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Motherwell, 22 May 1997 at 4 pm.

A Meeting of the NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL

PRESENT

Councillor Mathieson, Provost; Councillor McCulloch, Depute Provost; Councillors Barrie, Brooks, A. Burns, Carmichael, Cefferty, Chadha, Connelly, Coyle, Craig, Curran, Fitzpatrick, Gibson, Gilchrist, Gordon, Gormill, Gray, Griffin, Hebenton, Hogg, Holloway, Logue, Lunny, Lyle, McAlorum, McElroy, McGhee, H. McGuigan, McKendrick, McKeown, McLaughlin, Maginnis, J. Martin, W. Martin, Moran, Murphy, G. Murray, S.V. Murray, Pentland, Robertson, Ross, Saunders, Scott, Selfridge, Shaw, Stocks, Sullivan and Wilson.

CHAIR

Councillor Mathieson (Provost) presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

The Chief Executive, Director of Administration, Director of Construction Services, Director of Education, Director of Environmental Services, Director of Finance, Director of Housing, Director of Social Work, Head of Central Services, Head of Economic Development and Property and Head of Parks and Amenity.

APOLOGIES

Councillors E. Burns, Combe, Craigie, Lucas, McCabe, J. McGuigan, Morgan, Russell and Wallace.

NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL

1. There was submitted the Minutes of the meetings of the North Lanarkshire Council held on 3 April 1997.

Decided: that the terms of the Minutes be approved.

MINUTES OF MEETING OF COMMITTEE FOR INFORMATION

2. There was submitted for information the Minutes of the meeting of the Special Housing Committee held on 3 April 1997 which had been previously approved by the Council.

SUB-COMMITTEE MINUTE FOR INFORMATION

3. There were submitted for information, the minutes of the meetings of the undernoted Sub-Committees held on the dates specified and which had been previously approved as shown:-

1997
General Purposes (Licensing) Sub 27 February
General Purposes (Licensing) Sub 20 March 1997
General Purposes (Public Processions) Sub 27 March 1997
Civic Functions Group 9 April 1997

Approved by the General Purposes Committee at their meeting on 23 April 1997.

Personnel Services (Early Retirement) Sub 21 March 1997
Personnel Services (Early Retirement) Sub 27 March 1997
Personnel Services (Early Retirement) Sub 4 April 1997
Personnel Services (Early Retirement) Sub 17 April 1997
Personnel Services (Appeals) Sub 24 March 1997
Personnel Services (Appeals) Sub 3 April 1997
Personnel Services (Sounding Board) Sub 8 April 1997

on Approved by the Personnel Services Committee at their meeting on 8 May 1997.

Special Policy and Resources (Community Development) Sub 25 March 1997
Policy and Resources (Community Development) Sub 23 April 1997
Policy and Resources (Vacancy Control) Sub 10 April 1997
Policy and Resources (Policy, Planning and Performance Review) Sub 10 April 1997

meeting Approved by the Policy and Resources Committee at their on 13 May 1997.

Leisure Services (Grants) Sub 27 March 1997

Approved by the Leisure Services Committee at their meeting on 7 May 1997.

Social Work (Parental Rights) Sub 27 March 1997
Social Work (Operations and Services) Sub 8 April 1997
Social Work (Planning and Administration) Sub 9 April 1997

Approved by the Social Work Committee at their meeting on 22 April 1997.

Planning and Development (Building and Property) Sub 8 April 1997
Planning and Development (Transport and Development) Sub 9 April 1997

Approved by the Planning and Development Committee at their meeting on 14 May 1997.

Housing (Special Cases) Sub 11 April 1997

Approved by the Housing Committee at their meeting on 7 May 1997.

COMMITTEE MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

4. There were submitted Minutes of the meetings of the undernoted Committees held on the dates specified.

Special Leisure Services	7 April 1997
Special Education	15 April 1997
Planning and Development	16 April 1997
Special Planning and Development	18 April 1997
Social Work	22 April 1997
Environmental Services	22 April 1997
Special Policy and Resources	22 April 1997
General Purposes	23 April 1997
Economic Development	24 April 1997
Construction Services	6 May 1997
Leisure Services	7 May 1997
Housing	7 May 1997
Personnel Services	8 May 1997
Finance	8 May 1997
Policy and Resources	13 May 1997
Planning and Development	14 May 1997
Special Housing	21 May 1997

Decided: that the terms of the minutes be approved except in
so far as separately dealt with in terms of paragraphs
5 to 10 hereof.

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5. Reference was made to paragraph 4 of the Minute of the meeting of the Social Work Committee held on 22 April 1997 when the Committee had agreed that the United Nations' Convention on the Rights of the Child be formally adopted. Having heard Councillors McAlorum and H. McGuigan, Leader of the Council, it was proposed that the matter be continued for further consideration.

Decided: that the matter be continued for further consideration.

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE - 22 APRIL 1997 -
LANDFILL TAX - LIST OF PROPOSED ENVIRONMENTAL BODIES
FOR CONSIDERATION

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6. With reference to paragraph 2 of the Minute of the meeting of the

Environmental Services Committee held on 22 April 1997, the Council, on the motion of Councillor Hogg, Vice-Convener of

the

Environmental Services Committee, agreed in terms of Standing Order No. 48, that Standing Order No. 29 be suspended to

permit

further consideration of the matter.

Thereon Councillor Hogg moved that certain Environmental Bodies

be invited to make a presentation at the next meeting of the Environmental Services Committee in support of their

application

for a contribution towards environmental projects in the North Lanarkshire area.

Decided: that each of the following Environmental Bodies be invited to make a presentation at the next meeting

of

the Environmental Services Committee:

Score Environment, Energy and Environment, City
Campus Glasgow

Forward Scotland c/o Scottish Power, St. Vincent
Street, Glasgow

Street,

McGrigor Donald, Pacific House, 70 Wellington

Glasgow

LEISURE SERVICES COMMITTEE - 7 MAY 1997 - PROPOSED NEW
ARENA FOR RIDING SCHOOL - DALZELL PARK, MOTHERWELL

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7. With reference to paragraph 26 of the Minute of the meeting of the Leisure Services Committee held on 7 May 1997, the Council,

on the motion of Councillor Griffin, Convener of the Leisure Services Committee, agreed in terms of Standing Order No. 48 that Standing Order No. 29 be suspended to permit further consideration of the matter.

Thereon Councillor Griffin moved that the application received from the Dalzell Riding School for the lease from the Council of a narrow strip of land within Dalzell Park, Motherwell, for the establishment of a new riding arena, be approved subject to the terms of the lease being agreed.

Decided: that the application received from the Dalzell Riding School for the lease from the Council of a narrow strip of land within Dalzell Park, Motherwell for the establishment of a new riding arena be approved subject to the terms of the lease being agreed.

FINANCE COMMITTEE - 8 MAY 1997 - SELF ASSESSMENT AND DISPENSATIONS

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8. With reference to paragraph 5 of the Minute of the meeting of the Finance Committee held on 8 May 1997 Councillor Pentland, Convener of the Finance Committee, proposed that under the heading "Decided" the words "a tax consultant" be substituted for the words "tax consultants".

Decided: that the words "a tax consultant" be substituted for the words "tax consultants".

POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE - 13 MAY 1997 - MINUTES OF POLICY AND RESOURCES (COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT) SUB-COMMITTEE OF 23 APRIL 1997

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9. With reference to paragraph 7 of the Minutes of the meeting of the Policy and Resources (Community Development) Sub-Committee held on 23 April 1997 and to paragraph 1 of the Minutes of the meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee held on 13 May 1997, the Council on the motion of Councillor Moran, Chair of the Policy and Resources (Community Development) Sub-Committee, agreed in terms of Standing Order No. 48 that Standing Order No. 29 be suspended to permit further consideration of the matter.

Thereon Councillor Moran proposed that a grant of \$300 be made to the Cairnhill (Airdrie) Senior Citizens.

Decided: that a grant of \$300 be made to the Cairnhill

(Airdrie)

Senior Citizens.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE - 14 MAY 1997 -
FORTH AND CLYDE CANAL MILLENIUM LINK

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10. With reference to paragraph 34 of the Minute of the meeting of the Planning and Development Committee held on 14 May 1997 and having heard Councillors G. Murray and Coyle, Convener of the Planning and Development Committee, it was proposed that the word "otherwise" be deleted from sub-paragraph (2).

Decided: that the word "otherwise" be deleted from sub-paragraph (2).

REMITTS FROM COMMITTEES

(1) ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE - 24 APRIL 1997 -
PROPOSED TOWN CENTRE FORUM FOR SHOTTS

11. With reference to paragraph 20 of the Minute of the meeting of the Economic Development Committee held on 24 April 1997 Councillor H. McGuigan, Leader of the Council, proposed that Councillor Robertson be appointed to serve on the Town Centre Forum for Shotts.

Decided: that Councillor Robertson be appointed to serve on the
Town Centre Forum for Shotts.

(2) HOUSING COMMITTEE - 7 MAY 1997 - FUNDING
APPLICATION BY NORTH LANARKSHIRE (NORTH) TENANTS'
AND RESIDENTS' FEDERATION

12. With reference to paragraph 10 of the Minute of the meeting of the Housing Committee held on 7 May 1997, Councillor H. McGuigan, Leader of the Council, proposed that consideration of the matter be continued pending further discussions with the North Lanarkshire (North) Tenants' and Residents' Federation.

Decided: that consideration of the matter be continued pending further discussions with the North Lanarkshire (North) Tenants' and Residents' Federation.

(3) PERSONNEL SERVICES COMMITTEE - 8 MAY 1997

(a) DETRIMENT

13. With reference to paragraph 6 of the Minute of the meeting of the Personnel Services Committee held on 8 May 1997, Councillor Robertson, Convener of the Personnel Services Committee, moved that the terms of the report (docketed) of 11 March 1997 by the Head of Personnel Services dealing with detriment, be approved.

Decided: that the terms of the report of 11 March 1997 by the Head of Personnel Services dealing with detriment be approved.

(b) CAR LEASING

14. With reference to paragraph 10 of the Minute of the meeting of the Personnel Services Committee held on 8 May 1997, Councillor Robertson, Convener of the Personnel Services Committee moved that the matter be continued for further consideration by the Personnel Services Committee pending discussions between the Director of Finance and the Head of Personnel Services.

Decided: that the matter be continued for further consideration by the Personnel Services Committee pending discussions between the Director of Finance and the Head of Personnel Services.

(4) POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE - 13 MAY 1997

(a) REVIEW OF COSLA CONSTITUTION

15. With reference to paragraph 15 of the Minute of the meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee held on 13 May 1997, Councillor H. McGuigan, Convener of the Policy and Resources Committee, moved that in respect of two aspects of the review of the COSLA Constitution the following observations be made:- (1) that the present arrangements for four meetings of the full Convention to be held each year should continue, and (2) that the establishment of an award of "Honorary Membership of the Convention" is premature and cannot be supported by the Council at this time.

Decided: that the following observations be made in respect of two aspects of the review of the COSLA Constitution:-

meetings (1) that the present arrangements for four
of the full Convention to be held each year
should continue, and
"Honorary (2) that the establishment of an award of
Membership of the Convention" is premature
and cannot be supported by the Council at
this time.

(b) NUCLEAR FREE LOCAL AUTHORITIES - APPLICATION FOR
AFFILIATION

16. With reference to paragraph 26 of the Minute of the meeting of
the Policy and Resources Committee held on 13 May 1997,
Councillor H. McGuigan, Convener of the Policy and Resources
Committee, moved that the Council affiliate to the Nuclear
Free
Local Authorities organisation at an annual subscription of
\$1,962.
Decided: that the Council affiliate to the Nuclear Free
Local
Authorities organisation at an annual subscription
of
\$1,962.

NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL (PART OF FOOTPATH TO SOUTH
OF 31 GRAHAM STREET, AIRDRIE) STOPPING UP ORDER 1996

17. The Council were informed that (1) following a decision of the
Planning and Development Committee of the former Monklands
District Council on 13 March 1996, subsequently ratified by
that
Council on 28 March 1996, the draft of the "North Lanarkshire
Council (Part of Footpath to South of 31 Graham Street,
Airdrie)
Stopping Up Order 1996" was made on behalf of North
Lanarkshire Council, and advertised in the Airdrie and
Coatbridge
Advertiser and the Edinburgh Gazette on 26 July 1996; (2) one
objection
letter of objection was received to the draft Order, which
was subsequently withdrawn, and (3) the Order now requires to
be
confirmed by the Council.
Decided: that the Council confirms the Order as an unopposed
Order.

It was agreed in terms of Section 50A(4) of the Local Government
(Scotland)

Act 1973, that the public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 9 of Part 1 of Schedule 7A of the Act.

THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES (PROPERTY TRANSFER) (SCOTLAND)
ORDER 1995 - FORMER STRATHCLYDE REGIONAL COUNCIL
HEADQUARTERS COMPLEX

18. Reference was made to paragraph 20 of the Minute of the meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee held on 18 June 1996 when (1) consent was obtained to enter into a Minute of Agreement with Glasgow City Council thus enabling this Council to withdraw its claim on the former Strathclyde Regional Council headquarters complex, and (2) it was agreed that the City of Glasgow Council be authorised to proceed with the marketing of Strathclyde House 4, subject to the condition that North Lanarkshire Council will receive a capital receipt but incur no residual property costs relating to the complex.

In this connection there was submitted a report dated 16 May 1997 by the Director of Planning and Development indicating that two offers have been received for Strathclyde House 4 which have been scrutinised by a Monitoring Group comprising representatives from 5 authorities including North Lanarkshire Council, and recommending that the offer by Derby Investment Holdings Limited of \$2,700,000 (excluding VAT) be accepted.

Decided: that the offer by Derby Investment Holdings Limited of \$2,700,000 (excluding VAT) be accepted resulting in a payment to North Lanarkshire Council of \$226,338 less a proportion of the cost of disposal.