

**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

**DOON VALLEY LOCAL COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 21 MARCH 2006 AT 1400 HOURS  
IN PATNA COMMUNITY CENTRE, DOONSIDE AVENUE, PATNA**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Elaine Stewart and Elaine Dinwoodie; Community Representatives John Weir, Catherine Robertson and Grace Garrity; and Named Substitute William Barr.

**ATTENDING:** John F Crawford, Head of Protective Services, Neighbourhood Services; Martin O'Rourke, Best Value and Performance Manager; Suzanne Brodie, Senior Practitioner, Educational and Social Services; Arthur Cairns, Emergency Planning Officer, Neighbourhood Services; and Lynn Chapman, Administrative Officer.

**ALSO ATTENDING:** Sergeant Alistair Kelly, and PC James McDonagh, Strathclyde Police.

**APOLOGIES:** Councillor Tommy Farrell; Community Representatives Edward Torrance and Tony Foote; and Named Substitute Nancy Murray.

**CHAIR:** Councillor Elaine Stewart, Chair.

**ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING**

1. It was agreed to adjourn the meeting at 1401 hours for a maximum of 15 minutes to allow for a public question and answer session.

The Administrative Officer updated on the issue of the condition of the road from Dalmellington Church to the Cemetary and advised that the investigation was still ongoing and that it was intended that a further update would be available for the next Doon Valley Local Committee to be held on 16 May 2006.

**RECONVENTION OF MEETING**

2. The meeting reconvened at 1403 hours with the same Councillors, Community Representatives, Named Substitute and Officers present and in attendance.

**MINUTES**

3. There were submitted and noted, for information, the minutes of the Doon Valley Local Committee held on 24 January 2006 (circulated).

**SAFER STREETS – STRATHCLYDE POLICE REPORT**

4. There was submitted and noted a report (circulated) by Superintendent Elizabeth Weir, Sub-Divisional Officer, East Ayrshire on Crime Figures and Police activity within the Doon Valley Area.

Sergeant Kelly advised the Committee of Action Plans which were being implemented in the Doon Valley Area, and made particular reference to the 2 Action Plans in the Drogan area which were due to be reviewed in 2 weeks, a proposed

4x4 track in Dalmellington/Patna for quad bikes, and an Action Plan for additional patrols in Dalrymple.

He also introduced PC McDonagh, who was based in the Mobile Police Office, and encouraged those present to ask their respective communities to use the Mobile Police Office.

The Senior Practitioner advised the Committee that Community Learning and Development workers were making links with the Community Police to work with various youth groups within Dalrymple, and it was agreed that a report by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services on the various youth groups set up in Dalrymple be brought to the next meeting of the Doon Valley Local Committee.

## **CORPORATE SUPPORT**

### **COMMUNITY PLANNING REVIEW PROCESS AND REVIEW OF COMMUNITY PLANNING STRUCTURE**

5. There was submitted a report dated 20 February 2006 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support on the process for the forthcoming Community Plan four-yearly review.

The Best Value and Performance Manager advised that Officers would be happy to discuss any issues relating to the Community Plan Aims and Aspirations on a one to one basis, and that later in 2006, consultation on the Review of Community Planning Structures would be brought to all 7 Local Committees.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to participate in stage two of the review process;
- (ii) that any comments on the Community Plan Aims and Aspirations be forwarded to the Community Planning and Partnership Unit by 14 April 2006; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

## **DECENTRALISATION ISSUES**

### **RECRUITMENT OF COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES 2006/2007 (Item 6, page 1909, 03/07)**

6. There was submitted a report dated 1 March 2006 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support on the outcome of the recruitment of Community Representatives and Substitutes to serve on the Doon Valley Local Committee for the period commencing 1 April 2006 to 31 March 2007.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve all nominations received to date for Community Representatives and Named Substitutes by the local community organisations for the period 1 April 2006 to 31 March 2007 as follows:

<b>Community Organisation</b>	<b>Community Representatives</b>	<b>Substitute Community Representatives</b>
Bellsbank Women's Project	Mrs Catherine Robertson	Mrs Nancy Murray
Dalmellington Community Council	Mr John Weir	Mrs Ann Barclay
Dalrymple Community Council	Mrs Grace Garrity	Mrs Katie McNeillie
Drongan Community Council	Mr Edward Torrance	Mr Bill Barr
East Ayrshire (South) Forum on Disability	Mr William Frew	Mr Iain Russell
Patna Community Council	Vacant	Vacant
Dalrymple Youth Association	Vacant	Vacant
Pupil's Representative (Dalmellington/Patna/Rankinston)	Mr John McNair	Miss Shennan Whiteford
Pupil's Representative (Drongan)	Miss Lisa McCreadie	Miss Jacqueline Lucy
Rankinston Community Association/Rankinston Old People's Welfare Association	Mr Tony Foote	Mr George McCaig

; and

- (ii) that it be remitted to the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support to continue to pursue nominations, for the vacant positions as detailed above.

#### **NAMING OF STREETS BY LOCAL COMMITTEES – NEW DEVELOPMENT AT SINCLAIRSTON**

7. There was submitted a report dated 8 February 2006 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support which requested the Committee to consider a name for a street within a new development at Sinclairston.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the street within the new development at Sinclairston be named St Clare's Court;
- (ii) that the Department of Development and Property Services be advised accordingly; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

#### **COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES ANNUAL SEMINAR WORKING GROUP**

8. The Committee were invited to nominate a Community Representative and Named Substitute to serve on the Community Representatives Annual Seminar Working Group.

It was agreed that Bill Barr be nominated to represent the Local Committee on the Annual Seminar Working Group.

### LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANT SCHEME

#### PER CAPITA AWARDS TO OLDER PEOPLE'S GROUPS (Item 6, page 663, 03/07 )

9. There was submitted a report dated 23 February 2006 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support on an amendment to the purpose for which per capita grant awards are made to older people's groups.

It was agreed that the practice of making grants on a per capita basis to older people's groups be discontinued, and that all applications from older people's groups be considered on their own merits.

#### LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANT SCHEME – REQUEST BY BELLSBANK WOMEN'S PROJECT (Item 6.1(b) (i), page 1368, 03/07)

10. There was submitted a report dated 24 February 2006 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support which advised of a request from Bellsbank Women's Project which sought approval to sell the wood turning lathe at a cost of £310, purchased from community grant funding, and to replace it with wood working hand tools.

It was agreed:

- (i) to the request by the group to sell the wood turning lathe, and to use the money from the sale to purchase wood working hand tools;
- (ii) that the wood working hand tools be purchased in consultation with Officers from East Ayrshire Council's Health and Safety Section; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

### RETURNED MONIES

11. It was noted that £110 had been returned from Cumnock and District Blind Club.

#### LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANT SCHEME 2005/2006

12. There was submitted reports dated 10 March and 15 March 2006 (both circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support on the financial position in respect of community grants to local organisations in 2005/2006, together with assessment reports in respect of applications received.

The Administrative Officer advised that an amended figure had been submitted in respect of Agenda Item 11.2.1, Parents of Park School, and that the total value of the grants to be considered at the meeting was now £6,493.64, with a balance remaining of - £187.99.

It was agreed as follows:-

#### 12.1 Applications Approved (For the purpose stated in the application):-

(a) Community Association

- (i) Rankinston Fun Day Committee (CG3222) – £1,000.

(b) Disability

- (i) Parents of Park School (CG3305) – The Administrative Officer advised that the recommended amount for the Doon Valley Local Committee had been amended and was now £522.69 and that the condition in respect of the submission of a quote from the travel company had been removed as the quote had now been received, and it was agreed to award £522.69, £334.70 from financial year 2005/2006, and that it be remitted to the Administration Manager, in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair to make the payment of £187.99 following Council approval of the Local Committee's grant allocation for the next financial year.

(c) Health Issues

- (i) Drongan Health Initiative (CG3324) – £1,850.

(d) Social Inclusion

- (i) Patna Day Centre (CG3239) - £2,230.
- (ii) PACT (CG3315) - £890.95.

**NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES  
EMERGENCY PLANNING UNIT**

13. There was submitted and noted a report dated 7 March 2006 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services which advised of the function and operation of the Emergency Planning Unit (EPU) within East Ayrshire Council.

**LOCAL ISSUES  
LOCAL ISSUES FORWARD PLANNER**

14. There was submitted and noted a report dated 31 January 2006 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support on local issues raised and, where applicable, the timescales for reporting back to the Local Committee.

**NEW LOCAL ISSUES**

15. Community Representatives were invited to raise any items of interest for inclusion on a future agenda.

No new items were identified as potential items which could become the subject of a future report to the Committee, however, Community Representatives identified a number of issues which were recorded under the public question and answer session.

The meeting terminated at 1455 hours