

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

DOON VALLEY LOCAL COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 29 JANUARY 2002 AT 1400 HOURS IN DALMELLINGTON COMMUNITY CENTRE, AYR ROAD, DALMELLINGTON

PRESENT: Councillors Elaine Dinwoodie, Robert Taylor and Tommy Farrell; and Named Substitutes Grace Garrity, Nancy Murray and George Wallace.

ATTENDING: John Griffiths, Head of Leisure Services; Alistair Wyper, Chief Engineer (Roads); Robert McCulloch, Outdoor Amenities Manager; Kerr Chalmers, Senior Engineer (Roads); Robert Robb, Recycling Officer; Billy McDowall, Team Leader (Support to Communities); Julie Armstrong, Principal Administrative Officer; and Lynn Chapman, Trainee Administrative Officer.

ALSO ATTENDING: Sergeant Andrew Clapperton, Strathclyde Police; Sergeant James Richmond, Strathclyde Police; and Superintendent the Jim Thomson, Strathclyde Police.

APOLOGIES: Community Representatives Eileen Inglis, John Weir, Edward Torrance and Mairi Williams; and Named Substitute William Barr.

CHAIR: Councillor Elaine Dinwoodie, Chair.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

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

RECONVENTION OF MEETING

2. The meeting reconvened at 1415 hours with the same Councillors, Community Representatives, Named Substitutes and Officers present and in attendance.

MINUTES

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

3. There was submitted and noted (circulated) for information, Minutes of the Doon Valley Local Committee held on 5 November 2001.

DECENTRALISATION ISSUES

RECRUITMENT OF COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES 2002/2003

4. There was submitted a report dated 7 January 2002 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources which invited the Local Committee to consider and determine certain matters in order to facilitate arrangements for the recruitment of Community Representatives to serve on the Local Committee for the period 1 April 2002 to 31 March 2003.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the present community representation as detailed in Appendix I;

- (ii) that the organisational sectors be:-
- Drongan Community Council
 - Dalmellington Community Council
 - Patna Community Council
 - Dalrymple Community Council
 - Bellsbank Women's Project
 - East Ayrshire (South) Forum on Disability
 - Pupils' Representative (Drongan/Rankinston)
 - Pupils' Representative (Dalmellington/Patna/Dalrymple)
 - Rankinston Community Association/Rankinston Old People's Welfare Association (joint nomination)
 - Peer Education Group; and
- (iii) that it be remitted to the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources to initiate the process of the submission of new nominations for Community Representatives and Named Substitutes by the relevant organisations, to serve during the period 1 April 2002 to 31 March 2003 and to make such arrangements as might be necessary to facilitate this process.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

PLAYPARK PROVISION

5. There was submitted and noted a report dated 27 December 2001 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on the Council's proposals to upgrade playpark provision across East Ayrshire and which sought comments on the proposals specifically relating to the Local Committee area.

JUST BIN IT CAMPAIGN 2002

6. There was submitted a report dated 11 January 2002 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which advised the Local Committee of the Just Bin It Campaign 2002.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note that the Council wished to build on the success of previous clean-up campaigns;
- (ii) to support the Officers Working Group in improving links with community organisations with an interest in improving the quality of their local environment;
- (iii) that Robert Robb, Recycling Officer, investigate the feasibility of providing appropriate gloves for children; and
- (iv) otherwise to note the report.

STRATHCLYDE POLICE SPOTLIGHT REPORT

7. There was submitted and noted a report dated 18 January 2002 (circulated) by Chief Inspector Hugh McKnight, Strathclyde Police which advised of the nature and result of the "Spotlight" operations and localised crime figures over the recent period.

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

ADVISORY 20 MPH SPEED LIMITS (TWENTY'S PLENTY)

8. There was submitted a report dated 19 December 2001 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which (i) advised of the results of a national trial programme of advisory 20 mph speed limits in residential areas; (ii) intimated that authorisation had been sought from the Scottish Executive to maintain the advisory 20 mph speed limits on the 3 trial sites in East Ayrshire; and (iii) sought suggestions from the Local Committee for possible 20 mph zones to be investigated and considered for future works programmes.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the findings of the national advisory 20 mph speed limit trials and that the 3 sites in East Ayrshire were considered a success; and
- (ii) to note that suggestions for potential 20 mph zones be submitted by 22 March 2002 to the Director of Development Services.

2002/2003 PROGRAMME OF STRUCTURAL MAINTENANCE OF ROADS AND FOOTWAYS

9. There was submitted a report dated 9 January 2002 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which advised of the 2002/2003 Roads and Footways Structural Maintenance Programmes for "inescapable" schemes approved by the Development Services Committee and which sought the Committee's approval of the "highly desirable" schemes for the structural maintenance of footways or "desirable" options.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the 2002/2003 Roads and Footways Structural Maintenance Programmes for "inescapable" schemes approved by the Development Services Committee;
- (ii) to approve the "highly desirable" schemes for the structural maintenance of footways; and
- (iii) to note any reduction in the anticipated budget would be accommodated by the Head of Roads and Transportation by reducing the programmes in an equitable manner.

LOCAL COMMITTEE COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME

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10. There was submitted a report dated 10 January 2002 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources, together with a summary statement relative to outstanding applications for Community Grants received from local organisations.

It was agreed as follows:-

- (i) Older People
Good Companions Club - £132.33

(ii) Young People

1st Patna Guides - £500.00

LOCAL ISSUES

10.1 LOCAL ISSUES

There was submitted and noted a report dated 14 January 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.

10.2 NEW LOCAL ISSUES

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 subject of a future report to the Committee.

The meeting terminated at 1500 hours.

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