

North Ayrshire Council
22 September 1998

Irvine, 22 September 1998 - Minutes of the Meeting of North Ayrshire Council held in the Council Chambers, Cunninghame House, Irvine on Tuesday 22 September 1998 at 5.00 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, Irene Hamilton-Oldfather, James Jennings, Joseph McKinney, Peter McNamara, Thomas Morris, David Munn, Margaret Munn, Alan Munro, David O'Neill, Robert Rae, Robert Reilly, Gena Seales, John Sillars, Samuel Taylor and Richard Wilkinson

In Attendance

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

Chair

Mr Steven in the Chair.

Apologies for Absence

Margaret Highet and Elizabeth McLardy.

1. Minutes Confirmed

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 30 June 1998 were confirmed.

2. Strathclyde Passenger Transport

The Convener welcomed to the meeting Councillor Charles Gordon, Chair of Strathclyde Passenger Transport Authority along with George Grey, The Authority's Head of Planning and Development who made a presentation to the Council on the operation of Strathclyde Passenger Transport and in particular its links with North Ayrshire. The presentation gave details of the history of S.P.T. which celebrates its 25th Anniversary this year, along with details of its budget and how the budget is spent. The principal focus of the presentation concerned the Glasgow Airport Cross City Link where details of various options were provided. These are being investigated currently by S.P.T. It was stressed that North Ayrshire has a high priority within the S.P.T. area as two of the ten most used stations lie within North Ayrshire, these being Irvine and Kilwinning.

Following the presentation members of the Council put several questions to the S.P.T. representatives which included:-

- (a) The use of new rolling stock;
- (b) Car parking at Irvine Station;

- (c) The use of Stevenston Station and the access to the station;
- (d) The necessity to have a direct rail link to Glasgow Airport;
- (e) The Dial-A-Bus Service.

The S.P.T. representative's responded to the various questions and stated that they would investigate the various points raised.

Thereafter the Convener thanked Councillor Gordon and Mr. Gray for their attendance and for their very informative presentation.

3. North Ayrshire 2003

The Head of Corporate Business made a presentation to the Council on the Partnership Document "North Ayrshire 2003" which involves North Ayrshire Council and Enterprise Ayrshire and which is an action plan to tackle under performance of the North Ayrshire economy. The document arose following meetings with Brian Wilson MP and the recent job losses announced by local companies. Prior to these job losses North Ayrshire already had the second highest official unemployment rate in Scotland. The area has consistently experienced unemployment levels between 3.5% to 4% above the Scottish average.

The Action Plan details the various actions which North Ayrshire Council and Enterprise Ayrshire see as being critical to improve the current situation and how the Government can assist through the provision of additional resources and policy initiatives. Comment and involvement of the Action Plan will be sought from all bodies participating in economic development in North Ayrshire, the target being to close the gap between the percentage level of unemployment in North Ayrshire and that of Scotland by the year 2003. This will be done through addressing the consequences of the recent job losses of up to 2000 and the creation of at least another 2000 jobs.

Following the presentation questions were put to the Head of Corporate Business, to which he responded.

Thereafter the Leader of the Council thanked the Head of Corporate Business and the Director of Planning, Roads and Environment for their involvement in drawing up the Action Plan which he hoped would play a significant role in improving the North Ayrshire economy.

4. 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. 9 and were approved as follows:-

	30 June	Development Control Sub-Committee	1 4	-
	29 July	Special Protective Services Committee	5 11	-
	18 August	Development Control Sub-Committee	12 23	-
*	18 August	Corporate Strategy Committee	24 64	-
	25 August	Education Committee	65 75	-

	26 August	Social Work Committee	76 - 84
	27 August	Housing Services Committee	85 - 109
	1 September	Community and Recreational Services Committee	110 - 117
	2 September	Infrastructure and Environment Services Committee	118 - 122
	3 September	Special Protective Services Committee	123 - 126
	3 September	Protective Services Committee	127 - 134
	8 September	Development Control Sub-Committee	135 - 144
	8 September	Support Services Committee	145 - 170
	9 September	Commercial Services Committee	171 - 175

* Corporate Strategy Committee, 18 August - Councillor Wilkinson requested that his dissent be recorded in respect of Item 11, on page 29 of the Reports in respect of the Council's response to the Commission on Local Government and the Scottish Parliament with regard to the Council's comments on Community Councils.

Agreed.

5. Draft Accounts 1997/98

In terms of Section 4 of the Local Authority Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 1985, submit Draft Accounts for the year ended 31 March 1998.

The Council agreed to approve the Draft Accounts.

6. 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:-

Susan Simpson	26 Alexandra Terrace, Kilwinning
Eilleen Anne Smith	8 Irvine Mains Crescent, Irvine

Glyn and Caroline Morris	63 Beech Avenue, Beith
H Roy and Mrs D Roy	47 Elm Park, Ardrossan
Mr and Mrs J Frew	80 Greenside Avenue, Springside
Margaret Hamilton	38 Tollerton Drive, Irvine
Robert Muir	1 Montfode Drive, Ardrossan
Mr and Mrs John Cairns	5 Middlepart Crescent, Saltcoats
Mr and Mrs D McKay	52 Steps Road, Irvine
Mr and Mrs D Paterson	16 Glenleith Place, Irvine
Mr and Mrs W Caughey	9 Langside Place, Kilbirnie
Margaret Brown	78 Corrie Crescent, Saltcoats
Ms Margaret Roman	208b Livingstone Terrace, Irvine
Mr and Mrs W Burley	6a Annick Drive, Dreghorn
Edward Peters	28 John Clark Street, Largs
Mrs E E Nimmo	44 Nethermiln Road, West Kilbride
James Hamilton	80 Corrie Crescent, Saltcoats
Iain Kerr	77 Dundonald Road, Dreghorn
Mrs I D Boyd	71 Glenacre Drive, Largs
Mr and Mrs C Tait	58 Corsehill, Kilwinning
Mr and Mrs W Copeland	13 Lochwood Place, Girdle Toll
Mr and Mrs T Grant	26 Bowmore Court, Irvine

Mr and Mrs G Dorrans	5 Bruce Terrace, Irvine
Mr and Mrs D Johnstone	31 Helens Terrace, Kilwinning
Mr and Mrs J McKellar	35 Eastern Avenue, Largs
Mr and Mrs D A Anderson	9 Anderson Drive, Irvine
Mr and Mrs K Carter	13 Highfield Place, Irvine
Mrs Jane Cairns	3 Eastwood Avenue, Irvine

DISPOSITION by North Ayrshire Council in favour of Scottish Power, McKinlay Crescent, Irvine

CHARGING ORDER by North Ayrshire Council, Criffel, Wilson Street, Beith.

FEU DISPOSITION by North Ayrshire Council in favour of Alan Crawford Ramsay and Christelle Le Reguer, Plot 16 Perceton 'D' North, Irvine

FUE DISPOSITION by North Ayrshire Council in favour of Colin McAllister and Mrs Lynda McAllister, Plot 8 Perceton 'D' North, Irvine

LEASE between North Ayrshire Council and Mercury Personal Communications Ltd MPC92 Ltd and USW PCN INC.

LEASE between North Ayrshire Council and Joseph Barraclough, Unit 2 Block 8, Moorpark Place, Stevenston

DEED OF SERVITUDE by North Ayrshire Council in favour of Raymond Masson and Frances Masson, 195.4 sq. mtr at Merksworth Lane, Dalry.

LEASE between North Ayrshire Council and Specdeals Manufacturing Ltd, 21 Almswall Road, Kilwinning.

LEASE between North Ayrshire Council and Orange Personal Communications Services, Radio Mast at Greenwood Industrial Estate, Corsehillmount Road, Dreghorn.

LEASE between North Ayrshire Council and North Ayrshire Women's Aid, 87 New Street, Stevenston.

MINUTE OF AGREEMENT between North Ayrshire Council and Rowe Sports and Menswear Ltd.

RENUNCIATION by McConechys Tyre Service Ltd, Second Avenue, Irvine.

MINUTE OF VARIATION OF LEASE between North Ayrshire Council and Marjorie McPhee, 24 Glencairn Street, Stevenston.

CHARGING ORDER by North Ayrshire Council subjects: Criffel, Wilson Street, Beith.

NORTH AYRSHIRE COUNCIL TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE (B777 at Gateside Bridge, Gateside) at 0001 hours on 10th August 1998 until 2400 hours on 7th September 1998.

MINUTE OF AGREEMENT between North Ayrshire Council and Skian Dhu Interactive.

CONVEYANCE by North Ayrshire Council in favour of North Ayrshire Council, 17/19 Glebe Street, Stevenston.

ROAD TRAFFIC ORDER High Road, Service Roads, Saltcoats.

DISCHARGE by North Ayrshire Council in favour of Mrs Mary Craig Wallace, 20 Brisbane Road, Largs.

DISCHARGE by North Ayrshire Council in favour of Mrs Agnes Henshelwood Erskine or Hart, 16 Waterside Street, Largs.

DISCHARGE by North Ayrshire Council in favour of Joseph Welsh Houston and Mrs Marion Meldrum Malloch Houston, 17 Sycamore Avenue, Beith, Ayrshire.

DISCHARGE by North Ayrshire Council in favour of Violet L Croall, 112 Argyle Road, Saltcoats.

The meeting ended at 6.20 p.m.