

the priority which is to be given to the provision of geriatric/psychogeriatric accommodation and the new District General Hospital at Bellyeoman, and (2) concern that any upgrading of hospital services elsewhere should be detrimental to the provision of the new hospital services within Dunfermline District, and recommended that the District and Regional Capital Programmes should incorporate the provision of services required to support the new hospital facility.

be given to the convening of a Conference of representatives of appropriate Bodies/Organisations to discuss said situation; and (ii) that consideration be given to providing advance factories within the Cowdenbeath/Lochgelly Area.

As having reference to the foregoing discussions the Committee further recommended that the following motion, tabled by Councillor Ritchie, be approved:-

TECHNICAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT -  
ESTABLISHMENT

MS. 2-2

766. In continuation of paragraph 592, the Committee (a) resumed consideration of the question of employing a further ten apprentices, and (b) received letters, of 17th, 19th and 23rd September, from Director of Finance, Director of Technical Services, and Personnel Officer, respectively, advising thereon. Following discussion, and having reference to paragraph 767 below, the Committee recommended that an additional ten apprentices be employed, with 75% of that number to be recruited from the Cowdenbeath/Lochgelly area, and noted that apprentices employed in the Technical Services Department could not be assured of continuing employment after completion of their apprenticeship.

"That this Council (1) shows deep concern at the high "unemployment throughout the Country at the present "time, (2) asks and seeks the Government to direct "industry to this area and to ensure that employment "is made available in places where the level of "unemployment is particularly high, and (3) urges the "Government to look at the possibility of giving equal "opportunity in so far as jobs are concerned in "connection with North Sea Oil."

UNEMPLOYMENT SITUATION -  
DUNFERMLINE DISTRICT

M. S.

767. As having reference to paragraph 766 above, the Committee discussed in detail the high unemployment position prevailing in Dunfermline District, and (a) resolved that a Special Meeting of this Committee and of the Planning Committee be held as soon as possible to discuss an anticipated Government Statement on the National Unemployment situation, and (b) recommended (i) that consideration be /

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MAINTENANCE OF PITTENCRIEFF PARK

LRA. 3-4

768. Submitted (circulated) Report dated 14th August, by Chief Executive, referring to informal discussions which have taken place between Representatives of the District Council and of the Carnegie Dunfermline Trust about Pittencrieff Park, outlining the present arrangements for the care and maintenance of said Park, and incorporating proposals for discussion towards a common policy by Carnegie Dunfermline Trust and Dunfermline District Council on the future maintenance and development of the facilities of the Park. After hearing the Chief Executive speak in amplification of said Report, recommended that (1) formal discussions and negotiations be now entered into with the Carnegie Dunfermline Trust or (2) Members of this Committee and Members of the District Council who are representatives on the Trust be instructed to carry out negotiations and to report.

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Minute (circulated) of Meeting of Region/Districts Joint Liaison Committee held on 17th October, and recommended approval of the recommendations so far as appropriate.

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Act, 1960

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CAPITAL PROGRAMME - 1976/77

F. P.

1200. In continuation of paragraph 973, submitted Report (circulated 21st November, by Director of Finance, detailing new Capital Projects to be included in the Estimates for commencement during the year 1976/77, and suggesting that the overall Programme be restricted by £37,000 to an upper limit of £6m. After hearing (1) the Chief Executive speak in amplification of said Report, and suggest that, at this stage, the allocation to Planning (Miscellaneous Services) be reduced to £37,000, and (2) the Director of Planning outlining the implications of proposed reduction, the Committee recommended (a) acceptance of said Report as now amended and subject to confirmation from Housing Committee on detail of Modernisation, Environmental and Re-wiring Programmes.

3. In terms of Section 1 (2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act, 1960, the Committee resolved to exclude the Public Bodies from the Meeting during the discussion of the following item in view of the confidential nature of the business requiring to be transacted.

COMMITTEE MINUTES - REPORTS AND  
RECOMMENDATIONS

P. R.

1201. In continuation of paragraph 953, the Committee (a) considered the proceedings, recommendations, etc. as embodied in Minutes (circulated) (paragraphs 980 to 1184) of Meetings of Committees, etc. from 6th to 18th November, (b) unanimously recommended approval and adoption thereof, if and in so far as necessary and appropriate, and (c) noted comments by Councillor Campbell with reference to paragraph 1029 concerning preparation of Reports.

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PITTENCRIEFF PARK

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4. In continuation of paragraph 768, submitted (tabled) (1) Report, of 17th November, from Secretary, Carnegie Dunfermline Trust, seeking "an association with the District Council to ensure the preservation and development of Pittencrieff Park" and submitting certain proposals in connection therewith, and (2) Reports (two) dated 17th and 25th November by Director of Finance, showing (a) Statement of Financial Position of Carnegie Dunfermline Trust for the year to 31st December 1975 based on figures supplied by said Trust, and (b) Statement of Financial Commitment based on proposals of contribution to Trustees. After hearing the Chief Executive and Director of Finance speak in amplification of the situation now obtaining, the Committee recommended that Provost Wood, the Chief Executive and the Director of Finance be authorised to discuss the matter with Representatives of said Trust, on lines now indicated, and (b) otherwise continued consideration to enable the Policy and Resources Sub-Committee to discuss the matter further.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

P. R.

1202. Recommended, for reasons adduced, that the next Meeting of this Committee be held on Tuesday, 23rd December, instead of Wednesday, 24th December.

APPENDIX /

N. B. 1. Councillor Cowie entered the Meeting at this stage.

N. B. 2. Directors of Planning, Housing, Environmental Health and Libraries, Museums and Art Galleries left the Meeting at this stage.

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BRIDGE TOLLS

P.R.

1577. Submitted (circulated) letter, of 7th January, from Administrative and Legal Officer, Clydebank District Council, referring to correspondence which his Council had had with the Secretary of State concerning the possible abolition of tolls on the Erskine Bridge; transmitting Statement, dated 1st December 1975, prepared by a Clydebank Councillor, showing "that tolls adversely effect the economic development", and indicating that his Council now invited the various Local Authorities concerned to make representation to the Secretary of State with a view to the possible abolition of tolls on the Forth, Tay and Erskine Bridges. Recommended that the proposed representation be supported by the District Council.

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P.R.

1578. In continuation of paragraph 1402, the Committee (a) considered the proceedings, recommendations, etc. as embodied in Minutes (circulated) paragraphs (1432 to 1568) of Meetings of Committees, etc. from 8th to 20th January, and (b) unanimously recommended approval and adoption thereof if and in so far as necessary and appropriate.

PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT, 1960

P.R.

1579. In terms of Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act, 1960, the Committee resolved to exclude the Public from the Meeting during the discussion of the following item, in view of the confidential nature of the business requiring to be transacted.

- N.B.1 Directors of Technical Services, Planning, Housing and Environmental Health left the Meeting at this stage.
- N.B.2 Councillor Judge was present as one of the District Council Representatives on the Carnegie Dunfermline Trust.
- N.B.3 An apology for absence for the following item was intimated from Councillor Mill, another of the District Council Representatives on said Trust.

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1580. Conform to paragraph 1204, the Chief Executive reported that formal discussions and negotiations had been

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entered into with the Carnegie Dunfermline Trust on the future of Pittencrieff Park, and there were submitted (circulated) Reports (1) of Meeting of Policy and Resources Committee and Dunfermline District Council's Representatives on the Carnegie Dunfermline Trust held on Tuesday, 23rd December, 1975, and (2) of Meeting between Representatives of Dunfermline District Council and Representatives of the Carnegie Dunfermline Trust held on 21st January. After discussion and exchange of views, and being mindful that:-

- (a) At the current rate of inflation and assuming that said Trust's annual income from investments remained static at around £100,000, the whole of the Trust income would, within the space of a few years, be swallowed up by the maintenance of Pittencrieff Park at its existing standard;
- (b) The high level of maintenance and amenity of Pittencrieff Park should be preserved;
- (c) The District Council should assist or participate in the maintenance of Pittencrieff Park at the earliest possible juncture, consistent with restrictions on public expenditure and payroll curbs, and
- (d) Any financial arrangement between said Trust and the Dunfermline District Council be such as to ensure that no undue burden on public expenditure arose,

the Committee recommended that:-

- (1) The District Council assume responsibility for the whole management and control of Pittencrieff Park, excluding the Pavilion/ Restaurant Complex, from 1st April, with the Trust employees (19) therein being continued in employment;
- (2) Responsibility for the Pavilion/Restaurant Complex be assumed by the District Council on 1st April, 1977;
- (3) A formal Agreement be entered into between the District Council and the Carnegie Dunfermline Trust transferring rights of management, maintenance and development to the District Council on the understanding, however, that (i) any major development in said Park would not be undertaken without due consultation with and the prior consent of said Trust, and (ii) in the event of any dispute as to whether such development proposed was in keeping with the character and atmosphere of said Park

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reference would be made to an Arbiter;

- (4) Said Park be otherwise totally managed by the District Council through their Leisure and Recreation Department, subject to an annual contribution, as specified hereunder, being received from said Trust during the period 1976/1982

<u>Year</u>	<u>Projected Running</u> <u>Costs of Park</u>	<u>Trustees</u> <u>Contributions</u>	<u>District</u> <u>Council</u> <u>Contributions</u>
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
1976/77	£ 65,000	£ 65,000	£ Nil
1977/78	£ 76,000	£ 76,000	£ Nil
1978/79	£ 83,000	£ 50,000	£ 33,000
1979/80	£ 87,000	£ 35,000	£ 52,000
1980/81	£ 92,000	£ 19,000	£ 73,000
1981/82	£ 99,000	£ 5,000	£ 94,000
	<u>£502,000</u>	<u>£250,000</u>	<u>£252,000</u>

The Trust's contributions to be paid half-yearly, and said allocation to be subject to review should any specific Government Grant be made available to the District Council for the purpose of financing said Park.

- (5) That the foregoing provisions be subject to further negotiation and report for embodiment in a legally binding Agreement.



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REVIEW OF ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS -  
STAGE I

G.N.C.3-1

1952. In continuation of paragraph 1753, the Committee (a) resumed consideration of letter (previously circulated), of 3rd February from Director of Administration, Fife Regional Council, reporting that his Council had considered and approved a Report on the Initial Review of Electoral Arrangements as sought by the Local Government Boundary Commission, and transmitting copy of said Report, and (b) considered letter (circulated) of 8th March, from said Director, confirming the projected District Electorate figure for 1981 as 96,665. Following consideration of the proposal contained in said Report that, on the basis of the projected population figure, the number of Regional Electoral Divisions in Dunfermline District should be increased from 15 to 17, and after hearing verbal report by the Chief Executive, the Committee recommended that no objection be raised to said proposal meantime, under reservation of the right to review the position when the physical proposals for the re-allocation of District Wards were received.

LAND ACQUISITION AND MANAGEMENT SCHEME

D.D. 14-3-1

1953. With reference to paragraph 1573, submitted (a) Draft Scheme on Land Acquisition and Management prepared by the Fife Regional Council, and (b) Report (tabled) dated 23rd March, by Director of Administration, reporting and advising thereon and confirming that said Report reflected the views of the Directors of Finance and Planning. The Chief Executive spoke in amplification and explanation of said Report, and outlined the salient points, and after discussion and exchange of views, the Committee (i) noted observations now made by Members on said Report, and (ii) recommended (1) acceptance of said Report, and (2) adoption of the suggestions contained therein.

THE FIFE REGIONAL REPORT

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1954. In continuation of paragraph 1750, noted verbal report by the Chief Executive that all documents relating to The Fife Regional Report, 1976 had now been received, and agreed that a Special Joint Meeting of the Policy and Resources and Planning Committees be held on Thursday, 1st April, to consider said documents.

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L.R.A. 3-4

1955. With reference to paragraph 1580, the Committee noted verbal report by Chief Executive on (i) Estimates prepared by the Director of Finance relative to expenditure

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on Pittencrieff Park for the year to 31st March, 1977, which had been recommended for approval by the Finance and Property Committee (paragraph 1928), and (ii) the terms of the draft Minute of Agreement between the District Council and the Carnegie Dunfermline Trust.

REPRESENTATIVES AND NOMINEES TO  
OUTSIDE BODIES

D.C. 8

1956. With reference to paragraph 1191, submitted letter, of 3rd March, from General Secretary, YW/YMCA, Cowdenbeath inviting the District Council to appoint one Representative to Membership of the Cowdenbeath and District YW/YMCA Management Committee. Following discussion and exchange of views, the Committee recommended acceptance of said invitation, and otherwise continued consideration to enable the views of the "Local" Members to be obtained before making such an appointment.

N.B. Provost Wood entered the Meeting at this stage.

PROPOSED HOUSING DEVELOPMENT -  
PITTENCRIEFF STREET

Hg. 3-1-2-13

1957. With reference to paragraph 1760, consideration continued pending submission of Report by the Chief Executive referred to in paragraph 1958 below.

LAND AVAILABILITY AND THE HOUSING  
PROGRAMME UNTIL 1980

P.R.

1958. As having reference to paragraph 1957 above, the Chief Executive (a) suggested that careful consideration be given to the Council's Housing strategy for the next few years, in view of the financial constraints obtaining on public services until 1980, and because of the progress which would require to be made in making land available in the current year; (b) indicated that a Report would be prepared for submission to the Committee in early course, which would include an examination of land resources and availability, on the basis of which a forward Housing Programme allied to financial resources could be formulated. Following discussion and exchange of views, the Committee (a) recommended acceptance of the suggestion made by the Chief Executive, and (b) otherwise continued consideration.

REGIONAL/DISTRICTS JOINT LIAISON

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COMMITTEE  
(a) MINUTES