

North Ayrshire Council  
25 June 1996

**Irvine, 25 June 1996** - Minutes of the Meeting of the North Ayrshire Council held in the Council Chambers, Cunninghame House, Irvine on Tuesday 25 June 1996 at 6.00 p.m.

**Present**

George Steven, John Donn, Ian Clarkson, James Clements, Thomas Dickie, David Gallagher, Samuel Gooding, Elliot Gray, Irene Oldfather, Margaret Highet, James Jennings, Joseph McKinney, Elizabeth McLardy, Thomas Morris, David Munn, Margaret Munn, Alan Munro, David O'Neill, Robert Rae, Gena Seales, John Sillars, Samuel Taylor and Richard Wilkinson.

**In Attendance**

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

**Chair**

Mr. Steven in the Chair.

**Apologies for Absence**

Patrick Browne, Jack Carson, Stewart Dewar, Thomas Barr, Jane Gorman and Robert Reilly.

**1. Strathclyde Police**

The Convener welcomed Mr. John Orr, the Chief Constable of Strathclyde Police to the Meeting to make a presentation to the Council. The Chief Constable was accompanied by several of his senior colleagues. The Convener reminded the Council of the Chief Constable's links with Ayrshire where he had spent a substantial part of his early career.

The Chief Constable thanked the Convener for his opening remarks and introduced his presentation on the work of Strathclyde Police by setting out the overall responsibilities and structure of the Force. The Chief Constable provided detailed information on the services provided by Strathclyde Police including their various specialist departments.

The Chief Constable stressed the importance of accountability in the operation of the Force. Strathclyde Police make every effort to listen to all comments on their operation and are constantly seeking ways of improving their service. He referred to the budget for 1996/97 where North Ayrshire Council has made a contribution of 4.88% to the net budget amounting to £7,688,244.

The Chief Constable introduced the Senior Officers who accompanied him and their role in the "U" Division in Strathclyde Police where "UA" Sub-Division covers Irvine, "UB" Sub-Division covers Saltcoats and "UC" Sub-Division covers Kilmarnock.

The Chief Constable also gave details of the Strathclyde Police Policy Statement and Force

goals for 1996/97. He indicated that the Police were very conscious of their need to satisfy all their customers and to meet and constantly re-evaluate their targets.

The Convener then invited Chief Superintendent Martin Papworth, the Divisional Commander of "U" Division who spoke briefly to the Council emphasising the need for co-operation between the Council and the Police as well as stressing the need for good communication links. The Divisional Commander stated that the building of a strong partnership between the Council and Strathclyde Police will play a great part in ensuring that any initiatives taken will bring the best benefit to the community. A copy of the Force's Divisional Strategy document would shortly be sent to all Members of the Council.

Thereafter Members of the Council asked various questions to which the Chief Constable responded.

The Convener thanked the Chief Constable and his Senior Officers for the presentation was of great value and looked forward to continuing close links with Strathclyde Police.

The Chief Constable on behalf of his Officers thanked the Convener and the Council for the opportunity to make the presentation and the representatives of Strathclyde Police withdrew.

## **2. Minutes Confirmed**

The Minutes of the Meeting of North Ayrshire Council held on 14th May 1996 were confirmed.

## **3. 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: 21 May 1996	1 - 36
Development Control Sub-Committee: 28 May 1996	37 - 46
*Education Committee: 28 May 1996	47 - 54
Social Work Committee: 29 May 1996	55 - 71
Housing Services Committee: 30 May 1996	72 - 86
Community and Recreational Services Committee: 4 June 1996	87 - 96
Infrastructure and Environment Services Committee: 5 June 1996	97 - 111
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*Support Services Committee: 11 June 1996	119 - 128
Commercial Services Committee: 18 June 1996	129 - 132
Development Control Sub-Committee: 18 June 1996	133 - 139
*Special Corporate Strategy Committee: 24 June 1996	140 - 145

### **\* Education Committee: 28th May 1996**

#### **National Testing in Secondary Schools**

Mr. Wilkinson requested that his dissent be recorded in respect of item 4 on page 49 of the

Committee.

Agreed.

**\* Support Services Committee: 11th June 1996**

The modifications to the report of the Support Services Committee held on 11th June are as follows:-

**(a) Collection Statements: Council Tax and Community Charges**

That item 3 on page 119 of the report be amended so that the decision reads as follows:-

“Noted and agreed that a Seminar be held in the near future to consider the options for recovery of debt.”

**(b) Extension of Various Private Term Contracts**

That item 5 on page 120 of the report be amended so that the second paragraph reads as follows:-

“The Committee agreed to authorise the Architectural Services Manager to extend the existing term contracts as detailed in the report until 31st December 1996 or such other date(s) as determined by the Chief Executive in consultation with the Chair.”

**\* Special Corporate Strategy Committee: 24th June 1996**

**Programme for Partnership: North Ayrshire Regeneration Strategy and Bid for Urban Programme Funding**

That item 1 on page 140 of the report be amended so that the following words be added to the second paragraph:-

“The Committee further agreed that a Committee of Senior Officers and chaired by the Chief Executive be appointed to lead the Regeneration Strategy and report with recommendations to the Corporate Strategy Committee on 30th July 1996.”

**4. Stevenston No. 14 Housing Action Area for Improvement: 11-17 Fullarton Place**

**STEVENSTON NO. 14 HOUSING ACTION AREA FOR IMPROVEMENT: 11/17 FULLARTON PLACE: FINAL RESOLUTION**

Being satisfied that the Cunninghame District Council -

- (a) duly made on 21st November 1995 the Stevenston No. 14 Housing Action Area for Improvement Draft Resolution 1995;
- (b) submitted the said Draft resolution to the Secretary of State on 12th December 1995 and have not been directed to rescind it;
- (c) duly published and served notice of the Draft Resolution in accordance with Section 19 of the Housing (Scotland) Act 1987; and
- (d) have had no representations made to them within two months of such publication and

service.

NORTH AYRSHIRE COUNCIL AS THE SUCCESSOR AUTHORITY AGREED IN EXERCISE OF THE POWERS CONFERRED UPON THEM BY SECTION 95(1) OF THE SAID ACT TO MAKE A RESOLUTION IN THE FOLLOWING TERMS:-

- (1) The area of land edged red and coloured orange on the map signed and sealed and marked as relative hereto shall be known as the Stevenston No. 14 Housing Action Area for Improvement;
- (2) The area shall be dealt with by securing that all the houses in the area
  - (a) shall meet the Tolerable Standard,
  - (b) shall be in a good state of repair (disregarding the state of internal decorative repair) having regard to the age, character and locality of the houses, and
  - (c) shall be provided with all of the standard amenities;
- (3) The manner in which the buildings in the area shall be dealt with is set out in the Schedule to this Resolution;
- (4) This Resolution may be cited as the Stevenston No. 14 Housing Action Area for Improvement Resolution 1996.

**5. Saltcoats: Countess Street: Housing Action Areas for Improvement: Draft Resolutions**

**(a) SALTCOATS NO. 1 (7/15 COUNTESS STREET) HOUSING ACTION AREA FOR IMPROVEMENT**

Being satisfied that -

- (a) the houses or the greater part of the houses in the area described in the Schedule to this Draft Resolution lack one or more of the standard amenities or do not meet the tolerable standard; and
- (b) the most effective way of dealing with the said areas is by securing the carrying out of such works on the houses in the area which do not meet the standard specified by the local authority for the area under Article (3) of this Draft Resolution that on the completion of the works all the houses in the area will meet that standard;

AGREED IN EXERCISE OF THE POWERS CONFERRED UPON THE COUNCIL BY SECTION 90 OF THE HOUSING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1987 TO MAKE A DRAFT RESOLUTION IN THE FOLLOWING TERMS:-

- (1) It is proposed that the area of land shown edged red and coloured orange on the map signed and sealed and marked as relative hereto shall be known as the Saltcoats No. 1 (7/15 Countess Street) Housing Action Area for Improvement.
- (2) It is proposed that the area should be dealt with by securing that all the houses in the area meet the standard specified under Article (3) below.
- (3) It is proposed that in terms of Section 90(3) of the Act the specified standard shall be that all the houses in the area -
  - (a) shall meet the Tolerable Standard,
  - (b) shall be in a good state of repair (disregarding the state of internal decorative repair) having regard to the age, character and location of the houses, and
  - (c) shall be provided with all of the standard amenities.
- (4) The manner in which it is proposed that each of the buildings in the area shall be dealt with is set out in the Schedule to this Draft Resolution.
- (5) This Draft Resolution may be cited as the Saltcoats No. 1 (7/15 Countess Street) Housing Action Area for Improvement Draft Resolution 1996.

**(b) SALTCOATS NO. 2 (23/27 COUNTESS STREET) HOUSING ACTION AREA FOR IMPROVEMENT**

Being satisfied that -

- (a) the houses or the greater part of the houses in the area described in the Schedule to this Draft Resolution lack one or more of the standard amenities or do not meet the tolerable standard; and
- (b) the most effective way of dealing with the said areas is by securing the carrying out of such works on the houses in the area which do not meet the standard specified by the local authority for the area under Article (3) of this Draft Resolution that on the completion of the works all the houses in the area will meet that standard;

AGREED IN EXERCISE OF THE POWERS CONFERRED UPON THE COUNCIL BY SECTION 90 OF THE HOUSING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1987 TO MAKE A DRAFT RESOLUTION IN THE FOLLOWING TERMS:-

- (1) It is proposed that the area of land shown edged red and coloured orange on the map signed and sealed and marked as relative hereto shall be known as the Saltcoats No. 2 (23/27 Countess Street) Housing Action Area for Improvement.

- (2) It is proposed that the area should be dealt with by securing that all the houses in the area meet the standard specified under Article (3) below.
- (3) It is proposed that in terms of Section 90(3) of the Act the specified standard shall be that all the houses in the area -
  - (a) shall meet the Tolerable Standard,
  - (b) shall be in a good state of repair (disregarding the state of internal decorative repair) having regard to the age, character and location of the houses, and
  - (c) shall be provided with all of the standard amenities.
- (4) The manner in which it is proposed that each of the buildings in the area shall be dealt with is set out in the Schedule to this Draft Resolution.
- (5) This Draft Resolution may be cited as the Saltcoats No. 2 (23/27 Countess Street) Housing Action Area for Improvement Draft Resolution 1996.

**(C) SALTCOATS NO. 3 (39/45 COUNTESS STREET) HOUSING ACTION AREA FOR IMPROVEMENT**

Being satisfied that -

- (a) the houses or the greater part of the houses in the area described in the Schedule to this Draft Resolution lack one or more of the standard amenities or do not meet the tolerable standard; and
- (b) the most effective way of dealing with the said areas is by securing the carrying out of such works on the houses in the area which do not meet the standard specified by the local authority for the area under Article (3) of this Draft Resolution that on the completion of the works all the houses in the area will meet that standard;

AGREED IN EXERCISE OF THE POWERS CONFERRED UPON THE COUNCIL BY SECTION 90 OF THE HOUSING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1987 TO MAKE A DRAFT RESOLUTION IN THE FOLLOWING TERMS:-

- (1) It is proposed that the area of land shown edged red and coloured orange on the map signed and sealed and marked as relative hereto shall be known as the Saltcoats No. 3 (39/45 Countess Street) Housing Action Area for Improvement.
- (2) It is proposed that the area should be dealt with by securing that all the houses in the area meet the standard specified under Article (3) below.
- (3) It is proposed that in terms of Section 90(3) of the Act the specified standard shall be that all

the houses in the area -

- (a) shall meet the Tolerable Standard,
  - (b) shall be in a good state of repair (disregarding the state of internal decorative repair) having regard to the age, character and location of the houses, and
  - (c) shall be provided with all of the standard amenities.
- (4) The manner in which it is proposed that each of the buildings in the area shall be dealt with is set out in the Schedule to this Draft Resolution.
- (5) This Draft Resolution may be cited as the Saltcoats No. 3 (39/45 Countess Street) Housing Action Area for Improvement Draft Resolution 1996.

## **6. Urgent Items**

The Convener agreed that the following item be considered as a matter of urgency.

## **7. University Marine Biological Station: Millport**

Submitted letter dated 21st June 1996 from the University Marine Biological Station, Millport. The Station have been advised that there will be a reduction in funding from the Scottish Higher Education Funding Council and the Higher Education Funding Council for England. Both Councils provide the Station with Non Formula Funding. In the past SHEFC provide 25% of the funding with the HEFCE providing 75%. The total funding amounts to £400,000.

SHEFC propose to withdraw funding after August 1996 and HEFCE will withdraw funding on a phased basis ending in the year 2000.

The Station has expressed serious concerns over the proposed reduction in funding and have pointed to the fact that, with the staff which they employ, and the resulting benefits that this provides to Cumbrae, the island receives an income of approximately £1,000,000 as a result of the Station being sited there. The withdrawal of funding would therefore not only affect the Biological Station but also the economy of Cumbrae.

The Station have requested that the Council support their endeavours to have the funding continued and that the Council write to the Secretary of State for Scotland to emphasise their support.

The Council expressed their concern over the reduction in funding to the Biological Station in Millport and the effect which this would have not only on the Station but on the economy of Cumbrae itself and agreed that the Chief Executive write to the Secretary of State outlining the Council's concerns on this matter and requesting that he take the necessary steps to ensure that funding for the Station continues.

## **8. Authorisation of the Execution of Deeds on Behalf of North Ayrshire Council**

The Council authorised in terms of Section 194(2) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 the execution of the following Deeds on behalf of the Council:-

DISCHARGES by North Ayrshire Council in favour of the undernoted and with regard to the subjects shown:-

Mr. & Mrs. J. Green	8 Claremont Crescent, Kilwinning
Mr. & Mrs. O.J. Gardiner	12 Park Terrace, Lamlash, Arran

FEU DISPOSITIONS by North Ayrshire Council in favour of the undernoted and with regard to the subjects shown:-

Mr. & Mrs. P. O'Connor	57B Seamore Street, Largs
Helen P. McQueen	20 North Middleton Drive, Largs
C. Hodge & A. Ferguson	2b Parterre, Irvine
Mr. & Mrs. J. Ferguson	2 Station Road, Springside
Morag Watters Murray	45 Dirrans Terrace, Kilwinning
Mr. & Mrs. W. Woods	60 Stanley Road, Ardrossan
Margaret Ann Carey	43 Greenhead Avenue, Stevenston
Mr. & Mrs. J. Gray	78 Frew Terrace, Irvine
Mr. & Mrs. H. Arkison	6 Bilby Terrace, Irvine
Mr. & Mrs. G. Sproat	45 Links Road, Saltcoats
Mr. & Mrs. A. Leggat	3 Coalhill Place, Ardrossan
Mr. & Mrs. B .Fitzpatrick	4 Castleshill Road, Stevenston
Mr. & Mrs. A. Lindsay	8 Queens Avenue, Largs
Margaret Ross Gordon	12 George Street, Largs



Mr. & Mrs. R.C. McCulloch	8 Church Street, Kilwinning
Mr. & Mrs. J. Wilson	6 Garnock Road, Stevenston
Janice Farrell	34 Kerr Avenue, Saltcoats
Mr. & Mrs. F.J.R. Gough	31 Acacia Drive, Beith
Mr. & Mrs. J. Wilson	6 Garnock Road, Stevenston
Mr. & Mrs. R. McCulloch	8 Church Street, Kilwinning
Ms. Janice Farrell	34 Kerr Avenue, Saltcoats
Margaret Ann Carey	43 Greenhead Avenue, Stevenston
Mr. & Mrs. W. Woods	60 Stanley Road, Ardrossan

MINUTES OF AGREEMENT between North Ayrshire Council the undernoted and with regard to the subjects shown:-

Hoi Tong Chong	
The Royal Bank of Scotland Plc	Unit 11, 106 Montgomery Street, Irvine
Hoi Tong Chong	
The Royal Bank of Scotland Plc	60 Elderslie Street, Glasgow

TREE PRESERVATION ORDER: North Ayrshire Council West Kilbride No. 3 Tree Preservation Order: Subjects: 6 Main Street and Three Meadowfoot Road, West Kilbride.

DEED OF SERVITUDE by North Ayrshire Council in favour of Darren Reid and Mrs. Margaret Reid: Subjects: First Floor Flat, 74 Nelson Street, Largs.

The Meeting ended at 7.10 p.m.