

Motherwell, 2 June 1998 at 2 pm.

A Meeting of the **ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE**

PRESENT

Councillor Craigie, Convener; Councillor Hogg, Vice-Convener; Councillors A. Burns, Cox, Gibson, Gordon, Hebenton, McAlorum, McKenna, McLaughlin, Maginnis, J. Martin and Smith.

CHAIR

Councillor Craigie (Convener) presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

The Committee Services Officer, Director of Environmental Services, Head of Direct Services and Head of Protective Services.

APOLOGIES

Councillors Cefferty, McCabe, H. McGuigan, McKeown and Ross.

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES (COMMUNITY SAFETY) SUB-COMMITTEE

1. There was submitted the Minute of the meeting of the Environmental Services (Community Safety) Sub-Committee held on 12 May 1998.

Decided: that the terms of the Minute be approved.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION PUBLIC PROTECTION COMMITTEE TASK GROUP - APPOINTMENT OF SCOTTISH ADVISOR

2. With reference to paragraph 28 of the Minute of the meeting of the Planning and Development Committee held on 6 May 1998 when that Committee, having considered a report dated 17 April 1998 by the Director of Planning and Development regarding the appointment of a Scottish Advisor to the Local Government Association Public Protection Committee Task Group, had approved the nomination of the Building Control Service Manager and had referred the report to this Committee for its interest, the Committee considered the report.

Decided: that the terms of the report be noted.

DOG WARDEN SERVICE

3. There was submitted a report dated 13 May 1998 by the Director of Environmental Services regarding the operation of the Dog Warden Service during March and April 1998.

Decided: that the terms of the report be noted.

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PET ANIMALS ACT 1951

4. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated 5 May 1998 by the Director of Environmental Services detailing two applications for licences in terms of the Pet Animals Act 1951 for premises in North Lanarkshire.

Decided: that the two applications for licences in terms of the Pet Animals Act 1951 for premises in North Lanarkshire, as set out in the report, be approved.

PETROLEUM (CONSOLIDATION) ACT 1928 - PETROLEUM LICENCES

5. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated 8 May 1998 by the Director of Environmental Services containing details of various premises which had been licensed in April 1998 for the storage of petroleum spirit/petroleum mixtures.

Decided: that the terms of the report be noted.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT 1990 - SECTION 80 NOTICES REQUIRING ABATEMENT OF STATUTORY NUISANCES

(1) CONDITION OF PERIMETER FENCING AT SETTLING PONDS WITHIN OR NEAR THE PREMISES OF THE FORMER CALDERCRUIX PAPERMILL, BY AIRDRIE

6. There was submitted a report dated 11 May 1998 by the Director of Environmental Services containing details of a Notice which had been served, in terms of Section 80 of the Environmental Protection Act 1990, on Alexandra Industrial Estates Limited requiring the reinstatement of the perimeter fencing and the provision of padlocks on the gate at the former settling ponds within or near the former Caldercruix Papermill, by Airdrie.

Decided: that the terms of the report be noted.

(2) ACCUMULATION OF REFUSE IN BIN STORES AND COMMUNAL STORE AT 1-11 WOODSIDE COURT, COATBRIDGE

7. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated 8 May 1998 by the Director of Environmental Services containing details of Notices which had served in terms of Section 80 of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 requiring the abatement of the nuisance caused by the accumulation of refuse in bin stores and communal store at 1-11 Woodside Court, Coatbridge.

Decided: that the terms of the report be noted.

SALE OF CIGARETTES TO UNDERAGE PERSONS - JOINT INITIATIVE

8. There was submitted a report dated 12 May 1998 by the Director of Environmental Services (1) regarding the Council's responsibility to enforce certain provisions of the Children and Young Persons (Protection from Tobacco) Act 1991; (2) proposing the implementation of a joint initiative with Lanarkshire Health Board for the identification by school children of retailers who adopted a responsible role in the sale and advertising of cigarettes and who were willing to follow a Code of Practice and to become members of the scheme, and (3) advising that the Council would be

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responsible for inspecting the premises of those retailers within the scheme to ensure that they complied with the Code of Practice.

Decided: that the proposals for the implementation of a joint initiative with Lanarkshire Health Board to discourage the sale of cigarettes to underage persons be approved.

VEHICLE REPLACEMENT PROGRAMME - PURCHASE OF VEHICLES 1998/99

9. With reference to paragraph 17 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 3 March 1998 when, *inter alia* authorisation had been given for the acceptance of the lowest tenders for the supply of nine Valmet tractors, being that of Messrs. Craig Tractors, Strathaven, in the total sum of £177,835, there was submitted a report dated 20 May 1998 by the Director of Environmental Services (1) advising that Messrs. Craig Tractors had withdrawn their tenders as they could not supply the vehicles to the required specifications, and (2) recommending the acceptance of the second lowest tenders, being that of Messrs. Hamilton Brothers, Bishopton, for the supply of 9 Massey Ferguson tractors, at an additional cost of £18,170.00.

Decided:

- (1) that the withdrawal of tenders for the supply of 9 Valmet tractors by Messrs. Craig Tractors, Strathaven, be noted, and
- (2) that the Director of Administration be authorised to accept the lowest tenders by Messrs. Hamilton Brothers, Bishopton, for the supply of 9 Massey Ferguson tractors in the total sum of £196,005.

TRANSPORT SERVICES - SCHEME OF MANAGEMENT

10. With reference to paragraph 7 of the Minute of the meeting of the Personnel Services Committee held on 17 October 1996 when proposals for the development of a staff structure in the Environmental Services Department had been approved, in principle, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated 19 May 1998 by the Director of Environmental Services setting out proposals for a revised management structure for the Transport Services Division.

Decided: that consideration of the report be continued to a future meeting.

LICENSING OF BUTCHERS' SHOPS - CONSULTATION DOCUMENT BY THE SCOTTISH OFFICE

11. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated 19 May 1998 by the Director of Environmental Services regarding a consultation document from the Scottish Office entitled "Licensing of Butchers' Shops", and commenting on the proposal for Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point (HACCP), on whether complete separation of cooked and raw products would be desirable and also on whether the proposals should be extended to other high risk food establishments.

Decided:

- (1) that the action taken by the Director of Administration in responding to the Scottish Office as detailed in the Appendix to the report be homologated, and

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- (2) that in addition to the formal response, the Director of Administration be authorised to respond further emphasising the need for the proposals in the consultation document to cover all premises which deal with the preparation and sale of food.

(2) REVIEW OF FOOD RELATED SCIENTIFIC SERVICES IN SCOTLAND

12. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated 26 May 1998 by the Director of Environmental Services commenting on a consultation document from the Scottish Office entitled "Review of Food Related Scientific Services in Scotland" which sought the Council's views on the future provision of the service.

Decided: that the comments set out in the Appendix to the report be endorsed as the Council's formal response to the Scottish Office regarding the future provision of food related scientific services and that the Director of Administration respond accordingly.

CONFERENCES

(1) INSTITUTE OF WASTE MANAGEMENT ANNUAL CONFERENCE

13. There was considered an invitation by the Institute of Waste Management to attend its Annual Conference to be held in Torbay during the period from 8 to 12 June 1998.

Decided: that no attendance at the conference be authorised.

(2) COMMUNITY SAFETY STUDY COURSE

14. There was considered an invitation by the National Association of Councillors to attend a community safety study course to be held in Torquay during the period from 3 to 5 July 1998.

Decided: that no attendance at the study course be authorised.

(3) ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH CONGRESS 1998

15. There was considered an invitation from the Chartered Institute of Environmental Health to attend the Environmental Health Congress 1998 to be held in Harrogate during the period from 15 to 18 September 1998.

Decided: that no attendance at the Congress be authorised.