

**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

**DOON VALLEY LOCAL COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 16 MAY 2006 AT 1400 HOURS IN  
DALMELLINGTON COMMUNITY CENTRE, AYR ROAD, DALMELLINGTON**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Elaine Dinwoodie and Tommy Farrell; Community Representatives Edward Torrance, John Weir, Tony Foote and Catherine Robertson; and Named Substitutes William Barr and Nancy Murray.

**ATTENDING:** Suzanne Brodie, Senior Practitioner, Educational and Social Services; Dawn Watson, Consultation and Engagement Co-ordinator, Corporate Development and Communication; Anne Marie Carr, Senior Administrative Officer; Andrew Davidson, Technical Officer, Development & Property Services; and Stuart Nelson, Administrative Officer.

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

**APOLOGIES:** Councillor Elaine Stewart and Community Representative Grace Garrity.

**CHAIR:** 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.
- 1.1 **Bus Services to Hayhill and Sinclairston**

The Administration Officer advised, and it was noted, that with regard to bus services to the villages of Sinclairston and Hayhill, Strathclyde Passenger Transport had now intimated that, with effect from 16 July 2006, Service 347 would be revised to serve both of these villages during the evening hours and on Sundays.

**RECONVENTION OF MEETING**

2. The meeting reconvened at 1402 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 21 March 2006 (circulated).

**3.1 MATTERS ARISING**

**3.1.1 Adjournment of Meeting – Road from Dalmellington Church to the Cemetery (Item 1)**

The Administrative Officer advised, and it was noted, that the Council's Legal Services were progressing, with the new land owner, arrangements to regularise the right of access over the road from Dalmellington Church to the Cemetery; and that when this matter had been resolved, consideration would be given to an agreement

between the Council and the owner regarding arrangements for maintenance of the road.

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

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

During discussion, and in response to questions put, and issues raised, by Members of the Committee, Sergeant McDowall advised:-

- in the Dalrymple area, of difficulties in deterring those individuals charged with smoking illegal substances from repeating this offence;
- of the application of Anti Social Behaviour Contracts and the Anti Social Behaviour Order process;
- that no individuals in the local area had been charged under the recently introduced legislation relating to smoking in public places, but that the Police had noted an increase in the number of noise nuisance complaints arising from individuals congregating outside premises to smoke;
- the significant contribution which “The Zone” in Dalmellington continued to make to reducing the number of youth related complaints received by the Police for that area; and
- on action taken to address possible sectarian activity in the Drongan area.

It was agreed to note the terms of the report and the further information provided by Sergeant McDowall.

### **CORPORATE SUPPORT**

#### **EAST AYRSHIRE COMMUNITY PLANNING RESIDENTS’ SURVEY AND RESIDENTS’ PANEL**

5. There was submitted a report dated 27 April 2006 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support which presented a summary of the findings of the 2005 East Ayrshire Community Planning Residents’ Survey for the Doon Valley area, and provided a progress report in respect of the proposed Residents’ Panel.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the findings of the 2005 East Ayrshire Community Planning Residents’ Survey for the Doon Valley Area;
- (ii) to note the progress in establishing a Representative Residents’ Panel; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

### **DEVELOPMENT AND PROPERTY SERVICES**

#### **CONSULTATION ON THE NEXT LOCAL TRANSPORT STRATEGY**

6. There was submitted a report dated 18 April 2006 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Development and Property Services which advised that consultation on

the next Local Transport Strategy was about to begin and invited those present to complete the consultation questionnaire.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note that consultations on the next Local Transport Strategy were about to begin;
- (ii) that Members of the Committee could, if they so wished, complete the consultation questionnaire, and return it to the Roads and Transportation Officer either after the meeting or subsequently by post;
- (iii) on the matter having been raised by Community Representative John Weir, to note that Andrew Davidson would confirm the position regarding the provision of traffic calming in Merrick Drive, Bellsbank; and respond directly to Mr Weir on this matter; and
- (iv) on the matter having been raised by Substitute Community Representative Nancy Murray to note that Councillor Farrell would check the position with regard to the use of Nessglen Road, Bellsbank, by a school bus contractor; and that Sergeant McDowall would also arrange for this matter to be monitored.

## **EDUCATIONAL AND SOCIAL SERVICES**

### **STANDARDS AND QUALITY REPORT FOR 2005: COMMUNITY LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICE**

7. There was submitted a report dated May 2006 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which advised of the publication of the annual Standards and Quality Report for Community Learning and Development covering 2005.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the publication of the Standards and Quality Report for Community Learning and Development for 2005; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

Community Representative John Weir left the meeting during consideration, but prior to determination, of this item.

### **YOUTH ACTIVITIES WITHIN DALRYMPLE**

8. There was submitted and noted a report dated 20 April 2006 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services on the various youth work activities in Dalrymple.

## **LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANTS SCHEME**

### **LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANTS SCHEME – ALLOCATIONS FOR 2006/2007**

9. There was submitted a report dated 10 April 2006 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support which advised (i) of the grant allocations for 2006/2007; and (ii) of the grant spend for the last two financial years.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note that the community grant allocation for the Committee for 2006/2007 was £25,362; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

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

10. There was submitted a report dated 8 May 2006 (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) Arts & Cultural

- (i) Dalmellington Amateur Gardening Association (CG3327) - £350 (for the purpose stated in the application, with the exception of prize money);

(b) Disability

- (i) Cumnock & Doon Valley Independent Living & Friendship Group (CG3264) – £90;
- (ii) East Ayrshire (South) Forum on Disability (CG3230) - £525;
- (iii) Cumnock & Doon Valley Access Panel (CG3233) - £373.50;
- (iv) South East Ayrshire Disabled Club (CG3298) - £816.48, subject to submission of two quotations for coach hire and confirmation of appropriate insurance cover, and all of these having been found to be satisfactory;

(c) Health Issues

- (i) Carers Support Group (CG3256) – £396.67;

(d) Older People

- (i) Drongan Old Folks Welfare Association (CG3372) - £2,060;

(e) Sport

- (i) Doon Valley Raft Race (CG3341) - £1,450; and

(f) Young People

- (i) East Ayrshire Women's Aid (CG3224) - £496.80; and
- (ii) Coyle Thistle Football Club (CG3282) - £196.45, subject to submission by the group of a detailed estimate of income and expenditure for the coming year and a second quotation for equipment, and all of these having been found to be satisfactory.

**NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES**

**EAST AYRSHIRE COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM**

11. There were submitted for information, and noted, the Minutes of the meeting of the East Ayrshire Community Safety Forum held on 1 March 2006 (circulated).

**LOCAL ISSUES**

**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.

The meeting terminated at 1459 hours