

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**DOON VALLEY LOCAL COMMITTEE****MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 7 SEPTEMBER 2004 AT 1400 HRS
IN RANKINSTON COMMUNITY CENTRE, LITTLEMILL PLACE, RANKINSTON**

PRESENT: Councillors Elaine Stewart, Tommy Farrell and Elaine Dinwoodie; Community Representatives Edward Torrance and Grace Garrity; and Named Substitute George McCaig.

ATTENDING: John F Crawford, Head of Protective Services, Neighbourhood Services; Neil Bell, Senior Engineer, Development and Property Services; Anne Marie Carr, Senior Administrative Officer; Janice Harrison, Team Leader, Educational and Social Services; and Lynn Chapman, Trainee Administrative Officer.

ALSO ATTENDING: Chief Inspector Ramsay McArthur and Sgt Andrew Clapperton, both Strathclyde Police.

APOLOGIES: Community Representatives John Weir, Tony Foote and Catherine Robertson; and Named Substitutes Nancy Murray and Bill Barr.

CHAIR: Councillor Elaine Stewart, Chair.

CHAIR'S REMARKS

1. The Chair advised that Item 2 on the Agenda, Presentation on East Ayrshire Council's Local Housing Strategy, would now be given to the Local Committee at their next meeting on 2 November 2004.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

2. It was agreed to adjourn the meeting at 1401 hrs for a maximum of 15 minutes to allow for a public question and answer session.

RECONVENTION OF MEETING

3. The meeting reconvened at 1402 hrs with the same Councillors, Community Representatives, Named Substitute and Officers present and in attendance.

MINUTES**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

4. There was submitted and noted, for information, Minutes of the Doon Valley Local Committee held on 18 May 2004 (circulated).

NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES**STRATHCLYDE POLICE REPORT**

5. There was submitted and noted a report dated 20 August 2004 (circulated) by Chief Inspector Robert Brown, Strathclyde Police, which advised of crime trends and Police activity within the area.

Chief Inspector Ramsay McArthur advised the Committee that the joint Police/Council Surgery, detailed in paragraph 4.5 of the report, had now commenced. Chief Inspector McArthur and Sgt Clapperton left the meeting at this point.

EAST AYRSHIRE COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM

6. There was submitted and noted, for information, Minutes of the Community Safety Forum Annual General Meeting held on 2 June 2004 (circulated).

DECENTRALISATION ISSUES

APPOINTMENT OF COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES 2004/05 (Item 5, Page 662, 03/07)

7. It was reported that Katie McNeillie had been nominated as a replacement for Mrs Marion McLure, Named Substitute for Dalrymple Community Council.

It was agreed to approve the nomination of Katie McNeillie as the Named Substitute for Dalrymple Community Council for the period 1 April 2004 to 31 March 2005.

EAST AYRSHIRE COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM

8. The Chair invited nominations for a Named Substitute to serve on the East Ayrshire Community Safety Forum.

It was noted that there were currently no nominations for a Named Substitute to serve on the East Ayrshire Community Safety Forum.

DEVELOPMENT AND PROPERTY SERVICES

MANDATORY 20MPH SPEED LIMITS AT SCHOOLS

9. There was submitted a report dated 20 August 2004 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Development and Property Services which advised of proposals for the implementation of mandatory 20mph speed limits in the vicinity of schools in the Doon Valley area.

It was agreed:

- (i) to note the proposals for the mandatory 20mph speed limits and traffic calming at the following schools within the Doon Valley area, viz:- Bellsbank Primary School, Dalmellington Primary School, Doon Academy, Dalrymple Primary School, Drongan Primary School, Littlemill Primary School, Patna Primary School and St Xavier's Primary School; and
- (ii) that the Senior Engineer, Roads, investigate the possibility of extending the mandatory 20mph speed limits along Barbieston Road, Dalrymple and advise Councillor Dinwoodie accordingly.

EDUCATIONAL AND SOCIAL SERVICES

ANNUAL YOUTH CONFERENCE

10. There was submitted a report dated 19 August 2004 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which informed of the outcome of the 8th Annual Youth Conference held in Kilmarnock College on Wednesday 7 April 2004.

It was agreed:

- (i) to note the success of the Annual Youth Conference; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANTS SCHEME

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11. There was submitted a report dated 23 August 2004 (circulated) by the Acting Executive Director of Corporate Support on the financial position in respect of Community Grants to local organisations in 2004/05 together with individual assessment reports in respect of applications received.

It was agreed as follows:-

11.1 Applications Approved (for the purpose as stated on the application) -

(a) Arts and Cultural

- (i) Drongan and District Horticultural Society - Noted that £500 had been awarded under the delegated authority of the Administration Manager, in consultation with the Chair.

(b) Environmental

- (i) Dalmellington Primary School and Nursery Class Parents Association - £485.
- (ii) Bellsbank Woodlands Project - £400, subject to appropriate insurance being obtained by the Group for this project and that no element of the grant be used for the purchase of a mobile phone as detailed in the group's application.

(c) Health Issues

- (i) Dalmellington Self Help Group - £700 subject to clarification on whether the group have permission to store the lockable metal cupboards within Dalmellington Community Centre.

(d) Older People

- (i) Drongan Old People's Welfare Association - A sum equivalent to a per capita payment of £4 of registered membership (£1,828). It was also noted that £500 had been awarded under the delegated authority of the Administration Manager, in consultation with the Chair in respect of the summer outing.

(e) Sport

- (i) Doon Valley Raft Race - £350. It was also noted that £500 had been awarded under the delegated authority of the Administration Manager, in consultation with the Chair.

(f) Women's Issues

- (i) Happy Hens - £450, and that the group be advise to fund raise to contribute to future events.

LOCAL ISSUES

NEW LOCAL ISSUES

- 12.** Community Representatives were invited to raise any items of interest for inclusion on a future Agenda.

Community Representative Edward Torrance commented on various problems which had been encountered with the operation of the new 3 Bin System. Having heard the Head of Protective Services, it was agreed that a presentation be made to a future meeting of the Doon Valley Local Committee on the 3 Bin System.

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

- 13.** The Committee resolved that under Section 50A(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, as amended, the Press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 4 of Schedule 7A of the Act.

COMMUNITY GRANT: DRONGAN MINERS WELFARE BOWLING CLUB

14.1 Declaration of Interest

Councillor Farrell and Community Representative Edward Torrance declared a non-pecuniary interest in the following item and left the meeting at this point.

Community Representative Grace Garrity and Named Substitute George McCaig also left the meeting at this point.

14.2 Consideration of Item

There was submitted a report dated 18 August 2004 (circulated) by the Acting Executive Director of Corporate Support which invited the Committee to consider and determine how to proceed in respect of outstanding documentation associated with Community Grant funding which had been awarded to Drongan Miners Welfare Bowling Club.

The Trainee Administrative Officer (i) advised that the unaccounted for balance, as detailed in the report should be amended to read £398.56 and not £389.56 as stated; and (ii) gave an update on the current position in respect of the outstanding documentation from the group.

It was agreed:

- (i) to remit to the Administration Manager to seek clarification of the unaccounted for balance directly from the group's accountants; and
- (ii) that if the amount of £398.56 remained unaccounted for, the Head of Administrative and Legal Services be authorised to take the appropriate action required to recover the unaccounted for balance.

The meeting terminated at 1449 hrs.