

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

DOON VALLEY LOCAL COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 22 MAY 2001 AT 1200 HOURS IN BELLSBANK FE WING, CRAIGLEA CRESCENT, DALMELLINGTON

PRESENT: Councillors Elaine Dinwoodie, Tommy Farrell and Robert Taylor; Community Representative Tania Garrity; and Named Substitutes Grace Garrity, Nancy Murray and Joan Wightman.

ATTENDING: John Crawford, Head of Protective Services; Julie Armstrong, Principal Administrative Officer; Margaret Phelps, Service Officer (Educational and Social Services); Alan Patterson, Senior Community Education Officer; and Ian Gemmell, Administrative Officer.

ALSO ATTENDING: Inspector Alan Golightly and Sergeant Andrew Clapperton, Strathclyde Police.

APOLOGIES: Community Representative Edward Torrance and Named Substitute William Barr.

CHAIR: Councillor Elaine Dinwoodie, Chair.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

1. It was agreed to adjourn the meeting at 1201 hours for a maximum of fifteen minutes to allow for a public question and answer session.

RECONVENTION OF MEETING

2. The meeting was reconvened at 1210 hours with the same Councillors, Community Representative, Named Substitutes and Officers present and in attendance.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

3. There were submitted and noted the Minutes of the Doon Valley Local Committee held on 27 March 2001 (circulated).

DECENTRALISATION ISSUES

APPOINTMENT OF COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES 2001/2002

4. There was submitted a report dated 4 May 2001 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources which advised of the position in respect of the nomination of Community Representatives from local organisations to serve on the Doon Valley Local Committee for the period 1 April 2001 to 31 March 2002.

The Administrative Officer reported, and it was noted, that the following nominations had been received after the issue of the report:- (a) Pupils' Representatives (Dalmellington/Patna/Dalrymple/Rankinston) - Lyndsay Kean and Substitute - Wendy Whiteford; (b) Pupils' Representative (Drongan) - Janet Campbell and Substitute Jamie McCaig; and (c) Bellsbank Women's Project Representative - Marie Williams and Substitute Joan Wightman.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to accept the following nominations for Community Representatives and Named Substitutes made by local organisations:-
 - (a) Drongan Community Council - Mr Edward Torrance and Substitute - Mr William Barr; Dalmellington Community Council - Mr John Weir and Substitute - Mrs Nancy Murray; Patna Community Council - Mrs Eileen Inglis and Substitute - nomination awaited; and Dalrymple Community Council - Ms Tania Garrity and Substitute - Mrs Grace Garrity;
 - (b) Bellsbank Women's Project - Mrs Marie Williams and Substitute - Mrs Joan Wightman;
 - (c) East Ayrshire (South) Forum on Disability - nominations awaited;
 - (d) Pupils' Representative (Dalmellington/Patna/Dalrymple/Rankinston) - Miss Lyndsay Kean and Substitute - Miss Wendy Whiteford;
 - (e) Pupils' Representative (Drongan) - Miss Janet Campbell and Substitute - Mr Jamie McCaig; and
 - (f) Peer Education Group - Miss Lorraine Kerr and Substitute - Miss Louise Dunn;
- (ii) to note the position in respect of those organisations from whom nominations were awaited; and
- (iii) to remit to the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources to make such arrangements as might be necessary to facilitate the submission of outstanding nominations for Community Representatives and Substitute Community Representatives.

COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES' ANNUAL SEMINAR WORKING GROUP

- 5. The Committee were invited to nominate a Community Representative and Substitute to serve on the Community Representatives' Annual Seminar Working Group.

It was agreed to continue consideration of this matter to the next meeting.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

STRATHCLYDE POLICE SPOTLIGHT REPORT

- 6. There was submitted and noted a report dated 8 May 2001 (circulated) by Chief Inspector Hugh McKnight, Strathclyde Police, which advised of the nature and results "Spotlight" operations, localised crime figures and ongoing initiatives over the recent period.

MISUSE OF PARKS AND OPEN SPACES

- 7. There was submitted and noted a report dated 4 May 2001 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on the current legal position with regard to the misuse of parks and open spaces, and highlighted the appropriate action that could be taken to combat this problem.

HOME COMPOSTERS

8. There was submitted and noted a report dated 8 May 2001 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which advised the Committee of a successful bid by East Ayrshire Council for Scottish Executive funding for a number of projects designed to encourage more recycling and composting, including the purchase of home composting units for subsidised resale to residents in East Ayrshire.

LOCAL ISSUES

9. 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 the subject of a future report to the Committee.

COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME

DISBURSEMENT OF GRANTS TO OLDER PEOPLE'S GROUPS 2001/2002

10. There was submitted a report dated 17 May 2001 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources which set out the options available to the Local Committee for dealing with applications for Community Grants from older people's groups during the 2001/2002 financial year.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to continue with the practice, as adopted in previous years, of applying a per capita formula to grants to older people's organisations, including those affiliated to Age Concern, in respect of outings and Christmas parties, the per capita maximum during the current financial year to be £4.00; and
- (ii) that applications from older people's groups for grants to assist with other projects be considered on their merits.

LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANTS SCHEME 2001/2002

11. There was submitted a report dated 17 May 2001 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources 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 on the application):-

- (a) Disability

Cumnock and Doon Valley Deaf Club - £700.00;

East Ayrshire South Forum on Disability - £465.00;

Cumnock and Doon Valley Access Panel - £186.00;

South East Ayrshire Disabled Club - £1,000.00;

Cumnock and Doon Valley Independent Living Group - £459.00

Bonnie Doon PHAB Club - £2,800.00

The Thursday Club (Doon Valley Parents Support Group) - £400.00

(b) Early Education and Childcare

Dalmellington Mother and Toddlers Group - £300.00

Happy Hens, Drongan - £450.00

(c) Leisure Activities

Drongan and District Horticultural Society - £300

(d) Older People

Drongan Old People's Welfare Association - A sum equivalent to a per capita payment of £4.00 of registered membership;

Patna and District Age Concern - A sum equivalent to a per capita payment of £4.00 of registered membership;

Patna Over 60s - £500.00

(e) Women's Issues

East Ayrshire Women's Aid Cumnock and Doon Valley - £513.33;

(ii) **Applications Refused** (for the reasons as stated):-

(a) Arts and Cultural

Dalmellington Band – to remit to the Depute Chief Executive to investigate whether the application should be considered by the Policy and Resources Committee of the Council.

(b) Ethnic Minorities

Asian Culture Group - as the group was not active in the Doon Valley area.

(c) Young People

Dalrymple Boys and Girls Football Club – to suggest that the group apply to the Cumnock and Doon Valley Minerals Trust for grant funding in respect of this project.

Ayrshire South Guide Association – as the equipment to be purchased under the project would be kept and used outwith the Local Committee's area.

The meeting terminated at 1301 hours.

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