

North Ayrshire Council  
20 February 1996

**Irvine, 20 February 1996** - Minutes of the Meeting of the North Ayrshire Council held in Cunninghame District Council Chambers, Cunninghame House, Irvine on Tuesday 20 February 1996 at 6.00 p.m.

**Present**

George Steven, John Donn, Thomas Barr, Patrick Browne, Jack Carson, Ian Clarkson, James Clements, Stewart Dewar, Thomas Dickie, David Gallagher, Samuel Gooding, Jane Gorman, Elliot Gray, Margaret Highet, James Jennings, Joseph McKinney, Elizabeth McLardy, Peter McNamara, Thomas Morris, David Munn, Margaret Munn, Alan Munro, Irene Oldfather, David O'Neill, Robert Reilly, Gena Seales and Samuel Taylor.

**In Attendance**

The Chief Executive, the Directors of Education, Social Work, Financial Services, Housing Services, Community and Recreational Services and Commercial Services, the Head of Corporate Business, the Legal Services Manager, the Information Technology Services Manager, the Personnel Services Manager, the Principal Officer (Marketing and Publicity) and the Principal Officer (Policy/Administration).

**Chair**

Mr. Steven in the Chair.

**Apologies for Absence**

Robert Rae and John Sillars.

**1. Minutes Confirmed**

The Minutes of the Meeting of the North Ayrshire Council held on 20 December 1995 were confirmed.

**2. Reports of Committees**

The annexed reports of Committees, being the Minutes of their Meetings as undernoted, were submitted, moved and seconded in terms of Standing Order No. 8 and approved as follows:-

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Pages</b>
Corporate Strategy Committee: 22 January 1996	1 - 11
Education Committee: 23 January 1996	12 - 15
Social Work Committee: 24 January 1996	16 - 24
Housing Services Committee: 25 January 1996	25 - 27

Special Housing Services Committee: 29 January 1996	28 - 29
Community and Recreational Services Committee: 30 January 1996	30 - 34
Infrastructure and Environment Committee: 31 January 1996	35 - 39
Protective Services Committee: 1 February 1996	40 - 42
Support Services Committee: 6 February 1996	43 - 50
Commercial Services Committee: 7 February 1996	51 - 53
Corporate Strategy Committee: 7 February 1996	54

### **3. Determination of Rents of North Ayrshire Council Houses**

Reference was made to the Meeting of the Special Housing Services Committee held on 29 January 1996 which considered the Draft Housing Revenue Account Budget for 1996/97.

The Council agreed that the rent increase to North Ayrshire Council houses for 1996/97 be fixed at £1.49.

### **4. Ward 27: Largs South and Fairlie**

#### **(a) Resignation of Member**

The Chief Executive reported that Mrs. Irene Murdoch, the member for Ward 27, Largs South and Fairlie, had resigned.

The Council noted with regret the resignation of Mrs. Murdoch.

#### **(b) Appointment of Returning Officer**

The Council agreed to appoint the Chief Executive as Returning Officer for the conduct of all local and parliamentary elections within North Ayrshire.

The Chief Executive reported that the By Election to fill the vacancy for Ward 27 will be held on 2nd May 1996.

Noted.

### **5. North Ayrshire Licensing Board: Appointment of Members**

Submitted report by the Chief Executive advising that the Protective Services Committee on 1 February 1996 agreed to recommend the appointment of the following members to the Licensing Board:-

Jack Carson  
Thomas Barr  
Elliot Gray  
Jane Gorman  
Patrick Browne  
David Gallagher  
Alan Munro  
Robert Reilly  
Thomas Morris  
Thomas Dickie  
Elizabeth McLardy  
John Sillars.

The Council agreed to approve appointment of those members to North Ayrshire Licensing Board.

## **6. Service of Praise**

The Convener reported that a Service of Praise in recognition of the commencement of North Ayrshire Council will take place at the Auld Kirk, Kilbirnie on 31 March 1996. Invitations to the Service of Praise will be issued shortly.

Noted.

## **7. Armorial Bearings**

Submitted report by the Legal Services Manager advising that the Council is entitled to hold Armorial Bearings which is the official mark of the Heraldry in Scotland. These are officiated by the Lord Lyon King of Arms.

As North Ayrshire Council represents the same geographical area as Cunninghame District Council the Lord Lyon has suggested that adoption of the crest and motto of Cunninghame District Council would be acceptable. These would require, however, a slight variation in so far as the coronet used by the unitary non-city councils are to change reflecting the urban and rural responsibilities of the new councils.

The new Armorial Bearings as the official identification of the Council will be incorporated into the Council's Official Seal used to execute documents and be incorporated in a Chain of Office. A mock-up of the new bearings was annexed to the report.

The Council agreed to approve the new Armorial Bearings and that the consent of the Lyon King of Arms be sought as soon as possible.

The Meeting ended at 6.20 p.m.