

North Ayrshire Council  
3 September 1996

**Irvine, 3 September 1996** - Minutes of the meeting of North Ayrshire Council held in the Council Chambers, Cunninghame House Irvine on Tuesday 3 September 1996 at 6.00 p.m.

**Present**

George Steven, John Donn, Thomas Barr, Patrick Browne, Jack Carson, Ian Clarkson, James Clements, Stewart Dewar, David Gallagher, Samuel Gooding, Jane Gorman, Elliot Gray, Irene Oldfather, Margaret Highet, James Jennings, Joseph McKinney, Peter McNamara, Thomas Morris, David Munn, Margaret Munn, Alan Munro, Robert Reilly, Gena Seales, John Sillars and Samuel Taylor.

**In Attendance**

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

**Also In Attendance**

Hugh McMahon, MEP.

**Chair**

Mr Steven in the Chair

**Apologies for Absence**

Ian Clarkson, Thomas Dickie, David O'Neill, Elizabeth McLardy and Richard Wilkinson.

**1. Convener's Chain of Office**

Mr Jack Murdoch, the Managing Director of Irvine Development Corporation presented the new Convener's Chain of Office for North Ayrshire Council to the Convener. The Chain of Office incorporates the names of the former authorities Cunninghame District Council and Strathclyde Regional Council along with Irvine Development Corporation. Mr Murdoch stated that it gave him great pleasure to present the Chain of Office to the Convener and spoke of the good working relationship which the Development Corporation had had with both Cunninghame District Council and Strathclyde Regional Council.

The Convener in accepting the Chain of Office with pleasure thanked Mr Murdoch for attending the Council meeting to make the presentation.

**2. Minutes Confirmed**

The Minutes of the meeting of North Ayrshire Council held on 25 June 1996 were confirmed.

### **3. 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. 8 and approved as follows:-

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Pages</b>
Corporate Strategy Committee: 30 July 1996	1 - 40
Development Control Sub-Committee: 6 August 1996	41 - 47
Education Committee: 6 August 1996	48 - 55
Social Work Committee: 7 August 1996	56 - 70
Housing Services Committee	71 - 85
Community and Recreational Services Committee: 13 August 1996	86 - 118
Infrastructure and Environment Services Committee: 14 August 1996	119 - 150
Protective Services Committee: 15 August 1996	151 - 157
Support Services Committee: 20 August 1996	158 - 168
*Commercial Services Committee:- 21 August 1996	169 - 174
Development Control Sub-Committee: 27 August 1996	175 - 182
Special Corporate Strategy Committee: 28 August 1996	183 - 192
Special Protective Services Committee: 2 September 1996	193 - 196

#### **\*Commercial Services: 18 June 1996**

### **Apprentices**

The Council agreed that the apprentices employed in the Commercial Services Directorate be invited to attend the next meeting of the Council to recognise both the Council's achievement in employing a significant number of apprentices and of the success in obtaining awards achieved by two of the new apprentices within the Directorate.

### **4. Kilwinning: Abbey Park: Outstanding Application for Planning Permission for Determination**

Submitted report of the Member/Officer Working Group who, at their meeting on 28 August 1996 agreed to recommend to the Council that they refuse an application by Palmer Bros. (Kilwinning) Limited for outline planning permission for a residential development at Abbey Park Kilwinning on the grounds that the redevelopment of the sports ground would be contrary to National Plan And Policy Guideline 11, Policy RES 2 of the Strathclyde Structure Plan and Leisure Policy 5 of the adopted Local Plan for Irvine/Kilwinning in that it involves the loss of a sports pitch which has a significant value to the local community and the environment.

The Council agreed to approve the recommendation.

**5. Millport: University Marine Biological Station**

Submitted report by the Chief Executive advising that following the Council's decision on 25 June 1996 instructing him to write to the Secretary of State outlining the Council's concern on the proposed reduction in funding from the Scottish Higher Education Funding Council and the Higher Education Funding Council for England to the University Marine Biological Station, Millport, both the Minister for Education, Housing and Fisheries and King's College London have responded. The Minister has indicated that he has no powers to intervene in this matter and King's College London have advised of correspondence which they have had in an effort to seek continued funding for the station

The Council expressed their disappointment at the Minister's decision not to intervene in this matter and agreed to seek a meeting with him to express fully the Council's concerns over this matter and to press for a re-introduction of the funding for the station.

**6. Draft Accounts 1995/96 in Terms of the Local Authority Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 1995**

The Chief Executive advised that the Draft Accounts for the Shadow Authority for the year 1995/96 were complete and that the certified abstracts of the accounts would be submitted to the next meeting of the Council.

Noted.

**7. 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:-

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

Mrs Patricia Livingstone Howie	25 Gateside Street, West Kilbride
Mrs Noleen McFadyen	49 Dalry Road, Ardrossan

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

Mr & Mrs D G Williams	2 Broomfield Street, Kilwinning
Mr & Mrs I Roderickson	66 Morris Moodie Avenue, Stevenston
Mr & Mrs W Stevenson	11 St Joans Crescent, Kilwinning

Mr & Mrs A Cook	68 Burnside Road, Largs
Mr A P Taylor	68 Blacklands Crescent, Kilwinning
Mrs S & Mr S Davidson	81 Merryvale Road, Kilbirnie
Mr M & Mrs S Fyfe	31 Mossend Avenue, Kilbirnie
Mrs Grace Henderson	18C Springvale Place, Saltcoats
Mr & Mrs D Havlin	6 Glencairn Street, Stevenston
Mrs O Gallagher & G Gallagher	6 Milton Quadrant, Kilbirnie
Sidney A Phillips	43 Kerr Avenue, Saltcoats
John A S Fulton	24A Montgomerie Street, Ardrossan
Mr & Mrs H Arkison	6 Bilby Terrace, Irvine
Mrs M E Jeffrey	3 Beinn Bharrain Terrace, Arran
Karen Blair	28 McKinlay Crescent, Irvine
Peter Bell & Scott Glass	4 Dale Crescent, Irvine
Hugh Walsh and Mary Walsh	10 Reddance Terrace, Dalry
Mr & Mrs D McMillan	76 Hazelgrove, Kilwinning
Mr & Mrs J Morrison	9 Stewart Drive, Irvine
Mrs C Graham and Miss C L Graham	8 Giffen Road, Saltcoats
Mr & Mrs W Wilson	30 Donaldson Avenue, Stevenston
Ms M Strannigan & Mr K Bakewell	21 Jermond Drive, Irvine
Andrew C Clarke	19E Montgomerie Street, Ardrossan

Mr & Mrs O J Kreuger	4 Eastern Avenue, Largs
Mr & Mrs T Sellers	23 Park View, Kilbirnie
Mr & Mrs B McCormack	8 Clark Crescent, Stevenston
Mr & Mrs J Corcoran	69 Auchenhove Crescent, Kilbirnie
Mr & Mrs A Horne	42 Auchenhove Crescent, Kilbirnie
John McF Bell	2 Millglen Road, Ardrossan
Mr & Mrs K Stewart	48 Dalry Road, Saltcoats
Mrs C Moir	11 Victoria Crescent, Irvine
Mr & Mrs J Hynd	46 Castle Drive, Kilbirnie
Mr & Mrs R Kerr	34 Sannox Drive, Saltcoats
Mrs A & Miss A E Sloan	21 Garnock Court, Kilbirnie
David Kennedy	56 Peden Avenue, Dalry
Mr & Mrs S R Neillands	15 Keppernburn Avenue, Fairlie

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

12 Miller Street, Millport	
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#### **8. Strathclyde Passenger Transport**

The Convener welcomed Mr S Lockley, Director General of Strathclyde Passenger Transport to the meeting and invited him to make a presentation on the options of SPT and the current issues.

Mr Lockley outlined the history of the former Passenger Transport Authority, now the Strathclyde Passenger Transport Authority, which covers ninety-five per cent of the former area of Strathclyde Regional Council. Of the new authorities, SPT covers seven of these in total. North Ayrshire Council has two representatives on the Joint Board of SPT which has a total of thirty-four

members.

SPT's revenue is obtained from all of the twelve authorities within the former Strathclyde area and revenue is paid on a population basis. North Ayrshire Council currently pays £6.8m covered by Scottish Office grant. Capital funding is also obtained in the main from the authorities and Mr Lockley acknowledged that councils have had difficulty in making capital contributions to SPT during this financial year as capital projects for the first year of authorities have of course taken priority. The capital fund for SPT this year has therefore only allowed the organisation to carry out works on bus shelters and bus stops. Mr Lockley also referred to some problems which are being experienced in the operation of the Concessionary Travel Scheme but he hoped that these would be resolved. He further referred to the success of both the Dial-a-Bus and the Taxi Card schemes.

Mr Lockley then answered questions from Members of the Council and following these, the Convener thanked Mr Lockley for his informative presentation.

Mr Lockley thanked the Convener and the Members of the Council for the opportunity to address them.

Following the presentation Members of the Three Towns Disabled Forum delivered a petition to Mr Lockley concerning the operation of the Taxi Card Scheme.

#### **9. Irvine: Girdle Toll: Open Spaces at Annandale**

The Convener received a petition from residents of Annandale, Girdle Toll, Irvine regarding the condition of open spaces in the area.

The Council agreed that the petition be passed to the appropriate Directorates of the Council for any necessary action.

The meeting ended at 7.00 p.m.