

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**DOON VALLEY LOCAL COMMITTEE****MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 4 NOVEMBER 2003 AT 1400 HOURS IN PATNA COMMUNITY CENTRE, DOONSIDE AVENUE, PATNA**

PRESENT: Councillors Elaine Stewart, Tommy Farrell and Elaine Dinwoodie; Community Representatives Edward Torrance, John Weir, Grace Garrity, Tony Foote, Catherine Robertson and Andrew McCurdie; and Named Substitutes William Barr and Kylie Filson.

ATTENDING: Joe Cassidy, Policy Manager, Homes and Technical Services; Colin McKee, Senior Planning Officer, Development Services; Anne Marie Carr, Senior Administrative Officer; Brian Moultrie, Team Leader, Educational and Social Services; David Donaldson, Project Officer, Development Services; and Lynn Chapman, Trainee Administrative Officer.

ALSO ATTENDING: Chief Inspector Hugh McKnight and Sergeant Andrew Clapperton, Strathclyde Police; and Helen Thomson and Colin Ormston, AMEC Wind Energy.

APOLOGIES: Community Representative Adam Frew; and Named Substitutes Shona McLeod and Sandra McPheator.

CHAIR: Councillor Elaine Stewart, Chair.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. The Chair at her discretion and in terms of Standing Order 19 agreed to alter the order of business and consider Item 7, Hillcrest Residents Association – Request for Grant for 2003/2004 as the first item after the public question and answer session, and Item 2, Proposed Wind Farm at Kyle Forest as the last item.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

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

RECONVENTION OF MEETING

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

HOMES AND TECHNICAL SERVICES**HILLCREST RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION –
REQUEST FOR GRANT FOR 2003/2004**

4. There was submitted a report dated 14 October 2003 (circulated) by the Director of Homes and Technical Services which asked that an application for a start up and an annual operating grant for the period 2003/2004 by Hillcrest Residents Association be agreed.

It was agreed to approve Hillcrest Residents Association's application for a grant of £250 from the Housing Revenue Account.

MINUTES

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

5. There was submitted and noted for information, Minutes of the Doon Valley Local Committee held on 9 September 2003 (circulated).

DECENTRALISATION ISSUES

APPOINTMENT OF COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES 2003/2004 (Item 2, Page 240, 03/07)

6. It was reported and noted that (i) Mrs Ann Barclay had been nominated as a replacement for Mrs Nancy Murray, Named Substitute for Dalmellington Community Council; (ii) that Janet Findlay had resigned from Patna Community Council, which left the current position of Community Representative vacant; and (iii) that Mrs Nancy Murray had been nominated as the Named Substitute for Bellsbank Women's Project.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the nomination of Mrs Ann Barclay as the Named Substitute for Dalmellington Community Council for the period 1 April 2003 to 31 March 2004;
- (ii) to approve the nomination of Mrs Nancy Murray as the Named Substitute for Bellsbank Women's Project for the period 1 April 2003 to 31 March 2004; and
- (iii) to note the vacant positions of Community Representative and Named Substitute for Patna Community Council.

NAMING OF STREETS BY LOCAL COMMITTEES

7.1 Development at Burnton, Dalmellington

There was submitted a report dated 17 October 2003 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources which requested consideration of a name for a street within a new development at Burnton, Dalmellington.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the street within the new development at Burnton, Dalmellington be named Craigmark Wynd;
- (ii) that the Department of Homes and Technical Services be advised accordingly; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

7.2 Development off Burnton Road, Dalrymple

There was submitted a report dated 17 October 2003 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources which requested consideration of a name for a street within a new development off Burnton Road, Dalrymple.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the street within the new development off Burnton Road, Dalrymple be named Burnton Court;
- (ii) that the Department of Homes and Technical Services be advised accordingly; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

FORMER CUMNOCK AND DOON VALLEY INITIATIVE FUNDS

8. There was submitted a report dated 22 October 2003 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which updated the progress of environmental improvement projects funded from the Cumnock and Doon Valley Initiative Funds and which sought approval for the allocation of the balance of the former Cumnock and Doon Valley Initiative Funds which had been transferred to East Ayrshire Council's Development Services Account.

It was agreed to continue consideration of this item to the next meeting of the Doon Valley Local Committee, to allow further consideration, by the Director of Development Services, in consultation with Community Councils, of other project proposals within the Doon Valley which could be funded from the balance of funds available from the former Cumnock and Doon Valley Initiative Funds.

LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANTS SCHEME

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9. There was submitted reports dated 24 October 2003 and 30 October 2003 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources on the financial position in respect of Community Grants to local organisations in 2003/2004 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)
 - (a) Community Councils
Dalmellington Community Council - £1,000
 - (b) Health Issues
Cumnock and Doon Valley Mental Health Forum - £700
 - (c) Older People
Dalrymple and District Old People's Welfare Committee – a sum equivalent to a per capita payment of £4 of registered membership (£960)
 - (d) Sport
Glenafton Athletic Boys Club (92s) - £209.25
- (ii) **Applications Continued** (for the reason stated):-
 - (a) Leisure Activity

Bellsbank Women's Project – to obtain further information on the application.

MISCELLANEOUS

STRATHCLYDE POLICE REPORT

10. There was submitted a report dated 20 October 2003 (circulated) by Chief Inspector Hugh McKnight, Strathclyde Police, which advised of crime trends over the recent period.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that Chief Inspector McKnight provide Councillor Dinwoodie with details of the number of offences relating to the sale of fireworks to young people; and
- (ii) that a report be submitted to the next meeting providing an update on the number of police incidences involving fireworks within the Doon Valley area.

LOCAL ISSUES

LOCAL ISSUES FORWARD PLANNER

11. There was submitted and noted a report dated 20 October 2003 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources which provided updated information on local issues raised and, where applicable, on a timescale for reporting back to the Local Committee.

NEW LOCAL ISSUES

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

Community Representative Edward Torrance raised the issue of Road Safety on the A70 and what initiatives the Council would be implementing to improve road safety.

It was agreed that the Head of Roads and Transportation be requested to provide reports on road safety initiatives on the A70.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

13. It was agreed to adjourn the meeting at 1440 hours.

RECONVENTION OF MEETING

14. The meeting reconvened at 1450 hours.

PROPOSED WIND FARM AT KYLE FOREST

15. The Local Committee received a presentation by Helen Thomson and Colin Ormston, AMEC Wind Energy, on the proposals for a Wind Farm at Kyle Forest.

The Trainee Administrative Officer referred to the letter dated 29 October 2003, circulated to all members of the Committee by the Head of Administrative and Legal Services which advised members that whilst they were able to ask questions in order to clarify or establish factual matters, members should refrain from engaging in any

debate or discussion concerning the merits of the proposed development in terms of the Councillor's Code of Conduct.

The Committee then took the opportunity to ask questions on the proposals for the Wind Farm at Kyle Forest. Thereafter, the Chair thanked Helen Thomson and Colin Ormston for their presentation.

The meeting terminated at 1515 hours.