

North Ayrshire Council
30 June 1998

Irvine, 30 June 1998 - Minutes of the Meeting of North Ayrshire Council held in the Council Chambers, Cunninghame House, Irvine on Tuesday 30 June 1998 at 5.00 p.m.

Present

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

In Attendance

The Chief Executive; The Directors of Commercial Services, Social Work, Housing Services, Financial Services, Community and Recreational Services and Planning, Roads and Environment; The Head of Corporate Business; The Head of Educational Resources; The Information Technology Services Manager; The Legal Services Manager; The Architectural Services Manager; and the Principal Officer (Policy/Administration) (Chief Executive).

Chair

Mr Steven in the Chair.

Apologies for Absence

James Clements, Robert Rae, Jack Carson and John Sillars.

1. Mr James Jennings

The Convener congratulated on behalf of the Members of the Council, Councillor James Jennings on the recent award of an OBE.

2. Minutes Confirmed

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 19 May 1998 were confirmed.

3. Reports to the 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. 9 and were approved as follows:-

26 May	Corporate Strategy Committee	1	-	53
2 June	Education Committee	54	-	62
3 June	Social Work Committee	63	-	70
4 June	Housing Services Committee	71	-	94

9 June	Community and Recreational Services Committee	95	-	10
10 June	Infrastructure and Environment Services Committee	101	-	11
11 June	Protective Services Committee	111	-	11
16 June	Development Control Sub-Committee	120	-	12
16 June	Support Services Committee	125	-	13
17 June	Commercial Services Committee	138	-	14
25 June	Corporate Strategy Committee	143	-	15

4. Monitoring Officer's Report

Submitted report by the Head of Corporate Business following a letter written to him in his capacity as Monitoring Officer by Councillor McLardy. The content of the complaint focused on three main areas:-

(a) the naming of West Kilbride and Seamill and the confusion caused by the apparent interchangeability of names which Councillor McLardy deemed to be deliberately intended to mislead the Infrastructure and Environment Committee and the public in relation to Bye-law Notices;

(b) the misrepresentation of the community's view and maladministration in respect of correspondence at the Infrastructure and Environment Committee; and

(c) the Council's failure to act in relation to an abuse of power by the Chairman of West Kilbride Community Council.

Point (a) dealt with the direction and boundary signing on the A78 road as well as the naming of West Kilbride and of Seamill.

The report concluded that no legislation or regulation had been breached by the Council.

On point (b) the specific issue raised was the receipt of petitions by Committees of the Council and of letters purporting to have been sent from organisations such as Community Councils.

The report concluded that the Council may wish to have some regard as to how petitions are received in the future.

Point (c) referred to the possibility of an abuse of power by the Chairman of the West Kilbride Community Council but the report concluded that there was no evidence to support this assertion.

The Council agreed (i) that consideration be given to rationalising how the Council receives information from market research sources or elsewhere, seeking to put forward the views of the community on any particular matter; (ii) that consideration be given to amending the Standing Orders relating to Meetings and Proceedings of the Council to provide guidance on how the community's views, including the submission of petitions, are presented to the Council; and (iii) that no further action be taken in relation to Councillor McLardy's complaint.

5. 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:-

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

Mr and Mrs D Young	61 Ailsa Gardens, Ardrossan
Karen Allan	64 Rowanside Terrace, Ardrossan
Elizabeth Cance and David King	128 Chapelhill Mount, Ardrossan
Mr and Mrs J MacKinnon	31 Strathclyde Avenue, Ardrossan
Mr and Mrs D Abbot	31 Cramond Place, Irvine
K and J Pilkington	2 Aberlour Place, Irvine
Helen Donnelly	31 Howden Avenue, Kilwinning
Elizabeth Loughran	66 Braehead, Irvine
James and Helen Barr	82 Leven Place, Irvine
Mr and Mrs Robert Watson	6 Woodburn Road, Beith
Jane Moffat Steele	90 Kilmahew Street, Ardrossan
Mr G Calderwood and Miss E McWilliams	14 Townhead, Beith
Ann Jane McLean	48 Bowmore Court, Irvine
Mr and Mrs James Muir	8B Glasgow Vennel, Irvine
Mr and Mrs McGavin	4 Lochranza Place, Saltcoats
Mr and Mrs J Jackson	39 Innes Park Road, Skelmorlie
John McCluckie and Mrs Mary E S McCluckie	105 Dalry Road, Saltcoats
Mr and Mrs E Forrest	2 Maple Drive, Beith

MINUTE OF WAIVER by North Ayrshire Council in favour of Doctor John David Watts and Doctor Sheena Ruth McAdam, Doctor Michael Johnson Wood, Doctor Lynne McDougall and Doctor David Marshall, Illingworth.

GRANT OF SERVITUDE by North Ayrshire Council in favour of BG Public Limited Company.

MINUTE OF AGREEMENT between North Ayrshire Council and Flow Connection Limited.

THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING and the acquisition of land, Abbey Park, Kilwinning.

CONSENT TO ASSIGN by North Ayrshire Council re-assignment of lease by Ganton House Investments Limited in favour of Tote Bookmakers.

LEASE between North Ayrshire Council and Flow Connection Limited, Block 1, Units 2 and 3, River Place, Kilbirnie.

FEU DISPOSITION by North Ayrshire Council in favour of William Bertram Stewart and Mrs Sylvia Smith Stewart, 1.08 hectares at Berry Drive, Irvine.

DEED OF SERVITUDE by North Ayrshire Council in favour of William Bertram Stewart and Mrs Sylvia Smith Stewart, Berry Drive/Clark Drive, Irvine.

MINUTE OF AGREEMENT FOR RENUNCIATION OF LEASE between North Ayrshire Council and Hay Ho, 4 West Court, Irvine.

CONTRACT OF EXCAMBION between North Ayrshire Council and Joseph Smith and Conway Smith, subjects two plots of ground extending to 293 square metres and 55 square metres respectively at Holehouse Road, Largs.

LEASE between North Ayrshire Council and Kenneth Roy, Milestone Cottage, 10 Main Street, Loans, T/A Carrick Media 2/1 Galt House, Irvine.

LEASE between North Ayrshire Council and North Ayrshire Women's Aid, 2 Boyle Street, Irvine.

LEASE between North Ayrshire Council and North Ayrshire Women's Aid, 4 School Lane, Kilbirnie.

LEASE between North Ayrshire Council and North Ayrshire Women's Aid, 8 Harbour Street, Ardrossan.

EARLY ENTRY AGREEMENT between North Ayrshire council and Orange Personal Communications.

WAITING RESTRICTIONS AND REVOCATION ORDER 1980 Eglinton Street, Windmill Street, Saltcoats

DISCHARGE by North Ayrshire Council in favour of Peter Andrews and Mrs Catherine Andrews.

DISCHARGE by North Ayrshire Council in favour of Mrs Jean Duffy Thomson or Barbour, 74 Argyle Road, Saltcoats.

DISCHARGE by North Ayrshire Council in favour of Margaret Reid Travers and Rebecca Ramage, 27 Morville Crescent, Kilwinning.

DISCHARGE OF CHARGING ORDER of Mary Ellen McGrane or McGrath.

DISCHARGE by North Ayrshire Council in favour of Colin Thomas Sutherland and Mrs Isla McKenzie Sutherland, West Mayish Farmhouse, Brodick, Isle of Arran.

DISCHARGE by North Ayrshire Council in favour of Mr William Strong Tait, Mrs Elizabeth Tait and Kenneth Strong Tait, 52 Lawfield Avenue, West Kilbride.

6. Strathclyde Police: Presentation

The Convener welcomed to the meeting Divisional Commander Iain M Anderson along with several of his colleagues and invited the Divisional Commander to make a presentation to the Council on Operation Spotlight and Divisional Objectives.

The Divisional Commander made a full and informative presentation to the Council on current issues and objectives and responded to questions put to him by Members of the Council. Constable Arlene Menzies also made a presentation to the Council on her experience as a Constable within the Three Towns area and on the various projects with which she was involved.

The Convener then thanked Divisional Commander Anderson and the other representatives from Strathclyde Police for their attendance and their presentations.

7. Mr William Cowan

The Convener referred to the imminent retirement of William Cowan, the Council's Director of Commercial Services. He paid tribute to Mr Cowan's long service in local government where he was also the Director of Cleansing for Cunninghame District Council and prior to that the Burgh Surveyor for Irvine Town Council. The Convener thanked Mr Cowan on behalf of Members for the excellent and hard work which he had put into his post with North Ayrshire Council which involved the setting up of a Commercial Services Directorate. He wished Mr Cowan and his family a long, happy and healthy retirement. The Chair of the Commercial Services Committee along with the Chief Executive also paid tribute to Mr Cowan.

Mr Cowan thanked the Convener and the Members of the Council and his colleagues for their good wishes and wished the Council well in the future.

The meeting ended at 6.10 p.m.