

**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

**DOON VALLEY LOCAL COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 20 MARCH 2007 AT 1405 HOURS  
IN PATNA COMMUNITY CENTRE, DOONSIDE AVENUE, PATNA**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Elaine Stewart, Tommy Farrell and Elaine Dinwoodie; and Community Representatives: Edward Torrance, Catherine Robertson, Grace Garrity and Anne Johnstone; and Named Substitute: Bill Barr.

**ATTENDING:** Julie McGarry, Assistant Administration Manager; Alan Wood, Fostering and Adoption Team, Educational and Social Services; Suzanne Brodie, Senior Practitioner, Educational and Social Services; and Lynn Young, Administrative Officer.

**ALSO ATTENDING:** Sergeant Alan McDowall, Strathclyde Police.

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

**ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING**

1. It was agreed to adjourn the meeting at 1405 hours for a maximum of 15 minutes to allow for a public question and answer session.

**RECONVENTION OF MEETING**

2. The meeting reconvened at 1406 hours with the same Councillors, Community Representatives, Named Substitute and Officers present and in attendance.

**MINUTES**

3. There were submitted for information, and noted, the Minutes of the meeting of the Doon Valley Local Committee held on 23 January 2007 (circulated).

**3.1 Matters Arising**

**3.1.1 Appointment of Community Representatives 2006/2007 (Item 3, Page 2627, 03/07)**

It was reported that Mrs Anne Johnstone had been nominated as a replacement for Mrs Irene Rowan, Community Representative for Dalmellington Community Council.

It was agreed to approve the nomination of Mrs Anne Johnstone as the Community Representative for Dalmellington Community Council for the period remaining to 31 March 2007.

**ORDER OF BUSINESS**

4. The Chair at her discretion and in terms of Standing Order 19 agreed to amend the order of business and consider Agenda Item 4, Presentation on the Promotion of Foster Caring Locally before Agenda Item 3, Presentation by the Assistant Administration Manager on Elections 2007.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

### **PRESENTATION ON THE PROMOTION OF FOSTER CARING LOCALLY**

5. The Committee received a presentation by Alan Wood, Fostering and Adoption Team, East Ayrshire Council on the promotion of Foster Caring Locally.

Thereafter, Alan Wood responded to questions put, and issues raised, by members of the Committee.

The Chair thanked Mr Wood for the presentation which had been most interesting and informative.

### **PRESENTATION BY THE ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATION MANAGER ON ELECTIONS 2007**

6. The Committee received a presentation by Julie McGarry, Assistant Administration Manager on issues associated with the forthcoming Local Government Elections to be held on 3 May 2007.

The Chair thanked the Assistant Administration Manager for the presentation which had been most interesting and informative.

## **NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES**

### **SAFER STREETS – STRATHCLYDE POLICE REPORT**

7. There was submitted and noted a report (circulated) by Superintendent Elizabeth Weir, Sub-Divisional Officer, East Ayrshire, which advised of crime figures and Police activity within the area.

Sergeant McDowall further reported, and it was noted, on a number of initiatives ongoing within the Villages in the Doon Valley area.

### **EAST AYRSHIRE COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM**

8. There were submitted for information, and noted, the Minutes of the meeting of East Ayrshire Community Safety Forum held on 28 February 2007 (circulated).

## **LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANTS SCHEME 2006/2007**

### **COYLE THISTLE FOOTBALL CLUB (CG 3283) (Item 10.1 (f) (ii), Page 2197, 03/07)**

9. The Administrative Officer reported and it was noted that the Community Grant award of £196.45 awarded to Coyle Thistle Football Club to assist with the set up of the group, had not been paid out as the Community Grant award had been subject to submission by the group of a detailed estimate of income and expenditure for the coming year, and a second quotation for equipment. The Administrative Officer further reported, and it was noted, that this information had not been received from the group, that the group had confirmed that they had now folded, and that the sum of £196.45 was now available to the Local Committee as part of the current years budget.

### LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANTS SCHEME 2006/2007

10. There was submitted a report dated 5 March 2007 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support on the financial position in respect of community grants to local organisations in 2006/2007, together with assessment reports in respect of applications received.

It was agreed as follows:-

- 10.1 **Applications Approved** (for the purpose stated in the application, unless otherwise stated):

(a) Community Councils

- (i) Dalrymple Community Council (CG3547) – £5,000, subject to the group securing the other funding packages for the project.

Councillor Dinwoodie left the meeting at this point.

(b) Early Education and Child Care

- (i) Little Cherubs (CG 3505) – £1,000, and that confirmation be sought on where the group would store the equipment and toys.

(c) Health Issues

- (i) Drongan Health Initiative (CG3539) – £2,850

(d) Leisure Activities

- (i) Bellsbank Women's Project (CG3499) – £393.96

(e) Older People

- (i) Patna Over 60's (CG3510) – £1,200

(f) Social Inclusion

- (i) Patna Day Centre (CG3554) – £2,254.33

(g) Young People

- (i) Patna PTA (CG3573) – £788.75

10.2 **Application Withdrawn**

(a) Social Inclusion

- (i) Cumnock and District Gift Furniture Scheme (CG3498) – It was reported and noted that this application had been withdrawn from the Agenda.

### LOCAL ISSUES

11. There was submitted and noted a report dated 5 March 2007 (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**

12. 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.

**CHAIR'S REMARKS**

13. As this was the last meeting of the Doon Valley Local Committee, prior to the Local Government Elections on 3 May 2007 and the review of the Council's Decision Making Structure, the Chair thanked the Community Representatives and Officers for their contribution and support over the last 4 years.

The meeting terminated at 1515 hours.