

**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

**DOON VALLEY LOCAL COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 27 JANUARY 2004 AT 1400 HOURS IN DALRYMPLE PRIMARY SCHOOL, HILLVIEW, DALRYMPLE**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Elaine Stewart, Tommy Farrell and Elaine Dinwoodie; and Community Representatives Edward Torrance, John Weir, Grace Garrity, Tony Foote; and Named Substitutes William Barr, Ann Barclay and Nancy Murray.

**ATTENDING:** John Crawford, Head of Protective Services, Community Services; Julie Armstrong, Assistant Administration Manager; Colin McKee, Senior Planning Officer, Development Services; John Bryson, Area Engineer South, Development Services; Neil Bell, Senior Engineer, Development Services; Brian Moultrie, Team Leader, Educational and Social Services; Rhoda MacDougall, Marketing and Implementation Officer, Community Services; John MacKenzie, Records Management Officer; and Lynn Chapman, Trainee Administrative Officer.

**ALSO ATTENDING:** Chief Inspector Robert Brown and Sergeant Andrew Clapperton, Strathclyde Police.

**APOLOGIES:** Community Representatives Andrew McCurdie and Catherine Robertson; and Named Substitute Sandra McPheator.

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

**ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING**

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

**RECONVENTION OF MEETING**

2. The meeting reconvened at 1410 hours with the same Councillors, Community Representatives, Named Substitutes and Officers present and in attendance.  
Lynn Chapman, Trainee Administrative Officer gave an update on the response received from SPT in relation to an issue raised at the last question and answer session.

**MINUTES**

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

3. There was submitted and noted for information, Minutes of the Doon Valley Local Committee held on 4 November 2003 (circulated).

**HOMES AND TECHNICAL SERVICES**

**RENT SETTING POLICY**

4. The Chair advised that this item had been withdrawn from the Agenda.

## **COMMUNITY SERVICES**

### **MINUTES OF EAST AYRSHIRE COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM**

5. There was submitted and noted for information, Minutes of the East Ayrshire Community Safety Forum held on 3 December 2003 (circulated).

## **CORPORATE RESOURCES**

### **ANNUAL SEMINAR FOR COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES**

6. There was submitted a report dated 12 January 2004 (circulated) by the Annual Seminar Working Party which advised of the outcome of the Local Committee Open Day held on 22 November 2003, and which identified issues arising for consideration.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the success of the 2003 Local Committee Open Day; and
- (ii) that the issues identified in paragraph 4 of the report be remitted to the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources to progress in consultation with appropriate Departments.

### **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) ACT 2002: DRAFT PUBLICATION SCHEME**

7. There was submitted a report dated 15 December 2003 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources which (i) advised of the introduction of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002; (ii) advised on the Council's responsibility for producing a Publication Scheme under the terms of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002; and (iii) invited suggestions for information to be included in the Council's Publication Scheme.

It was noted that any suggestions regarding the types of information to be included in the draft Publication Scheme should be submitted to the Council's Records Management Officer no later than 10 February 2004.

## **DECENTRALISATION ISSUES**

### **MEETINGS OF DOON VALLEY LOCAL COMMITTEE: PERIOD UNTIL 16 DECEMBER 2004**

8. There was submitted a report dated 7 January 2004 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources which advised of the dates on which meetings of the Local Committee were scheduled to take place during the period until 16 December 2004, and which invited the Committee to determine the venues at which each of these meetings should be held.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the dates fixed for the meetings of the Committee for the period until 16 December 2004, as detailed in the report; and
- (ii) that the Committee meetings be held at the undernoted venues;

<b>Day and Date</b>	<b>Venue</b>
Tuesday 23 March 2004	Bellsbank Community Centre
Tuesday 18 May 2004	Dalmellington Community Centre
Tuesday 7 September 2004	Rankinston Community Centre
Tuesday 2 November 2004	Drongan Community Centre

### **RECRUITMENT OF COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES 2004/2005**

9. There was submitted a report dated 7 January 2004 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources which invited the Local Committee to consider and determine certain matters in order to facilitate arrangements for the recruitment of Community Representatives to serve on the Local Committee for the period 1 April 2004 to 31 March 2005.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the present Community Representation as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report;
- (ii) that the organisational sectors be
  - Bellsbank Women's Project;
  - Dalmellington Community Council;
  - Dalrymple Community Council;
  - Drongan Community Council;
  - East Ayrshire (South) Forum on Disability;
  - Patna Community Council;
  - Dalrymple Youth Association;
  - Pupils' Representative (Dalmellington/Patna/ Rankinston);
  - Pupils' Representative (Drongan);
  - Rankinston Community Association/Rankinston Old People's Welfare Association; and
- (iii) that it be remitted to the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources to initiate the process of the submission of new nominations for Community Representatives and Named Substitutes for the relevant organisations to serve during the period 1 April 2004 to 31 March 2005 and to make such arrangements as might be necessary to facilitate this process.

### **DEVELOPMENT SERVICES**

#### **FORMER CUMNOCK AND DOON VALLEY INITIATIVE FUNDS ( Item 8, Page 368, 03/07)**

10. There was submitted a report dated 9 January 2004 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which sought approval for the allocation of the balance of the former Cumnock and Doon Valley Initiative Funds which were transferred to East Ayrshire Council's Development Services account.

It was agreed to allocate the balance of the Cumnock and Doon Valley Initiative Funds as follows:-

- (i) Public Art Strategy, Dalmellington Gateway Feature - £6,419.02
- (ii) Upgrading of the rear of Drongan Community Centre - £6,419.02; and
- (iii) Provision of an Access Ramp at the entrance to the Riverside Footpath in Main Street, Patna - £6,419.02

### **2004/2005 PROGRAMME OF STRUCTURAL MAINTENANCE OF ROADS AND FOOTWAYS**

11. There was submitted a report dated 12 January 2004 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which (i) advised of the 2004/2005 Roads and Footways Structural Maintenance Programmes for “inescapable” schemes approved by the Development Services Committee; and (ii) sought approval of the “highly desirable” schemes for the structural maintenance of footways, or “desirable” options.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the 2004/2005 Roads and Footways Structural Maintenance Programmes for “inescapable” schemes approved by the Development Services Committee;
- (ii) to approve the “highly desirable” schemes for the structural maintenance of footways; and
- (iii) to note that any reduction in the anticipated budget would be accommodated by the Head of Roads and Transportation by reducing the programmes in an equitable manner.

### **EDUCATIONAL AND SOCIAL SERVICES**

#### **PROGRESS REPORT ON THE DOON VALLEY COMMUNITY LEARNING PLAN**

12. There was submitted and noted a report dated 8 January 2004 (circulated) by the Director of Educational and Social Services which informed of the progress made in relation to the production of a Community Learning Plan for the Doon Valley area.

### **LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANT SCHEME**

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13. There was submitted reports dated 16 January 2004, 22 January 2004 and 26 January 2004 (all circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources on the financial position in respect of Community Grants to local organisations in 2003/2004, together with individual assessment reports in respect of applications received.

It was agreed as follows:-

- (i) **Applications Approved** (for the purposed as stated on the application), viz:-
  - (a) Community Association  
Dalrymple and District Community Association - £500
  - (b) Health Issues

Patna Support Group - £500, for the December outing and transport element of the application only. It was agreed that the remaining elements of the application be considered at the first meeting of the new financial year.

Drongan Health Initiative - £300

(c) Leisure Activity

Bellsbank Women's Project - £2,000

Dalrymple Good Companions - £100

(d) Older People

Rankinston Senior Citizens' Welfare Association – noted that £372 had been awarded under the delegated authority of the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources, in consultation with the Chair.

Bellsbank/Dalmellington Special Events Group – noted that £160 had been awarded under the delegated authority of the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources, in consultation with the Chair.

(e) Social Inclusion

Complex Caring Group - £600, on condition that the group investigate the need for Public Liability Insurance.

Patna Day Care Centre - £1,000, and that the group be advised to investigate other sources of funding.

(f) Sport

Rankinston Carpet Bowlers - £175, on condition that the group purchase insurance.

Doon Valley Amateur Boxing Club - £250.

## MISCELLANEOUS

### STRATHCLYDE POLICE REPORT

14. There was submitted and noted a report dated 12 January 2004 (circulated) by Chief Inspector Robert Brown, Strathclyde Police, which advised of crime trends within the area.

Arising from discussion surrounding litter problems at Bellsbank Primary School, it was agreed to raise the matter with the Department of Educational and Social Services.

## LOCAL ISSUES

### LOCAL ISSUES FORWARD PLANNER

15. There was submitted and noted a report dated 12 January 2004 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources on local issues raised, and where applicable, timescale for reporting back to the Committee.

### **NEW LOCAL ISSUES**

- 16.** 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.

### **DEVELOPMENT SERVICES**

#### **TRAFFIC CALMING ON CARNSHALLOCH AVENUE, PATNA**

- 17.** There was received and noted a verbal report by Neil Bell, Senior Engineer, on Traffic Calming proposals on Carnshalloch Avenue, Patna.  
The Committee agreed to the implementation of the proposed traffic calming measures.

The meeting terminated at 1508 hours.