

North Ayrshire Council  
10 May 1995

**Irvine, 10 May 1995** - Minutes of the Meeting of the North Ayrshire Council held in Cunninghame District Council Chambers, Cunninghame House, Irvine on Wednesday 10th May, 1995 at 6.30 p.m.

**Present**

George Steven, John Donn, Patrick Browne, Jack Carson, James Clements, Stewart Dewar, David Gallagher, Samuel Gooding, Jane Gorman, Elliot Gray, Margaret Hight, Joseph McKinney, Elizabeth McLardy, Thomas Morris, David Munn, Margaret Munn, David O'Neill, Robert Rae, Gena Seales, John Sillars and Samuel Taylor.

**In Attendance**

The Head of Paid Service (Bernard Devine) and an Administration Officer of CDC (Marjorie Hewitt).

**Chair**

Mr. Steven in the Chair.

**Apologies for Absence**

Thomas Barr, Ian Clarkson, Thomas Dickie, Irene Hamilton-Oldfather, Peter McNamara and Irene Murdoch.

**1. MINUTES CONFIRMED**

The Minutes of the Meeting of the North Ayrshire Council held on 13th April, 1995, copies of which had previously been circulated, were confirmed and signed.

**2. MATTERS ARISING: IRVINE: DISPOSAL OF FORMER IRVINE ROYAL ACADEMY ANNEXE SITE**

The member for Ward 2 requested further details on the outcome of the Interim Clerk's investigations into the imminent disposal by SRC of the site of the former Irvine Royal Academy Annexe. Offers for the site are to be submitted by 24th May, 1995.

In terms of Section 55 of the Local Government etc. (Scotland) Act 1994 existing authorities are required to seek the consent of the relevant successor authority for their area where they propose to dispose of land for a consideration in excess of £250,000. SRC have advised that they will conform with the terms of Section 55 once the Secretary of State has set the date on which it comes into effect. The Interim Clerk has asked that the North Ayrshire Council be advised of all matters relevant to Section 55, in keeping with the spirit of the legislation.

Noted.

### **3. APPOINTMENT OF HEAD OF PAID SERVICE**

The Leader of the Council advised that the Recruitment Sub-Committee had agreed unanimously to appoint Mr. Bernard Devine as the Head of Paid Service of the North Ayrshire Council and he wished him well in his new post.

The Head of Paid Service thanked the Council for his appointment to this challenging position which will involve both members and officers in a great deal of hard work throughout the coming year.

The Council (a) welcomed the appointment of Mr. Bernard Devine as its Head of Paid Service; (b) agreed that the post of Head of Paid Service be entitled "Chief Executive"; and (c) authorised the Chief Executive to appoint Lynn Hunter, his Personal Assistant, to a similar post with the Council with immediate effect in order that he might have the necessary administrative support.

### **4. ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURES**

Preliminary consideration has been given to organisational structures for the Council and further detailed consideration is now required.

The Council agreed that two half-day workshops be held on 20th and 21st May, 1995 at Moorpark House, Kilbirnie to give further consideration to its organisational structures and other matters.

### **5. RECRUITMENT OF CHIEF OFFICERS**

The Chief Executive advised of the importance of ensuring that essential Chief Officers are appointed as quickly as possible in view of the likely competition for such posts.

The Council agreed to authorise the Chief Executive to advertise the posts of Directors of Education and of Social Work on salaries to be determined within the range indicated by the Chief Executive.

The Meeting ended at 6.45 p.m.