitments to upgrade the Barrhead - Kilmarnock line and improve Kilmarnock Station under its station regeneration;
- (ii) to encourage Scottish Passenger Transport to commit funds to:-

- (a) upgrade the Barrhead to Kilmarnock line;
 - (b) include Kilmaurs Station in the next phase of CCTV provision; and
 - (c) implement a rolling programme of station openings; and
- (iii) and to note that the Director of Development Services would approach the Director General of Scottish Passenger Transport to seek a meeting with a cross party delegation from East Ayrshire Council to discuss the aforementioned issues (under (ii) above).

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

25. 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 item of business on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 6 of Schedule 7A of the Act.

BUDGETARY CONTROL SUMMARY STATEMENT - ROADS DLO - TRADING SERVICES TO 17 JULY 1998 (PERIOD 4)

26. There was submitted and noted a joint report dated 27 August 1998 (circulated) by the Acting Director of Finance and the Director of Development Services on the current budgetary control position and the projected out-turn for the year for the Roads DLO - Trading Services for the period ended 17 July 1998 (Period 4).

The meeting terminated at 1118 hours.