

North Ayrshire Council
26 November 1996

Irvine, 26 November 1996 - Minutes of the meeting of North Ayrshire Council held in the Council Chambers, Cunninghame House Irvine on Tuesday 26 November 1996 at 6.00 p.m.

Present

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

In Attendance

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

Chair

Mr Steven in the Chair.

Apologies for Absence

Alan Munro, Stewart Dewar, David Gallagher, Robert Reilly, Irene Oldfather and John Sillars.

1. Councillor Alan Munro

The Convener advised the Council that Councillor Alan Munro who had recently undergone an operation was making a full recovery and it was hoped that he would be returning to Council business within the near future.

The Council agreed to send their best wishes to Councillor Munro for a full and speedy recovery.

2. Mr. Michael Gallagher, Director of Community and Recreational Services

The Convener welcomed Mr. Michael Gallagher, the Director of Community and Recreational Services to his last Meeting of North Ayrshire Council as Mr. Gallagher was now leaving to take up a post with Leicester City Council.

The Convener, on behalf of the Council, thanked Mr. Gallagher for his work not only with North Ayrshire Council but for the former Cunninghame District Council and wished him well in his new post.

3. Minutes Confirmed

The Minutes of the Meeting of North Ayrshire Council held on 15 October 1996 were confirmed.

4. Priority Partnership Area

Notice having been given in terms of Standing Order No. 11, Mr. Taylor seconded by Mrs. Munn, moved a Motion in the following terms:-

North Ayrshire Council condemns the decision of the Scottish Office not to award Priority Partnership Area Status to North Ayrshire and deplores the decision to invite the Council to redraw its regeneration strategy to include the 3 Towns without additional funding.

The Council also deplores the way in which the announcement, made by the Scottish Office Minister Raymond Robertson, gave the impression of additional money being provided to support regeneration in North Ayrshire when the reality is that the funding has decreased.

The Council calls upon Raymond Robertson to meet North Ayrshire Council to explain his decision not to award Priority Partnership Area status to North Ayrshire.

The Council further calls upon Raymond Robertson to reconsider his decision not to award Priority Partnership Area status to North Ayrshire and to increase the funding for the 3 Towns area from the resources that he has available.

In the light of the decision not to award Priority Partnership status, the Council applauds the decision of the Partnership to continue as a focus for the continuing development of North Ayrshire.

The Council agreed to approve the Motion, Councillor Wilkinson dissenting.

5. 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 approved as follows:-

Committee	Pages
Corporate Strategy Committee: 22 October 1996	1 -
Education Committee: 29 October 1996	39 -
Social Work Committee: 30 October 1996	46 -
Development Control Sub-Committee: 31 October 1996	75 -
* Community and Recreational Services Committee: 5 November 1996	82 -

Infrastructure and Environmental Services Committee: 6 November 1996	92 -
Protective Services Committee: 7 November 1996	105 -
Support Services Committee: 12 November 1996	113 -
Commercial Services Committee: 13 November 1996	121 -
Development Control Sub-Committee: 19 November 1996	126 -
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The Council undertook to ensure that full consultation is carried out with voluntary representatives who have previously served on the Voluntary Committee responsible for the Largs Viking Festival to ensure that they are given an opportunity to play a part in the future organisation of the Festival.

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:-

Alice Rae	52 Broomlands Drive, Irvine
John Kerr	37 Tollerton Drive, Irvine
Mr. & Mrs. A. Anderson	149 McKinlay Crescent, Irvine
Mr. & Mrs. R. Stewart	30 Oakwood Drive, Beith

Nancy Simpson	52 Bilby Terrace, Irvine
Mr. & Mrs. P. Halstead	108 Alexander Avenue, Largs
Mr. & Mrs. G. Brown	16 Alexander Fleming Avenue, Kilbirnie
Mr. & Mrs. R. Glachan	27 Shaw Place, Dalry
Mr. & Mrs. J. Gibson	6 Chestnut Avenue, Beith
Mr. & Mrs. M. & Miss C. Wilson	25 Stevenston Road, Kilwinning
Mary Jane Scade	7 Campbell Place, Dreghorn
Mrs. Margaret McAlister	7 Torr righe, Shiskine, Arran
Mr. & Mrs. R. Martin	14 Kildonan Place, Saltcoats
Shirley Murphy	33 Lumsden Place, Stevenston
Mr. & Mrs. G. McCormick	54 Ladeside Court, Kilbirnie
Mr. & Mrs. I. Whiteford	54 Bilby Terrace, Irvine
Mr. & Mrs. J. Miller	10 Place View, Kilbirnie
Mr. & Mrs. W. Whiteside	1a Avils Place, Kilbirnie
Ian Duff & Carol Young	16 Coldgreen Avenue, Kilbirnie

Mr. & Mrs. C. Brannan	39 Alexander Avenue, Stevenston
Mr. & Mrs. R. Black	33 Ford Avenue, Dreghorn
Mr. & Mrs. J. Littlejohn	48 Corsehill, Kilwinning
Mr. & Mrs. P. Higgins	42 Baird Avenue, Kilwinning
M. Houston & B. Lochrie	49 Townhead Street, Stevenston
Mr. C., Mrs. A. & Miss J. Harvey	2 Frew Terrace, Irvine
Mr. & Mrs. I. McCormick	87 Borestone Avenue, Kilbirnie
Jean McKillop	56 Keppernburn Avenue, Fairlie
Mrs. E.M. Martin	38 Bensley Avenue, Girdle Toll
S.J. Gilbert & E. Cooper	49 Cambuskeith Road, Stevenston
Mrs. I. Cambridge	20 Holehouse Drive, Kilbirnie
Mr. & Mrs. A.G. N. Bruce	33 Links Road, Saltcoats
Mr. & Mrs. T.W. Barker	31 Greenside Avenue, Kilbirnie
J.K. King & C. King	39 Borestone Avenue, Kilbirnie

Mrs. J.B. Topliss	1 Meadowside, West Kilbride
F.C. Ferguson & A. Riddell	37 Keppernburn Avenue, Fairlie
K. Bowker & M. McK Clark or Bowker	7 Ashgrove Avenue, Stevenston
Mr. & Mrs. D. Muir	15 Fleck Avenue, Saltcoats
Jean Anderson Hobson	27 John Clark Street, Largs

7. West of Scotland Water and Scottish Water and Sewerage Customer Council

The Convener welcomed Mr. Ernest Chambers, the Chief Executive of West of Scotland Water along with Mr. Alan Thomson and Mr. John Jamieson of that organisation. The Convener also welcomed Dr. Vicki Nash and Professor Tom Anderson of the Scottish Water and Sewerage Customer Council to the Meeting. The Convener then invited representatives of both organisations to make presentations to the Council commencing with West of Scotland Water.

Mr. Chambers as Chief Executive of West of Scotland Water made a presentation outlining the remit of the organisation and its aims and objectives.

Thereafter Dr. Nash, on behalf of the Scottish Water and Sewerage Customer Council made a presentation advising of the work of that organisation similarly setting out its aims and objectives and advising of the number of complaints etc. which that Council receives per annum.

Thereafter Members of the Council asked various questions of both organisations and, in particular, stressed their concern over the provision of waste water treatment facilities along the Ayrshire coast. Mr. Chambers responded to these on behalf of West of Scotland Water and agreed to keep the Council advised of progress on this matter.

The Convener then thanked all parties for their presentations.

The Meeting ended at 7.00 p.m.