

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

DOON VALLEY LOCAL COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 21 MAY 2002 AT 1400 HOURS IN DRONGAN COMMUNITY CENTRE, MILLMANNOCH AVENUE, DRONGAN

PRESENT: Councillors Elaine Dinwoodie, Tommy Farrell and Elaine Stewart; Community Representatives Edward Torrance and Tony Foote; and Named Substitutes William Barr and George McCaig.

ATTENDING: John Crawford, Head of Protective Services; John Bryson, Area Engineer, Roads (Development Services); Julie Armstrong, Principal Administrative Officer; Billy McDowall, Team Leader (Educational and Social Services); and Lynn Chapman, Trainee Administrative Officer.

ALSO ATTENDING: Inspector Ramsay McArthur and Andrew Clapperton, both Strathclyde Police.

APOLOGIES: Community Representatives Grace Garrity, Irene Rowan and Ross Fleming; and Named Substitutes Nancy Murray and Susan Stevenson.

CHAIR: Councillor Elaine Dinwoodie, Chair.

CHAIR'S REMARKS

1. The Chair welcomed Councillor Elaine Stewart, newly elected Member for Ward 31, to the Doon Valley Local Committee.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

2. It was agreed to adjourn the meeting at 1401 hours for a maximum of 15 minutes to allow a public question and answer session.

RECONVENTION OF MEETING

3. The meeting reconvened at 1412 hours with the same Councillors, Community Representatives and Named Substitutes and Officers present and in attendance.

MINUTES

4. There were submitted and noted (circulated) for information, Minutes of the Doon Valley Local Committee held on 19 March 2002.

LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANTS SCHEME

LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANTS SCHEME - INTRODUCTION OF NEW ASSESSMENT FORM/LOCAL COMMITTEE REPORT

5. There was submitted a report dated 24 April 2002 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources which introduced the new assessment form which would form the basis of the Local Committee Report on grants, which would commence from this cycle of Local Committees.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the introduction of the new assessment form/Committee report; and

- (ii) to note that the new process would be reviewed after an operational period, when the views of the Local Committee would be invited.

DISBURSEMENT OF GRANTS TO OLDER PEOPLE'S GROUPS 2002/2003

6. There was submitted a report dated 7 May 2002 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources which set out the options available to the Doon Valley Local Committee for dealing with applications for Community Grants for Older People's Groups during the 2002/2003 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; and
- (ii) that applications from Older People's groups for grants to assist with other individual projects be considered on their merits.

LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANTS SCHEME 2002/2003

7. There were submitted reports dated 10 May 2002 and 20 May 2002 (both circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources on the financial position in respect of Community Grants to local organisations for 2002/2003, together with individual assessment reports in respect of applications received.

It was agreed as follows:-

- (i) **Applications Approved** (for the purpose stated on the application)
 - (a) Arts and Cultural
Droangan and District Horticultural Society - £300
Dalmellington Amateur Gardening Association - £350
 - (b) Community Associations
Rankinston Fun Day - £700 (but that the grant not be used for publicity of the event)
 - (c) Community Councils
Patna Community Council - £1,000
 - (d) Disability
Doon Valley Parents Support Group - £300
Cumnock and Doon Valley Access Panel - £400
PHABS R US - £336
 - (e) Early Education and Childcare
Happy Hens - £300
 - (f) Leisure Activities
Outdoor Opportunities - £70

(g) Older People

Drongan Old People's Welfare Association - a sum equivalent to a per capita payment of £4 of registered membership (£2,204)

Patna and District Age Concern - a sum equivalent to a per capita payment of £4 of registered membership (£1,620)

(h) Sport

Doon Valley Raft and Canoe Race - £750

Doon Valley Swimming Club - £150

(i) Young People

East Ayrshire Women's Aid - £333 agreed in principle, and that it be remitted to the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources, in consultation with the Chair, to investigate whether core funding from the Social Work Committee could cover this expenditure in future years.

(ii) **Applications Refused** (for the reasons as stated)(a) Leisure Activities

Dalmellington Band - as the group receive funding from the Community Services Committee and the Members Services and Civic Ceremonial Sub-Committee;

33rd Ayrshire (Dalmellington) Scout Group - that the nature of the project and the level of funding required was such that the Committee were of the view that a more appropriate source of funding should be investigated and that the group be advised to apply to the Cumnock and Doon Valley Minerals Trust for grant funding in respect of this project.

(b) Older People

Patna 50+ Group - as funding has been given to local Age Concern group on a per capita basis.

(c) Sport

Doon Valley Cricket Club - that the nature of the project and the level of funding required was such that the Committee were of the view that a more appropriate source of funding should be investigated and that the group be advised to apply to the Cumnock and Doon Valley Minerals Trust for grant funding in respect of this project.

(d) Young People

South Ayrshire Guide Association - as individual local guide groups be supported rather than the umbrella group.

(iii) **Applications Continued** (for the reasons stated)(a) Disability

South East Ayrshire Disabled Club - (i) to enable new quotes to be received for craft equipment and (ii) to obtain further information in connection with the outing to Belfast.

Bonnie Doon Phab Club - to obtain further information on the recommended amount.

Cumnock and Doon Valley Deaf Club - in order to ascertain the funding granted by the Cumnock Area Local Committee as at present, there were no members residing within the Doon Valley Area.

LUG - to ascertain whether the group had any links with previous organisations operating within the Area.

Cumnock and Doon Valley Independent Living and Friendship Group - (i) to ascertain whether there were any links with the South East Ayrshire Disabled Club and (ii) whether Social Work Section 10 grant funding could be utilised.

East Ayrshire (South) Forum on Disability - (i) to ascertain whether there were any links with the South East Ayrshire Disabled Club and (ii) whether Social Work Section 10 grant funding could be utilised.

It was also agreed that assessing officers from each Department be asked to attend future Doon Valley Local Committees to speak to the grant reports submitted.

DECENTRALISATION ISSUES

APPOINTMENT OF COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES 2002-2003 (Item 4, page 2547, 99/02)

8. There was submitted a report dated 3 May 2002 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources which advised of the current position of Community Representatives on the Doon Valley Local Committee during the period 1 April 2002 to 31 March 2003.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to accept the nomination of Mr John Weir as Community Representative and Mrs Nancy Murray as Named Substitute for Dalmellington Community Council, and Louise Dunn as Community Representative and Jodie McGuire as Named Substitute for the Peer Education Group; and
- (ii) that the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources continue to pursue nominations for the vacant positions.

COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES ANNUAL SEMINAR WORKING GROUP

9. 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 write to the Community Councils seeking nominations to serve on the Community Representatives Annual Seminar Working Group.

TRAINING FOR COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES AND SUBSTITUTE REPRESENTATIVES

10. There was submitted a report dated 10 April 2002 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources which proposed arrangements for training sessions for Community Representatives and their respective Substitutes.

It was agreed that any Community Representative or Substitute who wished to attend either of the training sessions indicated in Paragraph 3.1 of the report, should contact George Weir, Training and Development Officer.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

STRATHCLYDE POLICE "SPOTLIGHT" REPORT

- 11.** There was submitted and noted a report dated 7 May 2002 (circulated) by Chief Inspector Hugh McKnight, Strathclyde Police, which advised of "Spotlight" activity and other crime trends for the period.

The Committee also heard a verbal report by Inspector Ramsay McArthur updating the Committee on local crime statistics for the April period.

Community Representative Edward Torrance raised the issue of incidences of dog fouling in the Drongan area.

It was noted that the Head of Protective Services would raise the matter again with the Police Liaison Officer and also that Community Representatives should write to the Head of Protective Services advising of any known offenders in the Drongan area.

LOCAL ISSUES

- 12.1** There was submitted and noted a report dated 3 April 2002 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources on local issues raised and where applicable, the timescale for reporting back to the Local Committee.

- 12.2** Community Representatives were invited to raise any items of interest for inclusion on a future Agenda.

Community Representative Tony Foote raised the issue of the drainage problems within the football pitch at Rankinston.

It was noted that the Head of Protective Services would investigate the matter concerning the football pitch and inform Mr Foote accordingly.

The meeting terminated at 1502 hours.

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