

**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

**DOON VALLEY LOCAL COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 24 JANUARY 2006 AT 1400 HOURS IN DRONGAN COMMUNITY CENTRE, MILMANNOCH AVENUE, DRONGAN**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Elaine Stewart, Tommy Farrell, and Elaine Dinwoodie; Community Representatives Edward Torrance, John Weir, Tony Foote, Catherine Robertson and Grace Garrity; and named substitutes William Barr and Nancy Murray.

**ATTENDING:** John F. Crawford, Head of Protective Services, Neighbourhood Services; Gerry Darroch, Housing Services Manager, Neighbourhood Service; John Bryson, Area Engineer (South), Development and Property Services; Wendy Johnstone, Project Manager, Neighbourhood Services; Alan Murray, Team Leader, Educational and Social Services; Sandra Marshall, Project Co-ordinator (Working for Families), Development and Property Services; and Lynn Chapman, 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 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 1405 hours with the same Councillors, Community Representatives, named substitutes and Officers present and in attendance.

**ALLOCATION POLICY CONSULTATION**

3. The Committee received a presentation by Gerry Darroch, Housing Services Manager on East Ayrshire Council's Allocation Policy Consultation.

Members of the Committee asked questions of Gerry Darroch. Thereafter, the Chair thanked Gerry for a very interesting and informative presentation and discussion.

**MINUTES**

4. There were submitted and noted, for information, the minutes of the Doon Valley Local Committee held on 25 October 2005 (circulated).

**DECENTRALISATION ISSUES**

**ANNUAL SEMINAR FOR COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES**

5. There was submitted a report dated 29 November 2005 (circulated) by the Annual Seminar Working Group which advised of the outcome of the Annual Seminar for Community Representatives held on 12 November 2005.

It was agreed to note the success of the 2005 Annual Seminar for Community Representatives.

### **RECRUITMENT OF COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES 2006/2007**

6. There was submitted a report dated 10 January 2006 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support which invited the 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 2006 to 31 March 2007.

It was agreed:

- (i) to note the present community representation as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report;
- (ii) that the community organisation representation on the Local Committee for the period 1 April 2006 to 31 March 2007 be as follows:
  - 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' Representatives (Dalmellington/Patna/Rankinston);
  - Pupils' Representatives (Drongan); and
  - Rankinston Community Association/Rankinston Old People's Welfare Association; and
- (iii) to remit to the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support to initiate the process of the submission of new nominations for Community Representatives and named substitutes by the relevant organisations, to serve during the period 1 April 2006 to 31 March 2007 and make such arrangements as might be necessary to facilitate this process.

### **DEVELOPMENT AND PROPERTY SERVICES**

#### **SHOPMOBILITY UPDATE (Item 14, Page 1819, 03/07)**

7. There was submitted a joint report dated 14 December 2005 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support and the Executive Director of Development and Property Services on the Council's intention to establish a Shopmobility Scheme in Kilmarnock Town Centre.

It was agreed:

- (i) to note the proposals to establish a Shopmobility Scheme within Kilmarnock Town Centre; and

- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

**2006/2007 PROGRAMME OF STRUCTURAL MAINTENANCE OF  
ROADS AND FOOTWAYS (Item 8, Page 1869, 03/07)**

8. There was submitted a report dated 9 January 2006 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Development and Property Services which (i) advised of the 2006/2007 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 structural maintenance of footways, or “desirable” options.

It was agreed:

- (i) to note the 2006/2007 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 DOON VALLEY AREA COMMUNITY  
LEARNING PLAN (Item 6, Page 1796, 03/07)**

9. There was submitted a report dated 15 December 2005 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which (i) informed of the progress made in relation to the Doon Valley Area Community Learning Plan; and (ii) updated on the future arrangements for Community Learning and Development Plans.

The Team Leader advised that it would be his intention to hold meetings with Community Representatives and Substitutes, prior to future meeting of the Doon Valley Local Committee to enable the Community Representatives and Substitutes to participate in the production of the next Doon Valley Area Community Learning Plan.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the proposal to hold meetings with the Community Representatives and Substitutes prior to future Local Committee Meetings;
- (ii) to otherwise, note the contents of the report.

**LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANT SCHEME**

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10. There was submitted a report dated 11 January 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 2005/2006, 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):-**(a) Older People**

- (i) Stair Community Association (CG3027) – £2,000 agreed in principle, subject to the Assessing Department inspecting the premises to establish the level of work required and that it be remitted to the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support, in consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair, to release the funds.

**(b) Health Issues**

- (i) Dalmellington Self Help Group (CG3160) - £350

**(c) Older People**

- (i) Bellsbank Senior Citizen's (CG3195) – a sum equivalent to per capita payment of £4 of registered membership (£152)

**NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES****SAFER STREETS**

11. 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.

Councillor Dinwoodie left the meeting during consideration of the above item, but prior to determination.

**EAST AYRSHIRE COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM**

12. There were submitted and noted, for information, minutes of the East Ayrshire Community Safety Forum held on 1 December 2005 (circulated).

**LOCAL ISSUES****NEW LOCAL ISSUES**

13. Community Representatives were invited to raise any items of interest for inclusion on a future agenda.

Community Representative Edward Torrance raised the issue of the East Ayrshire Council Emergency Planning Procedures, and in particular if there was any information that could be available to members of the public.

It was agreed that information on East Ayrshire Council's Emergency Planning Procedure be brought to a future meeting of the Doon Valley Local Committee.

The meeting terminated at 1515 hours