

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**EDUCATION COMMITTEE****MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 2 SEPTEMBER 1999 AT 1000 HOURS IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK**

PRESENT: Councillors Tommy Farrell, Stephanie Young, Brian Reeves, Willie Coffey, Robert Stevenson, John Weir, Drew McIntyre, David Macrae, Iain Linton, Alex Walsh, Alan Campbell, John Knapp, Finlay MacLean, Eric Jackson, George Smith, Julie Faulds, Eric Ross and Elaine Dinwoodie and Church Representative, John Paterson.

ATTENDING: David Montgomery, Chief Executive; John Mulgrew, Director of Education; Margaret Burnell, Senior Depute Director of Education; Graham Short, Depute Director of Education; David Mowat, Careers Service Manager; Graham Kerr, Public Relations Officer; Frank Green, Principal Officer (Budgets); Euan Couperwhite, Financial Services Manager; Jacqueline Philips, Senior Accountant; David Mitchell, Principal Solicitor; Robin Gourlay, Contracts Manager; Julie Armstrong, Senior Administrative Officer and Anne Marie Carr, Administrative Officer.

APOLOGIES: Provost Jimmy Boyd and Councillor Brian McNeil.

CHAIR: Councillor Tommy Farrell, Chair.

CHAIR'S REMARKS**(i) Birthday Honours**

The Chair reported that Drew Keachie, Principal Teacher of the Instrumental Service in East Ayrshire had been awarded an MBE in the Birthday Honours List. This honour recognised the substantial contribution made by Drew to the promotion of music in the Kilmarnock and East Ayrshire Community. It was noted Drew was looking forward to receiving his award when he visits London in November.

(ii) Park School, Kilmarnock

Congratulations were extended to Susan Alexander a pupil at Park School, Kilmarnock who had bowled her way to success at the Special Olympics world summer games held in North Carolina in July. Susan returned home with a silver medal in the Ten Pin Bowling mixed pairs event and a bronze medal in the team event.

(iii) Conference - "ICT 2000 and Beyond"

It was noted that a conference - "ICT 2000 and Beyond" would be held in the Palace Theatre and Grand Hall on Saturday 18 September. The conference had been organised by the Education Department in conjunction with the Scottish School Boards Association and had attracted major sponsorship from several major companies. The Chair was delighted that Depute Minister for Education, Peter Peacock would open the conference with a keynote speech and invited Members to attend.

(iv) Scottish Healthy Choice Award

Ten of East Ayrshire's educational establishments had been awarded the Scottish Healthy Choices Award at a ceremony held in June. The award had been provided by the Scottish Consumer Council and the Health Education Board for Scotland.

(v) Essay Competition

Congratulations were extended to Grant Frew, Michael Bain and Diane McGougan who had been winners of the recent essay competition held to mark the retirement of former Kilmarnock and Loudoun MP Willie McKelvey. Grant who won first prize had been presented with a trophy and cheque and Michael and Diane had been presented with cheques.

(vi) Parents' Open Day - Education on Display

The Chair advised that a Parents' Open Day: Education on Display had been organised for Saturday 25 September 1999 in the Grand Hall, Kilmarnock. This event would give parents the opportunity to view projects, artworks, displays, audio and visual productions etc that the young people in our schools had produced over the last year. An invitation was extended to Members to attend and further details would be circulated in the near future by the Education Department.

SUB-COMMITTEE MINUTES - CHAIR'S SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

2. There was submitted and approved both as a correct record and in respect of the recommendations contained therein, the Minutes of the Chair's Sub-Committee of 27 May 1999 (circulated) as detailed in Appendix I of these Minutes.

BUDGETARY CONTROL SUMMARY STATEMENT EDUCATION TO 30 JULY 1999 (PERIOD 4)

3. There was submitted and noted a joint report dated 20 August 1999 (circulated) by the Directors of Finance and of Education which advised of the current budgetary control position and the projected out-turn for the year for the Education Department for the period ended 30 July 1999 (Period 4).

VIREMENT - 1999/2000 REVENUE BUDGET: INCLUDING THE ALLOCATION OF THE EXCELLENCE FUND

4. There was submitted a revised undated report (circulated) by the Director of Education which sought approval for the referral to the Policy and Resources Committee for the re-allocation of the Excellence Fund and virement of resources in order to facilitate monitoring of expenditure against budget.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the virement adjustment detailed in Section 3.2 of the report be approved and this matter be remitted to the Policy and Resources Committee for approval; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

**COMMUNITY EDUCATION STEWARDS - TRADING SERVICES TO 30 JULY 1999
(PERIOD 4)**

5. There was submitted and noted a joint report dated 19 August 1999 (circulated) by the Directors of Finance and of Education which advised of the current budgetary control position and the projected out-turn for the year for the Community Education Stewards - Trading Services for the period ended 30 July 1999 (Period 4).

**COMMUNITY EDUCATION STEWARDS - VIREMENT - 1999/2000 REVENUE
BUDGET**

6. There was submitted a report dated 18 August 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Education which sought approval for the virement of budgets held within the Council's corporate ledger for the Community Education Stewards Trading Service to ensure that the Stewards Trading Service could supply the Education Department with an efficient and effective service.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the virement adjustment detailed in Section 3.1 of the report be approved; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

SHAD VALLEY PROGRAMME

7. The Chair introduced Emma Fowler and Jennifer Bain from Kilmarnock Academy and Neil Higgins and Martin Brockie from Grange Academy who had been East Ayrshire's representatives at the recent Shad Valley Initiative in Canada.

The Committee were then given a presentation on their experience of the programme following which there then followed a question and answer session.

There was submitted and noted a report dated 25 August 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Education which advised of the Education Department's involvement in the Shad Valley Programme.

Councillor Knapp joined the meeting during discussion of the above item.

**REVISION TO DELEGATED MANAGEMENT OF RESOURCES SCHEME OF
DELEGATION**

8. There was submitted a report dated 17 August 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Education which sought approval to update the Scheme of Delegation which underpins the system of delegated management of resources which was operational in schools throughout East Ayrshire.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the changes in the Scheme of Delegation for the control of delegated management of resources in schools as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report be approved;
- (ii) that the operation of an amended system of carry forward using a partnership approach and promoting financial planning be approved; and

- (iii) that the issue of virement levels be remitted to the Policy and Resources Committee for consideration as an amendment to the financial regulations.

AWARDING OF TENDERS

9. There was submitted and noted a report dated 19 August 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Corporate Services which provided, for information, details of tenders which had been awarded in respect of the Education Service.

CONTRACT	SUCCESSFUL CONTRACTOR	AMOUNT
Kilmarnock Academy - Replacement Boilerplant	Gibson Wight Ltd, Kilmarnock	£173,289.03
Crosshouse Nursery - Fire Damage Reinstatement	Anderson & Innes, Kilmarnock	£192,043.16
Cumnock Academy - Repairs to Footbridge	D B Contract Services Ltd, Kilmarnock	£24,538.50

CHILDREN'S SERVICES DEVELOPMENT FUND

10. There was submitted a joint report dated 19 August 1999 (circulated) by the Directors of Education and of Social Work which sought approval for the establishment of the posts to be created from the Children's Services Development Fund.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the Directors of Social Work and of Education refer the matter of the recruitment process for the posts detailed in Section 3.1 of the report to the Personnel and Property Sub-Committee of the Policy and Resources Committee scheduled for 5 October 1999; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

RAISING EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT - SUMMER SCHOOLS IN EAST AYRSHIRE (Item 8, Page 3528, 96/99)

11. There was submitted a report dated 11 August 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Education which advised of the success of Summer Schools in East Ayrshire.

It was reported and noted that over 6,000 young people attended the Summer Schools this year.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the Director of Education continue with a programme of summer schools in East Ayrshire; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

EVALUATION OF SUMMER SUPPORT SCHEMES AT WITCHHILL AND HILLSIDE SCHOOLS (Item 3, Page 4359, 96/99)

12. There was submitted a joint report dated 11 August 1999 (circulated) by the Directors of Education and of Social Work which advised of the success and

evaluation of the Summer Support Schemes at Witchhill and Hillside Schools and which sought endorsement of the Summer Support Scheme for the year 2000.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the Summer Schools Programme be run in the summer of 2000 on the basis of the schemes detailed in the report; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

**AYRSHIRE CAREERS PARTNERSHIP -
CONTRACT RENEWAL (Item 16, Page 92, 99/02)**

- 13.** There was submitted a report dated 13 August 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Education which advised of the outcome of negotiations with the Scottish Executive in respect of the revised arrangements for the renewal of the Careers Service contract within Ayrshire and which sought agreement in respect of the transfer of Careers Service staff and associated property and equipment from East Ayrshire Council to Ayrshire Careers Partnership Limited.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the conditions for the Careers Service re-contracting as determined by the Scottish Executive;
- (ii) to approve the transfer of all staff, property and equipment associated with the Careers Service from East Ayrshire Council to Ayrshire Careers Partnership Limited;
- (iii) that the establishment of a joint Officer Working Group to ensure the effective achievement of the transfer be approved; and
- (iv) that the Director of Education furnish a report on progress to a future meeting of the Education Committee.

**PROPOSED EMPLOYEE SOCIAL AND SPORTING ACTIVITIES CLUB -
CONSTITUTION AND RULES**

- 14.** There was submitted a report dated 19 August 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Education which sought approval to refer the Constitution and Rules for the proposed Employee Social and Sporting Activities Club to the Joint Consultative Committee (JCC) for Teachers in respect of Teachers interests.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to refer the Constitution and Rules detailed in the report for the operation of the proposed employee Social and Sporting Activities Club to the JCC in respect of Teacher's interests;
- (ii) that the Director of Education relay the outcome of the discussions with the JCC (Teachers) to the Head of Personnel; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

- 15.** 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 - SITE SERVICES UNIT TO 30 JULY 1999 (PERIOD 4)

16. There was submitted and noted a joint report dated 19 August 1999 (circulated) by the Directors of Finance and of Education which advised of the current budgetary control position and the projected out-turn for the year for the Site Services Unit for the period ended 30 July 1999 (Period 4).

The meeting terminated at 1045 hours.