

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

DOON VALLEY LOCAL COMMITTEE

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 23 JANUARY 2007 AT 1400
HOURS IN DALMELLINGTON COMMUNITY CENTRE, AYR ROAD,
DALMELLINGTON**

PRESENT: Councillors Elaine Stewart, Tommy Farrell and Elaine Dinwoodie; and Community Representatives: Tony Foote and Grace Garrity; and Named Substitutes: Bill Barr and Nancy Murray.

ATTENDING: Wendy Johnstone, Project Manager, Neighbourhood Services; Suzanne Brodie, Senior Practitioner, Educational and Social Services; Susan Fulton, Disability Awareness Officer, Development and Property Services; Anne Marie Carr, Senior Administrative Officer; and Lynn Young, Administrative Officer.

ALSO ATTENDING: Chief Inspector Alan Lawrence; and Community Police Officer Samantha Clarke, both Strathclyde Police.

APOLOGIES: Community Representatives Edward Torrance and Catherine Robertson.

CHAIR: Councillor Elaine Stewart, Chair.

ADDITIONAL ITEM

1. The Chair agreed that an additional item, Appointment of Community Representatives 2006/2007 be considered as the first item on the agenda.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

2. In terms of Standing Order 19, the Chair, agreed to alter the order of business and consider Agenda Item 10, Local Committee Grants Scheme after Agenda Item 2, Minutes.

**APPOINTMENT OF COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES 2006/2007 (Item 6, page
2072, 03/07)**

3. It was reported that Mrs Irene Rowan had been nominated as a replacement for Mr John Weir, Community Representative for Dalmellington Community Council.

It was agreed to approve the nomination of Mrs Irene Rowan as the Community Representative for Dalmellington Community Council for the period remaining to 31 March 2007.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

4. 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

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

MINUTES

6. There were submitted for information, and noted, the Minutes of the meeting of the Doon Valley Local Committee held on 24 October 2006 (circulated).

6.1 **MATTERS ARISING**

6.1.1 **Bus Service 347**

The Administrative Officer advised and it was noted, that Strathclyde Passenger Transport had confirmed that the bus service for route 347 had been revised from October 2006 to terminate at Burns Statue Square, Ayr, rather than Ayr Bus Station due to reliability issues with the previous timetable and that this option, which had resulted in the least number of passengers being affected, had been agreed by SPT's Operations Committee.

LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANTS SCHEME 2006/2007

7. There was submitted a report dated 12 January 2007 (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.

The Administrative Officer reported, and it was noted, that following an amendment to the assessment for Dalmellington Primary and Nursery Class Parents Association, the total value of grants to be considered was now £2467, which if approved, would leave a balance of £13,217.59.

It was agreed as follows:

- 7.1 **Applications Approved** (for the purpose stated in the application, unless otherwise stated):-

(a) Community Association

(i) Declaration of Interest

Councillor Dinwoodie declared a non-financial interest which she did not consider significant in terms of paragraph 5.17 and 5.18 of the Code of Conduct and indicated her intention to remain and participate in consideration of the item in question.

(ii) Consideration of Item

(a) Patna Community Association (CG3487) - £800.00.

(b) Community Council

(i) Dalmellington Community Council (CG3487) - £63.00, and also noted that an award of £500.00 had been made under delegated authority.

(c) Leisure Activities

(i) Declaration of Interest

Councillor Stewart declared a financial interest in respect of the undernoted items at (ii) (a) and (b) in accordance with paragraph 5.16 of the code of conduct and withdrew from the meeting.

In the absence of the Chair, Councillor Dinwoodie, Vice Chair took the Chair for this item and in terms of Standing Order 19 agreed to consider

Agenda Item 10.5.2 The Zone Project (CG 3474) following consideration of Agenda Item 10.3.1 Bellsbank Adventure Playground (CG 3481).

(ii) Consideration of Item

- (a) Bellsbank Adventure Playground (CG 3481) - It was noted that £500.00 had been awarded through delegated authority; and
- (b) The Zone Project (CG3474) - £235.00, and also noted that £500 had been awarded through delegated Authority.

Councillor Dinwoodie vacated the Chair in favour of Councillor Stewart who rejoined the meeting at this point.

(d) Older People

- (i) Bellsbank Senior Citizens (CG3488) - £500.00; and
- (ii) Rankinston Old Folks Welfare Association (CG3482) - £559.00.

(e) Young People

- (i) Glenafton Athletic Boys Club (CG3442) – It was noted that £424.60 had been awarded under delegated authority;
- (ii) Dalrymple Boys and Girls Football Club (CG3484) – It was noted that £290.00 had been awarded under delegated authority; and
- (iii) Dalmellington Primary and Nursery Class Parents Association (CG3486) - £310.

PRESENTATION

PRESENTATION ON THE HOUSING ALLOCATION POLICY

8. The Committee received a presentation by Wendy Johnstone, Project Manager, Neighbourhood Services on East Ayrshire Council's Housing Allocation Policy.

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

NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES

SAFER STREETS – STRATHCLYDE POLICE REPORT

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.

EAST AYRSHIRE COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM

10. There were submitted for information, and noted, the minutes of the meeting of East Ayrshire Community Safety Forum held on 14 December 2006 (circulated).

DECENTRALISATION ISSUES

ANNUAL SEMINAR FOR COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES

11. There was submitted a report dated 15 December 2006 (circulated) by the Annual Seminar Working Group which advised of the outcome of the Annual Seminar for Community Representatives held on 11 November 2006.

It was agreed to note the success of the 2006 Annual Seminar for Community Representatives.

Councillor Dinwoodie left the meeting during consideration of the above item, but prior to a decision being made.

EDUCATIONAL AND SOCIAL SERVICES

COMMUNITY LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT REVIEW OF YOUTH WORK SERVICES (Item 15, page 2519, 03/07)

12. There was submitted and noted a report dated 11 December 2006 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services on the outcome of a review of Community Learning and Development Youth Work Services.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

13. In terms of Standing Order 19, the Chair, agreed to amend the order of business and consider Agenda Item 8, 2007/2008 Programme of Structural Maintenance of Roads and Footways after Agenda Item 9, Annual Review of Access Panels.

DEVELOPMENT AND PROPERTY SERVICES

ANNUAL REVIEW OF ACCESS PANELS

14. There was submitted and noted a report dated 7 December 2006 (circulated) by the Head of Planning, Development and Building Standards which informed of the work of the Access Panels from October 2005 – December 2006.

2007/2008 PROGRAMME OF STRUCTURAL MAINTENANCE OF ROADS AND FOOTWAYS (Item 12, Page 2006, 03/07)

15. There was submitted a report dated 3 January 2007 (circulated) by the Acting Executive Director of Development and Property Services which advised of the 2007/2008 Roads and Footways Structural Maintenance Programmes for the “inescapable” schemes approved by the Development Services Committee; and which sought approval of the “highly desirable” schemes for structural maintenance of footways, or “desirable” options.

It was agreed:

- (i) to note the 2007/2008 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;

- (iii) to note that any reduction in the anticipated budget would be accommodated by the Acting Head of Roads and Transportation by reducing the programmes in an equitable manner; and
- (iv) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

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, however, Councillor Farrell raised the issue of the Committee's previous decision to name a street, Henry's Place, at a development at High Barbeth Farm, Drongan, and advised that to date, no street sign had been erected to highlight the street name.

It was agreed that the Administration Manager would raise this with the Department of Development and Property Services.

The meeting terminated at 1500 hours.