

North Ayrshire Council
6 December 1999

Irvine, 6 December 1999 - Minutes of the Meeting of North Ayrshire Council held in the Council Chambers, Cunninghame House, Irvine on Thursday 16 December 1999 at 5.00 p.m.

Present

Thomas Barr, John Bell, Jacqueline Browne, Jack Carson, Ian Clarkson, Stewart Dewar, John Donn, David Gallagher, Jane Gorman, Elliot Gray, Alan Hill, James Jennings, Margaret McDougall, Joseph McKinney, Elizabeth McLardy, Peter McNamara, Elisabeth Marshall, John Moffat, David Munn, Margaret Munn, Alan Munro, David O'Neill, John Reid, Robert Reilly, Samuel Taylor and Richard Wilkinson.

In Attendance

B Devine, Chief Executive; T Orr, Corporate Director (Property Services); G Irving, Corporate Director (Social Services); A Herbert, Assistant Chief Executive (Finance); I Mackay, Assistant Chief Executive (Legal and Regulatory); B MacDonald, Assistant Chief Executive (Development and Promotion); J Barrett, Assistant Chief Executive (Information Technology); J M Macfarlane, Assistant Chief Executive (Personnel); B Gardiner, Head of Educational Services (Educational Services); M McCormick, Media Relations Officer; and G Lawson, Principal Policy Officer (Chief Executive's).

Chair

Mr Taylor in the Chair.

Apologies for Absence

Samuel Gooding, Robert Rae and John Sillars.

1. Minutes Confirmed

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 4 November 1999 were confirmed.

2. Motions

In terms of Standing Order No. 11, submitted Notice of Motion proposed by Councillor Carson and seconded by Councillor Reid in the following terms:

"There has been speculation that there are proposals to stop benefits from being issued to the public from Sub-Post Offices and only being available from main Post Offices and Banks. The removal of this service from Sub-Post Offices would have an impact on those most in need and would be in conflict with the Government's Social Inclusion Policy."

The Council agreed (a) to approve the motion; and (b) to write to the Local MPs and local MSPs urging them to support the Council's motion and to make representations to the appropriate bodies.

Councillor Wilkinson declared an interest in this item and took no part in the discussion.

3. Reports of Committees

The annexed reports of Committees being the Minutes of the Meetings as undernoted were submitted, moved and seconded in terms of Standing Order No. 9 and approved as follows:-

Planning and Regulatory Sub-Committee: 8 November 1999	1	-
Executive and Ratification Committee: 9 November 1999	8	-
Educational Services Committee: 10 November 1999	9	-
Planning and Regulatory Sub-Committee: 15 November 1999	14	-
Executive and Ratification Committee: 16 November 1999	22	-
Social Services Committee: 17 November 1999	23	-
Planning and Regulatory Sub-Committee: 22 November 1999	28	-
Executive and Ratification Committee: 23 November 1999	33	-
Property Services Committee: 24 November 1999	34	-
Planning and Regulatory Sub-Committee: 29 November 1999	52	-
Executive and Ratification Committee: 30 November 1999	61	-
Corporate Services Committee: 1 December 1999	62	-
Planning and Regulatory Sub-Committee: 6 December 1999	70	-
Executive and Ratification Committee: 7 December 1999	80	-
Garnock Valley, North Coast and Cumbrae Committee: 8 December 1999	82	-
Irvine, Kilwinning, Dreghorn and Springside Committee: 8 December 1999	85	-
Planning and Regulatory Sub-Committee: 13 December 1999	90	-
Corporate Policy Committee: 13 December 1999	96	-
Three Towns and Arran Committee: 16 December 1999	100	-
4. Developing North Ayrshire		

The Leader reported that Councillor Carson has resigned from the Board of Developing North Ayrshire and that Council is requested to appoint a Member to fill the vacancy.

The Council expressed their thanks to Councillor Carson for his work on the Board of DNA and agreed to appoint Councillor Gallagher to fill the vacancy.

5. Authorisation of the Execution of the 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:-

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

Mrs Anne Therese McNamara	9 Winton Court, Ardrossan
Tracy McLaughlan	29 Broomlands Drive, Irvine
Samuel Roy Abercrombie and Mrs Christine King Abercrombie	20 Katrine Place, Irvine
Mrs Tracy Barbra Madden and Mr David Madden	61 Ladyford Avenue, Kilwinning
Mrs Annie McAllister	16 Winton Avenue, Kilwinning
Mr Alfred Wilson Bettley and Mrs Margaret Bettley	30 Adams Avenue, Saltcoats
Mr John Irvine and Mrs Janet Irvine and John Irvine (Junior)	9 Pladda Avenue, Irvine
Daniel McEwan Harris and Margaret Harris	16 Helens Terrace, Kilwinning
Colin Connor and Margaret McLean	46 Burns Avenue, Saltcoats
Ms Anna-Lisa Russo or Pearson	35 Corrie Crescent, Saltcoats
Mr James Christopher Gallagher	54 Kerr Avenue, Saltcoats
Mary McGregor	12 Castle Avenue, Stevenston
Mr Robert Howieson and Mrs Jean Howieson	9 Dalry Road, Ardrossan
Mr John Lindsay and Mrs Janet Lindsay	1 Iona Place, Dregthorn
Mr Robert Adams and Mrs Morvren Adams	32 Aberlour Place, Girdle Toll
Mrs Harriet Christine Savage	9 Annick View, Irvine

Mr Thomas Fitzpatrick McBreen and Mrs Sandra McBreen	12 Ashgrove, Irvine
Mr Hugh Buchanan Miller and Mrs Georgina Miller	113 Dalrymple Drive, Irvine
Mr James Rankin	63 Galt Avenue, Irvine
Ms Margaret Smith	10 Kilpatrick Court, Irvine
John Thomson and Mrs Elizabeth Cunningham Thomson	10 Leven Place, Irvine
Mr Alexander Goudie and Mrs Janet Johnson Goudie	15 Lewis Crescent, Irvine
Jean Cunningham and Joan Cunningham	6 Shewalton Drive, Drybridge
Gordon Allison and Mrs Anne Allison	15 East Bowhouse Way, Irvine
Mr John Gilchrist Kerr and Mrs Clara Hill Kerr	2 Middlepart Crescent, Saltcoats
Mr Christopher Olsen and Mrs Isabelle Olsen	7 Carment Drive, Stevenston
Norman Smith	5 Craighdene Drive, Stevenston
Mr John Thomson McClay Chalmers	21 Hunterston Road, West Kilbride
William Heath and Mrs Rose Heath	11 Ashgrove Road, Ardrossan
Mr Peter Grant Sim	57 Mains Avenue, Beith
James McMeechan and Elizabeth McMeechan	56 Dick Crescent, Irvine
Ms Elizabeth Dickie	24 Ladyford Avenue, Kilwinning
Jean Coats Dunlop	30 Innes Park Road, Skelmorlie DISCHARGE by North Ayrshire Council in favour of Elizabeth Riley as Executor of the late John Dunlop

DISCHARGE by North Ayrshire Council in favour of John Spencer and Mrs Ann Spencer, 148 Chapelhill Mount, Ardrossan.

CONTRACT between North Ayrshire Council and Frontier Software.

DISPOSITION by North Ayrshire Council in favour of Ian Wallace Blair: 2 plots of ground at Seabank Street, Saltcoats.

MINUTE OF AGREEMENT between The British Railways Board and North Ayrshire Council for bridge assessment.

MINUTE OF AGREEMENT between North Ayrshire Council and Clarinda McIntosh Art Ltd.

DISPOSITION by North Ayrshire Council in favour of Ian Wallace Blair: 2 plots of ground at Seabank Street, Saltcoats.

DISPOSITION by North Ayrshire Council in favour of Gianpiero Narducci, 41 Raise Street, Saltcoats.

LEASE between North Ayrshire Council and George Ronald Macdonald and Mrs Margaret McCauley Macdonald, 8 Kirk Glebe, Stewarton.

MINUTE OF VARIATION OF LEASE between North Ayrshire Council and Charles Buyers and Company, Unit 37, Kyle Road, Irvine.

LEASE between North Ayrshire Council and George Ronald Macdonald and Mrs Margaret McCauley Macdonald, 8 Kirk Glebe, Stewarton.

ASSIGNATION by Amarjit Sohal with consent in favour of Mrs Baljit Sohal.

MINUTE OF AGREEMENT between North Ayrshire Council and B G Public Ltd Company District Gas Governor Site at Barony Terrace, Kilbirnie.

MINUTE OF AGREEMENT between North Ayrshire Council and Irvine Indoor Bowling Club, Bowls Hall, Magnum Leisure Centre, Irvine.

TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE, The Ross Road, Isle of Arran.

6. Urgent Items

The Convener agreed to take the following matters as items of urgency:-

(a) Press Reports

The Leader of the Council referred to reports in the Irvine Times and Ardrossan and Saltcoats Herald suggesting that approximately 300 council staff were due to be made redundant early in the New Year. The Leader stated that the reports were purely speculation on the part of the local press as it has always been the desire of the Council to protect services and this still remains the case. No meetings have been held to discuss the budget for 2000/2001 but any decisions arising from the setting of the budget will be taken in a considered manner using the established processes including consultation with the trade unions.

The Chief Executive also referred to the press reports and reaffirmed the Leader's comments on this matter.

Noted.

(b) Children's Promise

The Council noted that employees of the Council had been invited to take part in the Children's Promise National Campaign and agreed that Elected Members also be invited to make a contribution to the Campaign.

Noted.

The meeting ended at 5.25 p.m.