

THE INVERCLYDE COUNCIL - 17 APRIL 2008

The Inverclyde Council

Thursday 17 April 2008 at 4 pm

Present: Provost McCormick, Councillors Ahlfeld, Blair, Brooks, Clocherty, Dorrian, Grieve, Loughran, MacLeod, McCabe, McCallum, McIlwee, McKenzie, Moran, Osborne, Rebecchi, White and Wilson.

Chair: Provost McCormick presided.

In attendance: Chief Executive, Corporate Director Education & Social Care, Corporate Director Environment & Community Protection, Corporate Director Improvement & Performance, Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources, Chief Financial Officer, Ms L McIntyre (for Head of Corporate Communications & Public Affairs), Head of Legal & Administration, Head of Organisational Development & Human Resources, Legal Services Manager (Courts & Litigation) and Legal Services Manager (Procurement, District Court & Administration).

Apologies: Councillors Ferguson and Fyfe.

**Minutes of Meetings of
The Inverclyde Council, Committees, Sub-Committees and Boards**

270	The Inverclyde Council - 21 February 2008	270
	Approved on the motion of Provost McCormick.	
271	Human Resources Appeals Board - 22 February 2008	271
	Approved on the motion of Councillor McCallum.	
272	Education Appeals Board - 27 February 2008	272
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Moran.	
273	Policy & Resources Executive Sub-Committee - 3 March 2008	273
	Approved on the motion of Councillor McCabe.	
274	Health & Social Care Committee - 4 March 2008	274
	Approved on the motion of Councillor McIlwee.	
275	Planning Board - 5 March 2008	275
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Wilson.	
276	Human Resources Appeals Board - 6 March 2008	276
	Approved on the motion of Councillor McCallum.	

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277	Safe, Sustainable Communities Committee - 6 March 2008	277
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Moran.	
278	Education & Lifelong Learning Committee - 11 March 2008	278
	It was noted that this minute had been approved at the special meeting of The Inverclyde Council on 13 March 2008.	
279	General Purposes Board - 12 March 2008	279
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Ahlfeld.	
280	Regeneration Committee - 13 March 2008	280
	(Councillor Grieve entered the meeting during consideration of this item of business).	
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Clocherty with the exception of paragraph 221 (Disposal of Land: Inverkip Road, Greenock) which was dealt with as part of the Business in the Appendix.	
	Councillor Blair intimated that he had submitted a number of questions that day to the Convener in relation to paragraph 218 (Inverclyde Farms: Garvocks and Dowries Farm, Killochend Farm and Hardridge Farm, Greenock) and asked that these be considered by the Council.	
	The Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources advised the Council that the matters raised in the questions submitted by Councillor Blair would be incorporated in a report to be considered by the Regeneration Committee on 8 May 2008.	
	The Provost ruled that in the circumstances, the questions should not be put and Councillor Blair asked that his dissent at this decision be recorded.	
281	The Inverclyde Council (Special) - 13 March 2008	281
	Approved on the motion of Provost McCormick.	
282	Grants Sub-Committee - 13 March 2008	282
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Clocherty.	
283	Audit Committee - 18 March 2008	283
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Blair.	
284	Sustainability Sub-Committee - 25 March 2008	284
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Dorrian.	
285	Policy & Resources Committee - 1 April 2008	285
	Approved on the motion of Councillor McCabe.	
286	Planning Board - 2 April 2008	286

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Approved on the motion of Councillor Wilson.

287 General Purposes Board - 9 April 2008 287

Approved on the motion of Councillor Ahlfeld.

288 Human Resources Appeals Board - 17 April 2008 288

It was noted that the minute of the Appeals Board would be submitted to the next meeting of the Inverclyde Council on 12 June 2008.

289 River Clyde Homes Board - Vacancies 289

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources requesting the Council to appoint representatives to serve on the Board of River Clyde Homes following the resignations of Councillors McCallum and Grieve.

Decided: that Councillors Clocherty and McKenzie be appointed to serve on the Board of River Clyde Homes in place of Councillors McCallum and Grieve.

290 Appointment to Outside Body - Clyde Valley Consortium Joint Committee 290

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources requesting the Council to appoint a representative and a substitute to serve on the Clyde Valley Consortium Joint Committee.

Decided: that Councillor McKenzie be appointed as representative and Councillor Dorrian as substitute representative on the Clyde Valley Consortium Joint Committee.

291 Proposed Ban on Looped Operating Cords on Window Blinds and Curtains - Request by Councillor McCabe 291

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources advising that Councillor McCabe had asked that the Council consider a request received from the News Editor of the Alloa and Hillfoot Advertiser seeking support for a campaign calling for a ban on looped operating cords on window blinds and curtains.

Decided: that the Council support the campaign launched by the Alloa and Hillfoot Advertiser calling for a ban on looped operating cords on window blinds and curtains.

292 Proposed Traffic Regulation Order - On-Street Parking Places (Without Charges) Order No 3 2007 292

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources on the proposed Traffic Regulation Order - On-Street Parking Places (Without Charges) Order No 3 2007.

Resolved on the motion of Councillor Moran seconded by Councillor Dorrian that THE INVERCLYDE COUNCIL, incorporated under The Local Government etc (Scotland) Act 1994, RESOLVE to make as they HEREBY MAKE a Resolution under Section 32 (1) and Part III of Schedule 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 to permit the provision of parking places for disabled persons who hold a badge under the Disabled Persons (Badges for Motor Vehicles) (Scotland) Regulations 2000 as amended, all as detailed in a copy of the Order forming a supplement to the principal minute hereof and that the Head of Planning, Housing & Transportation and Head of Legal & Administration be authorised to take all necessary action in connection therewith.

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293 Elections - May 2007

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There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive (1) advising the Council of various issues arising from the Local Government and Scottish Parliament Elections which took place on 3 May 2007, (2) highlighting the main findings of the full independent expert review commissioned by the Electoral Commission and (3) setting out the position at a local level in Inverclyde.

Decided:

- (1) that the report be noted;
- (2) that a report be submitted to the Council at an appropriate date by the Chief Executive detailing funding requirements for future elections as part of forthcoming budget deliberations; and
- (3) that it be noted that the next confirmed elections will be the European Elections to be held on 11 June 2009.

It was agreed in terms of Section 50(A)(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 as amended, that the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following two items of business on the grounds that the business involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the respective paragraphs of Part I of Schedule 7(A) of the Act as are set opposite each item and the nature of the exempt information in respect of the item thereafter being that defined in the respective paragraphs of Part I of Schedule 7(A) of the Act, as detailed in the minute of the relevant Committee, Sub-Committee or Board.

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294 Single Status

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There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive (1) on the final position in respect of the outcome of discussions with the Trades Unions regarding Single Status and (2) making recommendations as to how the Council should implement the Single Status Agreement.

Decided:

- (1) that agreement be given to introduce the Grading and Pay Model attached as appendix 1 from 1 April 2007 for all employees who come under the Single Status Agreement and that three years protection on a cash conserved basis be applied from 1 April 2007 for employees facing detriment;
- (2) that all recruitment adverts include the new grades to assist in the recruitment process;
- (3) that the revised terms and conditions of service for all employees coming under the Single Status Agreement as outlined in appendix 2 be agreed and that delegated authority be granted to the Head of Organisational Development and Human Resources to make future changes to the revised terms and conditions of service where these changes are due to operational requirements or national agreements;
- (4) that agreement be given to the preservation arrangements in respect of the

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revised terms and conditions of service as outlined in appendix 3 and it be noted (a) that the preservation of the working week from 35 to 37 hours will only be extended to 31 March 2012 subject to a "yes" vote being returned by the Trade Union UNISON and a collective agreement being entered into with the Council, otherwise the preservation date will revert to 31 March 2010 and (b) that the Council will also offer individual preservation until 31 March 2012 to all affected employees as part of the offer to vary the terms and conditions;

(5) that the proposed timetable for introduction of the Single Status Agreement by Monday 18 August 2008 as detailed in the report be approved; and

(6) that the revised Flexible Working Hours Scheme detailed in appendix 4 be introduced on the same date as the Single Status Agreement.

295 Waterfront Leisure Centre - Court Action 295

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources on the current position with regard to the court action raised by the Council in respect of the Waterfront Leisure Centre project and the Council agreed to take action, all as detailed in the appendix.

Appendices to Minutes

296 Human Resources Appeals Board - 22 February 2008 296

Approved on the motion of Councillor McCallum.

297 Education Appeals Board - 27 February 2008 297

Approved on the motion of Councillor Moran.

298 Policy & Resources Executive Sub-Committee - 3 March 2008 298

Approved on the motion of Councillor McCabe.

299 Human Resources Appeals Board - 6 March 2008 299

Approved on the motion of Councillor McCallum.

300 Education & Lifelong Learning Committee - 11 March 2008 300

It was noted that the appendix to this minute had been approved at the special meeting of The Inverclyde Council on 13 March 2008.

301 Regeneration Committee - 13 March 2008 301

Approval of the appendix to the minute as a correct record was moved by Councillor Clocherty seconded by Councillor McCallum. Councillor Clocherty seconded by Councillor McCallum moved with reference to paragraph 221 (Disposal of Land: Inverkip Road, Greenock) that the decision of the Committee as minuted be approved. As an amendment, Councillor Rebecchi seconded by Councillor Blair moved that the sale of the land not be approved. On a vote, 3 Members voted for the amendment and 13 for the motion which was declared carried.

Decided: that the minute be approved.

