

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

DOON VALLEY LOCAL COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 28 JANUARY 2003 AT 1400 HOURS 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 and Irene Rowan; and Named Substitute Nancy Murray.

ATTENDING: John F Crawford, Head of Protective Services; Julie Armstrong, Assistant Administration Manager; John Bryson, Area Engineer, Roads Division; Sandra Marshall, Project Development Officer (Development Services); Janice Harrison, Team Leader (Support to Communities); and Lynn Chapman, Trainee Administrative Officer.

ALSO ATTENDING: Chief Inspector Hugh McKnight, Strathclyde Police.

APOLOGIES: Community Representative Ross Fleming; and Named Substitutes William Barr and George McCaig.

CHAIR: Councillor Elaine Stewart, Chair.

ROAD SAFETY IN EAST AYRSHIRE

1. The Committee received a video presentation on Road Safety entitled "Cameras Cut Crashes" by Strathclyde Safety Camera Partnership.

The Chair invited comments on the presentation.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING: TO ALLOW FOR PUBLIC QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION

2. It was agreed to adjourn the meeting at 1411 hours for a maximum of 15 minutes to allow a public question and answer session.

RECONVENTION OF MEETING

3. The meeting reconvened at 1417 hours with the same Councillors, Community Representatives and Named Substitute, 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 5 November 2002.

DECENTRALISATION ISSUES

RECRUITMENT OF COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES 2003-2004

5. There was submitted a report dated 13 January 2003 (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 2003 to 31 March 2004.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the present Community Representation as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report;
- (ii) that the organisational sectors be:-
 - Drongan Community Council
 - Dalmellington Community Council
 - Patna Community Council
 - Dalrymple Community Council
 - Bellsbank Women's Project
 - Peer Education Group
 - East Ayrshire (South) Forum on Disability
 - Pupils' Representative (Drongan)
 - Pupils' Representative (Dalmellington/Patna/Rankinston)
 - Rankinston Community Association/Rankinston Old People's Welfare Association (joint nomination); and
- (iii) that it be remitted to the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources to invite the process of the submission of new nominations for Community Representatives and Named Substitutes for the relevant organisations, to serve during the period 1 April 2003 to 31 March 2004 and to make such arrangements as might be necessary to facilitate this process.

VENUE FOR NEXT MEETING

6. The Trainee Administrative Officer reported that the next meeting of the Local Committee to be held on 25 March 2003 would take place in Dalmellington Community Centre, Ayr Road, Dalmellington.

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

2003-2004 PROGRAMME OF STRUCTURAL MAINTENANCE OF ROADS AND FOOTWAYS

7. There was submitted a report dated 13 January 2003 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which advised of the 2003-2004 Roads and Footways Structural Maintenance Programmes for "inescapable" schemes approved by the Development Services Committee and which sought approval for the "highly desirable" schemes for Structural Maintenance of Footways or "desirable" options.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the 2003-2004 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 that any reduction in the anticipated budget would be accommodated by the Head of Roads and Transportation by reducing the programmes in an equitable manner.

FUNDING OF A FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR A SHOPMOBILITY SCHEME BASED IN KILMARNOCK

8. There was submitted a report dated 15 January 2003 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which advised of the work undertaken to implement the funding of a feasibility study for a Shopmobility scheme based in Kilmarnock.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note that Local Committee Members with a personal interest in Shopmobility, or who wished to act on behalf of any individual, should contact Council Officers for more information; and
- (ii) to note the contents of the report.

EDUCATIONAL AND SOCIAL SERVICES

2003 ANNUAL REVIEW OF “INSPIRING CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE”

9. There was submitted and noted a report dated 16 December 2002 (circulated) by the Director of Educational and Social Services which advised of the Annual Review of “Inspiring Children and Young People”, East Ayrshire Council’s Children and Young Persons’ Service Plan, and which sought comments from the Local Committee which might inform the process.

LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANTS SCHEME

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10. There were submitted reports dated 17 January 2003 and 22 January 2003 (both circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources on the financial position in respect of Community Grants to organisations in 2002-2003, 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), viz:-
 - (a) Disability
 - (i) Cumnock and Doon Valley Access Panel - £387
 - (b) Health
 - (i) Carers Support Group - £125
 - (c) Older People
 - (i) Dalmellington Senior Citizens - £125

MISCELLANEOUS

STRATHCLYDE POLICE SPOTLIGHT REPORT

11. There was submitted and noted a report dated 13 January 2003 (circulated) by Chief Inspector Hugh McKnight, Strathclyde Police, which advised of crime trends within the area.

LOCAL ISSUES

NEW LOCAL ISSUES

12. 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.

The meeting terminated at 1438 hours.