

**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

**DOON VALLEY LOCAL COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 7 NOVEMBER 2000 AT 1405  
HOURS IN DALMELLINGTON COMMUNITY CENTRE, AYR ROAD,  
DALMELLINGTON**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Elaine Dinwoodie and Robert Taylor; Community Representatives Edward Torrance, John Weir, Joan Wightman, Tony Foote and Tania Garrity; and Named Substitute Grace Garrity.

**ATTENDING:** Bill Walkinshaw, Administration Manager; John McRobert, Senior Engineer; Morven Buchanan, Environment Officer; Margaret Phelps, Service Officer and Ian Gemmell, Administrative Officer.

**ALSO ATTENDING:** Superintendent Alistair McKie and Chief Inspector Hugh McKnight, Strathclyde Police.

**APOLOGIES:** Councillor Tommy Farrell and Substitute Community Representative William Barr.

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

**ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING**

1. It was agreed to adjourn the meeting at 1406 hours for a maximum of 15 minutes to allow for a public question and answer session.

**RECONVENTION OF MEETING**

2. The meeting was reconvened at 1408 hours with the same Councillors, Community Representatives and named Substitutes and Officers present and in attendance.

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

3. There were submitted and noted the minutes of the meeting of the Doon Valley Local Committee held on 12 September 2000 (circulated).

**DECENTRALISATION**

**REVIEW OF DECISION MAKING IN EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

4. There was submitted a report dated 10 October 2000 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources which advised of the consultation phase of the review of Decision Making Structures and arrangements within the Council and which sought the Local Committee's views thereon.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the contents of the report; and
- (ii) that Members of the Committee wishing to comment on the consultative document should do so direct to the Administration Manager by the closing date (15 November 2000).

## **COMMUNITY SERVICES**

### **STRATHCLYDE POLICE SPOTLIGHT REPORT**

- 5.1** Inspector McKnight introduced Superintendent Alistair McKie and Sergeant Andrew Clapperton to the Committee.
- 5.2** There was submitted a report dated 19 October 2000 (circulated) by Chief Inspector Hugh McKnight, Strathclyde Police which advised of "Spotlight" activity and crime trends over the recent period.

Inspector McKnight provided verbally, additional updated information on statistics and Spotlight activities.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the information provided in the report;
- (ii) to request the Head of Planning and Building Control to submit a report on the responsibilities of owners of derelict buildings and what measures the Council could take within the area in the interests of community safety; and
- (iii) that as a community safety initiative, the Director of Community Services be requested to write to Scottish Power in connection with recent incidents when vandals had gained access to electrical junction boxes in the Drogan area and seek information from Scottish Power on their activities to curb this problem.

## **EDUCATIONAL AND SOCIAL SERVICES**

### **CHILDREN'S SERVICE PLAN 2000/2004**

- 6.** There was submitted a report dated 11 October 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Educational and Social Services which requested the nomination, in principle, of two Community Representatives to serve on a Community Representative Forum as part of the preparation for the next three year Strategic Plan for Children's Services.

It was agreed:-

- (i) in principle, to nominate Tania Garrity to serve on the Community Representative Forum on Children's Services; and
- (ii) otherwise to note the report.

## **NEW LOCAL ISSUES**

- 7.** It was agreed to include flooding in the Doon Valley as a future item for the local issues programme, including details of the areas subject to flooding and potential flood prevention measures.

### **LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANTS SCHEME 2000/2001**

- 8.** There was submitted a report dated 31 October 2000 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources which outlined the financial position in respect of community grants for the financial year 2000/2001, together with a summary statement relative to outstanding applications for community grant received from local organisations.

It was agreed as follows:-

- (i) **Applications Approved** (for the purpose stated in the application):-
  - (a) Community Safety
    - (i) Safe Dalmellington Steering Group - £350.00;
  - (b) Health Issues
    - (i) St Andrew's Ambulance Association, Doon Valley Company - £130.00;
  - (c) Older People
    - (i) Dalrymple Old Folks Welfare Association - £868.00; and
  - (d) Young People
    - (i) Bellsbank Adventure Playground - £1,500.00.

The meeting terminated at 1501 hours.

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