

**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

**DOON VALLEY LOCAL COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 5 SEPTEMBER 2006 AT 1400 HOURS IN BELLSBANK COMMUNITY WING, CRAIGLEA CRESCENT, BELLSBANK**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Elaine Stewart, Tommy Farrell and Elaine Dinwoodie; Community Representatives Edward Torrance, John Weir and Grace Garrity; and Named Substitutes George McCaig and Nancy Murray.

**ATTENDING:** Bill Walkinshaw, Administration Manager; Anneke Freel, Project Manager, Neighbourhood Services; Suzanne Brodie, Senior Practitioner, Educational and Social Services; and Lynn Young, Administrative Officer.

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

**APOLOGIES:** Community Representatives Tony Foote and Catherine Robertson, and Named Substitute Bill Barr.

**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.

**MINUTES**

3. There were submitted for information, and noted, the minutes of the meeting of the Doon Valley Local Committee held on 16 May 2006 (circulated).

**3.1 Matters Arising**

**3.1.1 Bus Services to Hayhill and Sinclairston**

The Administrative Officer advised, that Strathclyde Passenger Transport had confirmed that the amendment to the route of service 347 to serve Sinclairston and Hayhill in the evenings and Sundays would be deferred to coincide with overall changes that SPT were considering as part of a revision of their services.

It was agreed to write to SPT to request that they consider the amendment to route 347 to serve Sinclairston and Hayhill in the evenings and Sundays as part of the review of their services.

**NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES**

**SAFER STREETS**

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

It was further noted that with regards to patrolling the forest area in Patna, Strathclyde Police were now in receipt of keys to access deeper areas of the forest, and that these areas would now be patrolled.

### **LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANT SCHEME**

#### **RETURN OF GRANT MONIES FROM PARENTS GROUP OF RANKINSTON (CG3100)**

5. It was noted that the Parents Group of Rankinston had returned £780.05 to the Council from the grant made by the Local Committee in September 2005 to pay for Crèche Workers, Sewing Tutors and Sessional Workers, Arts and Crafts materials, hall lets and insurance costs, and that this money had been included in the Local Committee's budget.

### **LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANT SCHEME**

6. There was submitted a report dated 21 August 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:-

**6.1 Applications Approved** (For the purpose stated in the application, unless otherwise stated):-

(a) Leisure Activities

- (i) Bellsbank Women's Project (CG3409) – It was noted that an award of £500 had been made under delegated authority.

(b) Older People

- (i) Residents Committee – Care Centre (CG3365) – It was noted that an award of £400 had been made under delegated authority.

(c) Social Inclusion

- (i) Mothers United (CG3406) - £286. It was also noted that an award of £242.50 had been made under delegated authority.

(d) Women's Issues

- (i) The Happy Hens (CG3403) - £500.

### **CORPORATE SUPPORT**

#### **REVIEW OF GRANT FUNDING TO VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS IN LIGHT OF THE LOCAL AUDIT REPORT ON FOLLOWING THE PUBLIC POUND**

7. There was submitted a report dated 12 July 2006 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support on the outcome of the review of the grant forms, guidance notes and assessment forms in light of the study by the Council's External Auditors, PricewaterhouseCooper of the Council's performance in relation to the funding of external bodies.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the changes made to the forms and guidance notes in light of the study by the Council's External Auditors and for operational reasons effective from 1 September 2006; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

### **ADDITIONAL ITEM**

#### **8.1 Request by Rankinston Unemployed and Retired Persons Group (CG2904)**

The Chair, at her discretion and in terms of Standing Order 18, agreed to consider the request by Rankinston Unemployed and Retired Persons Group as an additional item.

#### **8.2 Consideration of Item**

There was received a verbal report by the Administrative Officer on a request dated 22 August 2006 by the Rankinston Unemployed and Retired Persons Group to use the remaining balance of £60 of their community grant of £300 for letting and transport costs to be used to assist with the costs of their summer outing in June 2007.

It was agreed that the Rankinston Unemployed and Retired Persons Group use the remaining balance of £60 to assist with the cost of the summer outing in June 2007.

### **EDUCATIONAL AND SOCIAL SERVICES**

#### **ENGAGEMENT AND CONSULTATION WITH YOUNG PEOPLE**

9. There was submitted a report dated 25 July 2006 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services on the outcome of the recent events relating to Engagement and Consultation with young people in East Ayrshire.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the success of this years conference and seminar;
- (ii) to note that the matters raised by both Councillors Stewart and Farrell in respect of registration arrangements and the feasibility of providing delegates the opportunity to pre-select activities, would be considered by the Conference/Seminar Planning Group for future years; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

### **NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES**

#### **LAND REFORM (SCOTLAND) ACT 2003 – CORE PATH PLANNING**

10. There was submitted a report dated 7 August 2006 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services updating on outdoor access as it relates to the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003 and the statutory obligation to produce a Core Path Plan.

It was agreed:

- (i) that the Toolkit as detailed in paragraph 3.2 of the report, be made available in all Community Centres in the Doon Valley area, including Bellsbank Community Wing, and as requested, be forwarded to Drongan, Rankinston and Stair Community Council and to Named Substitute George McCaig; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

### **EAST AYRSHIRE COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM**

11. There was submitted for information, and noted, the minutes of the meeting of the East Ayrshire Community Safety Forum Annual General Meeting held on 7 June 2006 (circulated).

### **LOCAL ISSUES**

#### **NEW LOCAL ISSUES**

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

Community Representative Grace Garrity raised the issue of the Councils Housing Allocation Policy, and following discussion it was agreed that a presentation on the Housing Allocations Policy be presented to a future Committee.

The meeting terminated at 1440 hours.