

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

DOON VALLEY LOCAL COMMITTEE

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 3 JUNE 2003 AT 1400 HRS
IN RANKINSTON COMMUNITY CENTRE, LITTLEMILL PLACE, RANKINSTON**

PRESENT: Councillors Elaine Stewart, Tommy Farrell and Elaine Dinwoodie; Community Representatives Edward Torrance, John Weir, Grace Garrity, Tony Foote, Adam Frew, and Andrew McCurdie; and Named Substitutes William Barr, Nancy Murray, George McCaig and Shona McLeod.

ATTENDING: John Bryson, Area Engineer, Roads and Transportation Division; Melvin Griffin, External Funding and Sustainability Officer; Anne Marie Carr, Senior Administrative Officer; Stephen Dodd, Community Learning and Development; and Lynn Chapman, Trainee Administrative Officer.

ALSO ATTENDING: Chief Inspector Jim Thomson and Sergeant Andrew Clapperton, Strathclyde Police.

APOLOGY: Community Representative Janet Findlay.

CHAIR: Councillor Elaine Stewart, Chair.

CHAIR'S REMARKS

1. The Chair welcomed newly appointed Community Representatives and Named Substitutes to the Doon Valley Local Committee.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING:

TO ALLOW FOR PUBLIC QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION

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

RECONVENTION OF MEETING

3. The meeting reconvened at 1405 hrs with the same Councillors, Community Representatives, Named Substitutes and Officers present and in attendance.

MINUTES

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

4. There was submitted and noted for information, Minutes of the Doon Valley Local Committee held on 25 March 2003 (circulated).

4.1 Matters Arising

4.1.1 Disbursement of Grants to Older People's Groups 2003/2004

Having heard the Senior Administrative Officer, the Committee affirmed the decision taken at the Doon Valley Local Committee held on 25 March 2003 as follows:-

- (i) to continue with the practice, as adopted in previous years, when 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 financial year to be £4.00; and

- (ii) that applications from Older People's Groups for grants to assist with other individual projects can be considered on their merits.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

STRATHCLYDE POLICE SPOTLIGHT REPORT

- 5. There was submitted and noted a report dated 19 May 2003 (circulated) by Superintendent Hugh McKnight, Strathclyde Police, which advised of the "spotlight" activity and other crime trends over the recent period.

LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANTS SCHEME

LOCAL COMMITTEE COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME - ALLOCATION FOR 2003/2004

- 6. There was submitted a report dated 27 May 2003 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources which advised (i) of the grant allocation for 2003/2004; and (ii) the grant spend for the financial year 2001/2002 and 2002/2003.

It was agreed:

- (i) to note that the Community Grant allocation for the Committee for 2003/2004 was £25,048;
- (ii) to note the Community Grant spend for the last two financial years, 2001/2002 and 2002/2003 as detailed in the Appendix to the report; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANTS SCHEME 2003/2004

- 7. There were submitted reports dated 23 May 2003 and 29 May 2003 (both circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources on the financial position in respect of Community Grants to 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 application), viz:-**
 - (a) Arts and Cultural
Dalmellington Amateur Gardening Association - £350
 - (b) Community Council
Patna Community Council - £1,000
 - (c) Disability
South East Ayrshire Disabled Club - (i) an interim award of £1,500; (ii) a further £716.20 agreed in principle, subject to clarification on the number of weeks during the year that the group use Dalmellington Community Centre; and (iii) that it be remitted to the Depute Chief

Executive/Director of Corporate Resources, in consultation with the Chair, to release payment subject to (ii) above;

Cumnock and Doon Valley Independent Living and Friendship Group - £75;

East Ayrshire (South) Forum on Disability - £650, subject to an award being made by the Cumnock Area Local Committee;

Bonnie Doon PHAB Club - £1,500;

(d) Health Issues

Dalmellington Self Help Group - £700;

(e) Older People

Bellsbank Senior Citizens - a sum equivalent to a per capita payment of £4 of registered membership (£184);

Patna Age Concern - a sum equivalent to a per capita payment of £4 of registered membership (£1,600);

(f) Sport

Glenafton Boys Club (95s) - £534, subject to the following conditions (i) once affiliated to the league (August 2003) team insurance be put in place; and (ii) the group's bank account is amended to state Account No 1 and not No 2, and that this is forwarded to the Administration Manager.

Glenafton Boys Club (92s) - £617;

Doon Valley Raft and Canoe Race - £800;

(g) Women's Issues

Happy Hens - £450;

(h) Young People

East Ayrshire Women's Aid - £481, subject to an award being made by the Cumnock Area Local Committee; and

The Six O'clock Club - £750;

(ii) Applications Refused (for the reason as stated), viz:-

(a) Young People

Girlguiding Ayrshire South - application refused on the basis that the Local Committee wished to support locally based guide groups rather than the umbrella organisation.

EDUCATIONAL AND SOCIAL SERVICES

COMMUNITY LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT

8. There was submitted and noted a report dated 9 May 2003 (circulated) by the Director of Educational and Social Services which informed of the response by the Council to the Scottish Executive Consultation Document, "Working and Learning Together to Build Stronger Communities: Community Learning and Development

Working Draft Guidance" and of the change in name of the Service known as Support to Communities to Community Learning and Development.

DECENTRALISATION ISSUES

APPOINTMENT OF COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES 2003-2004

9. There was submitted a report dated 12 May 2003 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources which updated the Committee on the current position regarding community representation on the Doon Valley Local Committee during the period 1 April 2003 to 31 March 2004.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the nominations received to date for Community Representatives and Named Substitutes from the following local community organisations for the period 1 April 2003 to 31 March 2004; and
- (ii) that the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources continue to pursue nominations for the vacant positions for those community organisations 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
East Ayrshire (South) Forum on Disability	William Frew	George Wallace
Patna Community Council	Mrs Janet Findlay	No nomination
Peer Education Group	Ms Louise Dunn	Ms Jodie McGuire
Pupil's Representative (Dalmellington/Patna/ Rankinston)	Andrew McCurdie	Kylie Filson
Pupil's Representative (Drongan)	Adam Frew	Shona McLeod

<u>COMMUNITY ORGANISATION</u>	<u>COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE</u>	<u>SUBSTITUTE COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE</u>
Rankinston Community Association/Rankinston Old People's Welfare Association	Tony Foote	George McCaig

**MEETINGS OF DOON VALLEY LOCAL COMMITTEE:
PERIOD UNTIL 19 DECEMBER 2003**

10. There was submitted a report dated 12 May 2003 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources which advised of the dates on which meetings of the Local Committee were scheduled to take place during the period until 19 December 2003 and which invited the Committee to determine the venues at which each of these meetings should be held.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the Committee meetings be held at the undernoted venues:

<u>Day and Date</u>	<u>Venue</u>
Tuesday 9 September 2003	Drongan Community Centre
Tuesday 4 November 2003	Patna Community Centre

- (ii) to keep under review the feasibility of using Dalrymple Community Centre as a Local Committee venue; and
- (iii) to investigate the feasibility of using Dalrymple Primary School as a venue for future meetings of the Doon Valley Local Committee.

COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES ANNUAL SEMINAR WORKING GROUP

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

It was agreed that William Barr be nominated to represent the Local Committee on the Annual Seminar Working Group.

LOCAL ISSUES

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

Community Representative Edward Torrance raised the issue of graffiti within the Doon Valley area and the costs associated to the Council.

It was agreed to request a report from the Department of Community Services on the methods and costs involved in attempts to remove graffiti.

The meeting terminated at 1456 hours.