

Support Services Special Sub Committee  
18 November 1998

**Ardrossan, 18 November 1998** - At a Meeting of a Special Sub-Committee of the Support Services Committee of North Ayrshire Council at 10.00 a.m.

**Present**

Alan Munro, Stewart Dewar, Margaret Munn and George Steven.

**In Attendance**

J. Andrew, Principal Officer (Property Services); J. Ferguson, Assistant Principal Estates Officer (Development & Promotional Services); and J. Bannatyne, Administration Officer (Chief Executive).

**Chair**

Mr. Munro in the Chair.

**Apologies for Absence**

David O'Neill.

**1. Ardrossan: Eglinton Road: Seafield School: Site Visit**

The Sub-Committee met on site and took up its remit to examine the buildings and the boundary wall at Seafield School, Eglinton Road, Ardrossan and to consider the requirements for future maintenance. The Sub-Committee carried out a full inspection of the buildings and the boundary wall which were found to be in good condition. Confirmation was given that Quarriers Homes had always been aware of the requirements of the lease and that the work carried out by the former Strathclyde Regional Council had been briefed and specified in conjunction with Quarriers Homes and that they were aware that the lease would be on the basis of full repairing and insuring terms..

Councillor Margaret Munn, the Local Member for the area, who had been invited to participate in the site visit, reported that complaints had been received from residents living in properties situated adjacent to the south facing boundary wall of the school and that children were climbing the wall to gain access to the roofs of adjacent lock-up garages which were being damaged as a result. She requested that consideration be given to the erection by the Council of wire netting or an alternative anti-vandal proof material along a 25-30 metre stretch of the wall to address this problem. The view was expressed that this problem was really an operational matter for Quarriers Homes to deal with in terms of the control of the building.

After a full discussion, the Sub-Committee agreed to recommend (a) that consideration of the proposed amendment to the lease conditions be deferred meantime; (b) that it be remitted to appropriate officers to enter into further negotiations with Quarriers Homes on the terms of the lease of the property with a view to incorporating the costs of the external maintenance within the lease agreement and report; (c) that arrangements be made to ensure that the exterior of

the building and the boundary walls are inspected by Officers of the Council on a regular basis with a view to monitoring the maintenance requirements; (d) that Officers investigate the request by the Local Member for Ward 24 for the provision of wire netting or anti-vandal proof material along the 25-30 metre stretch of the south facing boundary wall including costs, and report; and (e) that clarification be sought to ascertain whether the property is a listed building.

The Meeting ended at 10.55 a.m.