

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

DOON VALLEY LOCAL COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 25 OCTOBER 2005 AT 1400 HOURS IN RANKINSTON COMMUNITY CENTRE, LITTLE MILL PLACE, RANKINSTON

PRESENT: Councillors Elaine Stewart, Tommy Farrell and Elaine Dinwoodie; Community Representatives John Weir, Tony Foote, Catherine Robertson; and Named Substitute Nancy Murray.

ATTENDING: Anne Williams, Community Safety Co-ordinator, Neighbourhood Services; Alan Murray, Team Leader, Community Learning & Development; Anne Marie Carr, Senior Administrative Officer; and Lynn Chapman, Administrative Officer.

ALSO ATTENDING: Inspector Ramsay McArthur and Sergeant Alan McDowall, Strathclyde Police.

APOLOGIES: Community Representatives Edward Torrance and Grace Garrity and Named Substitutes Bill Barr and Katie McNeillie.

CHAIR: Councillor Elaine Stewart, Chair.

CHAIR'S REMARKS

1. As no members of the public were present, the Committee decided that there was no requirement for the adjournment for the public question and answer session. The Chair also welcomed Alan Murray, Team Leader, Community Learning and Development to his first Doon Valley Local Committee meeting.

MINUTES

2. There were submitted and noted, for information, the Minutes of the Doon Valley Local Committee held on 6 September 2005 (circulated).

DECENTRALISATION ISSUES

NAMING OF STREETS BY LOCAL COMMITTEES – NEW DEVELOPMENT OFF BARBIESTON ROAD, DALRYMPLE

3. There was submitted a report dated 13 October 2005 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support which requested the Committee to consider a name for a proposed new housing development off Barbieston Road, Dalrymple.

The Local Member advised that her recommendation for the street name for the above development, in consultation with Dalrymple Community Council, was Millbank Street.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the street within the proposed new housing development off Barbieston Road, Dalrymple be named Millbank Street;

- (ii) that the Department of Development and Property Services be advised accordingly; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

**MEETINGS OF THE DOON VALLEY LOCAL COMMITTEE: PERIOD
UNTIL 15 DECEMBER 2006**

4. There was submitted a report dated 10 October 2005 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support which advised of the dates in which meetings of the Local Committee were scheduled to take place during the period until 15 December 2006 and which invited the Committee to determine the venues at which each of these meetings would be held.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the dates fixed for the meetings of the Local Committee for the period until 15 December 2006 as detailed in paragraph 5.1 of the reports; and
- (ii) that the Committee meetings be held at the undernoted venues:

DATE	VENUE
Tuesday 24 January 2006	Drongan Community Centre
Tuesday 21 March 2006	Patna Community Centre
Tuesday 16 May 2006	Dalrymple Primary School
Tuesday 5 September 2006	Bellsbank Community Wing
Tuesday 24 October 2006	Dalmellington Community Centre

LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANTS SCHEME

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5. There was submitted a report dated 10 October 2005 (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 reported and it was noted that Dalmellington Bowling Club (CG3150) had received funding for the full cost of the project from the Coalfields Regeneration Trust, and consequently, the application had been withdrawn.

It was agreed as follows:

5.1 Applications Approved (for the purpose stated in the application) -

(a) Older People

- (i) Dalrymple and District Old People Welfare Association (CG 3161) - a sum equivalent to a per capita payment of £4 of registered membership (£940.00).

THE SIX O'CLOCK CLUB (CG 2913)

6. There was received a verbal report by the Administrative Officer on a request by the Group to utilise part of their Community Grant Award of £1000.00 which had been

awarded in May 2005, for accommodation and travel to attend a Festival weekend at Westland. The Administrative Officer advised that the Group had requested to use the unspent monies of £56.32 to take the children to an indoor bowling venue in Ayr.

It was agreed that the Group utilise the unspent monies of £56.32 to take the children to an indoor bowling venue in Ayr.

NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES

IMPROVING COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLEMENTATION GROUP

7. There was submitted and noted a joint report dated 5 October 2005 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services and Superintendent Liz Weir, Sub-Divisional Officer, East Ayrshire on the progress which had been made on the six aims contained within the Improving Community Safety Action Plan.

EAST AYRSHIRE COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM

8. There were submitted and noted, for information, Minutes of the East Ayrshire Community Safety Forum held on 21 September 2005 (circulated).

SAFER STREETS

9. 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 McDowall further advised that:-

- ? measures were in place to tackle the problem of young people climbing on to the roof of Drongan Community Centre; and
- ? in Section 4.2 of the report regarding the Road Safety Action Plan, the monitoring of driver behaviour had resulted in 28 warnings and 16 conditional offers in the Doon Valley area.

Inspector McArthur then commented on initiatives which were currently operating in the Doon Valley area, and it was noted that:-

- ? funding, to a maximum of £500 per group was now available from the Wellbeing Fund and application forms were available from Strathclyde Police;
- ? there had been 320 speeding offences across East Ayrshire which had resulted in Strathclyde Police rigidly enforcing warnings, particularly in The 20's Plenty zones;
- ? the Off-Sales Carrier Bag Initiative was now operational in Dalmellington and Dalrymple and had received positive feedback from Officers working in these areas. It was noted that this initiative would roll-out across East Ayrshire;
- ? a Youth Alcohol Initiative has been piloted for six months in the Kilmarnock area, where any young person under the influence of alcohol would be taken home to their parents, administered a warning and offered counselling on the Youth Alcohol Initiative. It was noted that this had received positive feedback from the Community Safety Department of Strathclyde Police;

- ? drugs possession figures were encouraging across East Ayrshire as a whole, however communities still need to assist Strathclyde Police and it was further noted that this could be done via Crimestoppers or an anonymous phone call to local stations;
- ? a meeting had taken place with Officers from Neighbourhood Services and from the Procurator Fiscal's Office, where it was agreed that where a Fixed Penalty Notice for litter or dog fouling offences had not been paid, it would be passed to the Procurator Fiscal for appropriate action; and
- ? a Litter Initiative which was underway a few weeks ago in the Doon Valley resulted in 11 Fixed Penalty Notices of £50 being issued to young people.

LOCAL ISSUES

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 the subject of a future report to the Committee.

The meeting terminated at 1440 hours.