

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

DOON VALLEY LOCAL COMMITTEE

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 2 NOVEMBER 2004 AT 1400 HRS
IN DRONGAN COMMUNITY CENTRE, MILMANNOCH AVENUE, DRONGAN**

PRESENT: Councillors Elaine Stewart, Tommy Farrell and Elaine Dinwoodie; Community Representatives Edward Torrance, John Weir, Tony Foote; and Named Substitute Bill Barr.

ATTENDING: Julie Armstrong, Assistant Administration Manager; Eddie O'Conner, Team Leader, Educational and Social Services; Susan Morris, Policy Officer, Department of Neighbourhood Services; Heather Smith, Community Work Assistant; and Lynn Chapman, Administrative Officer.

ALSO ATTENDING: Chief Inspector Robert Brown, Strathclyde Police.

APOLOGIES: Community Representative Grace Garrity.

CHAIR: Councillor Elaine Stewart, Chair (for item 7(c), Councillor Elaine Dinwoodie, Vice-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.

RECONVENTION OF MEETING

2. The meeting reconvened at 1402 hours with the same Councillors, Community Representatives, Named Substitute and Officers present and in attendance.

**PRESENTATION ON EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL'S LOCAL HOUSING
STRATEGY**

3. The Committee received a presentation from Susan Morris, Policy Officer, Housing Service.

Members of the Committee then had the opportunity to ask questions of Susan. Thereafter, the Chair thanked Susan for the very interesting and informative presentation and discussion.

MINUTES

4. There was submitted and noted, for information, the Minutes of the meeting of the Doon Valley Local Committee held on 7 September 2004 (circulated).

4.1 Matters Arising

4.1.1 Community Grant: Drongan Miners Welfare Bowling Club (Item 14, page 940, 03/07)

Community Representative Edward Torrance asked if there was any progress with the above.

The Administrative Officer advised that correspondence had been received from the Club's accountants and the matter was being progressed.

NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES

EAST AYRSHIRE COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM

5. There was submitted and noted, for information, Minutes of the East Ayrshire Community Safety Forum held on 22 September 2004.

It was further noted that any items for inclusion on the East Ayrshire Community Safety Forum should be passed to the Administrative Officer who would advise Bill Barr accordingly.

STRATHCLYDE POLICE REPORT

6. There was submitted and noted a report dated 22 October 2004 (circulated) by Chief Inspector Robert Brown, Strathclyde Police on crime trends and Police activity within the area.

LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANTS SCHEME

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7. There were submitted reports dated 18 October 2004, 29 October 2004 and 1 November 2004 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support on the financial position in respect of Community Grants to local organisations in 2004/05 together with assessment reports in respect of applications received.

It was agreed as follows:-

7.1 Applications Approved (for the purpose as stated on the application) -

(a) Community Councils

- (i) Dalmellington Community Council - £400.

(b) Older People

- (i) Dalrymple and District Old People's Welfare Committee – a sum equivalent to a per capita payment of £4 of registered membership (£936).
- (ii) Dalmellington Senior Citizens – a sum equivalent to a per capita payment of £4 of registered membership (£80).

(c) Young People

(i) Declaration of Interest

Councillor Stewart declared a direct pecuniary interest in the undernoted application and retired from the meeting.

In the absence of the Chair, Councillor Dinwoodie, Vice-Chair took the Chair for this item.

(ii) Consideration of Item

- (iii) Bellsbank Adventure Playground - £425.

Councillor Stewart re-joined the meeting at this point.

LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANTS SCHEME 2004/2005 STAIR COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION (Item 1B, page 242, 03/07)

8. There was submitted a report dated 22 September 2004 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support which advised of the request from Stair Community Association to utilise part of a community grant award to fund a proposal to create permanent displays to highlight the success of a recent Community Heritage project that had originally been supported with community grant funding.

It was agreed that the group be allowed to use the balance of £300 from the award approved in September 2003 to create permanent displays to reflect the success of the project.

LOCAL ISSUES

9. There was submitted and noted a report dated 18 October 2004 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support on Local Issues raised, and where applicable, the timescale for reporting back to the Local Committee

NEW LOCAL ISSUES

10. 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 subject of a future report to the Committee.

The meeting terminated at 1445 hours.