

**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

**DOON VALLEY LOCAL COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 25 MARCH 2003 AT 1400 HOURS  
IN DALMELLINGTON COMMUNITY CENTRE, AYR ROAD, DALMELLINGTON**

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

**ATTENDING:** John Crawford, Head of Protective Services; Anne Marie Carr, Senior Administrative Officer; Brian Moultrie, Support to Communities; Stephen Dodd, Support to Communities; and Lynn Chapman, Trainee Administrative Officer.

**ALSO ATTENDING:** Chief Inspector Hugh McKnight, Strathclyde Police; and Sharon Donohoe, Tenants Information Service.

**APOLOGY:** Community Representative William Frew.

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

**ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING: TO ALLOW FOR PUBLIC QUESTION AND  
ANSWER SESSION**

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

**RECONVENTION OF MEETING**

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

Community Representatives Ross Fleming and Tony Foote; and Named Substitute Heather MacColl joined the meeting at this point.

**TENANTS INFORMATION SERVICE**

3. The Committee received a presentation by Sharon Donohoe, Development Manager for the Tenants Information Service on the work of the organisation and its efforts to encourage tenant participation, particularly in the light of the Housing (Scotland) Act 2001.

Elected Members and Community Representatives then had the opportunity to ask questions on tenant participation. Thereafter, the Chair thanked Sharon Donohoe for her presentation.

**MINUTES**

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

4. There were submitted and noted for information, Minutes of the Doon Valley Local Committee held on 28 January 2003 (circulated).

## MINUTES OF EAST AYRSHIRE COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM

5. There were submitted and noted for information, Minutes of the East Ayrshire Community Safety Forum held on 4 December 2002 (circulated).

### COMMUNITY SERVICES

#### THE REMOVAL AND DISPOSAL OF VEHICLES AMENDMENT (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2002

6. There was submitted and noted a report dated 25 February 2003 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which advised of new regulations which will help Local Authorities deal more quickly with the nuisance of abandoned cars.

### STRATHCLYDE POLICE "SPOTLIGHT" REPORT

7. There was submitted and noted a report dated 11 March 2003 (circulated) by Chief Inspector Hugh McKnight, Strathclyde Police, which advised of the "Spotlight" activity and other crime trends over the recent period.

### DECENTRALISATION ISSUES

#### RECRUITMENT OF COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES 2003/2004

8. There was submitted a report dated 10 March 2003 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources which advised of the outcome of the recruitment of Community Representatives and Substitutes to serve on the Doon Valley Local Committee for the period commencing 1 April 2003 to 31 March 2004.

It was reported that the following nominations had been received after the issue of the Agenda: Dalmellington Community Council, Mr John Weir and Substitute Mrs Nancy Murray; Bellsbank Women's Project, Mrs Catherine Robertson; and Patna Community Council, Mrs Janet Findlay.

It was agreed to approve all nominations received to date for Community Representatives and Named Substitutes made by the local community organisations for the period 1 April 2003 to 31 March 2004 and that the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources continue to pursue nominations for the vacant positions detailed as follows:-

<u>Community Organisation</u>	<u>Community Representative</u>	<u>Substitute Community Representative</u>
Bellsbank Women's Project	Mrs Catherine Robertson	No nomination
Dalmellington Community Council	Mr John Weir	Mrs Nancy Murray
Dalrymple Community Council	Mrs Grace Garrity	Mrs M MacLure
Drongan Community Council	Mr Edward Torrance	Mr William Barr

<u>Community Organisation</u>	<u>Community Representative</u>	<u>Substitute Community Representative</u>
East Ayrshire (South) Forum on Disability	Mr William Frew	Mr George Wallace
Patna Community Council	Mrs Janet Findlay	No nomination
Peer Education Group	To be confirmed	To be confirmed
Pupil's Representative (Dalmellington/Patna/ Rankinston)	Mr Andrew McCurdie	Ms Kylie Filson
Pupil's Representative (Drongan)	Mr Adam Frew	Ms Shona McLeod
Rankinston Community Association/Rankinston Old People's Welfare Association	Mr Tony Foote	Mr George McCaig

### LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANTS SCHEME

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9. There was submitted a report dated 14 March 2003 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources on the financial position in respect of community grants to organisations in 2002/2003, together with individual assessment reports in respect of applications received.

It was agreed as follows:-

- (i) **Applications Approved** (for the purpose as stated on the application), viz:-
- (a) **Community Associations**
- (i) Rankinston Fun Day Committee - £1,000, on condition that (i) the group have their income and expenditure sheet signed by an independent third party; and (ii) that suitable insurance is in place;
- (ii) **Declaration of Interest**  
Councillor Dinwoodie declared an interest in the undernoted application.
- (iii) **Consideration of Item**
- (iv) Patna Community Association - £280;
- (v) Bellsbank/Dalmellington Special Events Group - £250;
- (b) **Disability**
- (i) Cumnock and Doon Valley Access Panel - £330;

(c) Older People

- (i) Drongan Old People's Welfare Association - £2,320, a sum equivalent to a per capita payment of £4.00 for all registered members;

(d) Young People(i) **Declaration of Interest**

Councillor Stewart declared an interest in the undernoted application.

(ii) **Consideration of Item**

- (iii) Bellsbank Adventure Playground - £636.97, agreed in principle, and that it be remitted to the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources, in consultation with Members, that the group be advised of other sources of funding available to assist with the balance of their application, given that the Local Committee's Community Grant budget had now been fully committed.

(ii) **Application Refused** (for the reasons as stated):-(a) Heritage

- (i) Alloway and Southern Ayrshire Family History Society - on the grounds that Community Grant funding is aimed at benefiting locally based groups and the organisation had confirmed that there were no members within the Doon Valley Local Committee Area.

(iii) **Application Continued** (for the reason stated):-(a) Sport

- (i) Glenafton Athletic Boys Club (95's) - to obtain further information on the application.

**9.1 SOUTH EAST AYRSHIRE DISABLED CLUB**

There was submitted a report dated 21 February 2003 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources which advised of the current position with regard to a community grant approved for the South East Ayrshire Disabled Club for the current financial year and which sought agreement to issue the grant payment in this case.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to award a grant of £1,000, subject to obtaining a detailed breakdown of the costs outlined in Paragraph 2.1 of the report and that it be remitted to the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources, in consultation with the Chair to obtain the necessary information;
- (ii) that the grant be awarded subject to the group agreeing to undertake a review of its accounting arrangements, assisted by Officers of the Council;
- (iii) to remit to the Officers concerned to make appropriate assistance available to the Club in undertaking the above-mentioned review; and

- (iv) that a report on progress with the review be included with the Officer's assessment to be submitted to this Committee at a future date on the Club's application for community grant funding for the 2003/2004 financial year.

### **LOCAL ISSUES**

#### **NEW LOCAL ISSUES**

- 10.** 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 subject of a future report to the Committee.

The meeting terminated at 1507 hours.