

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

DOON VALLEY LOCAL COMMITTEE

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 27 MARCH 2001 AT 1400 HOURS
IN DRONGAN COMMUNITY CENTRE, MILMANNOCH AVENUE, DRONGAN**

PRESENT: Councillors Elaine Dinwoodie and Robert Taylor; Community Representatives Edward Torrance, John Weir, Joan Wightman, Tony Foote, Tania Garrity; and Named Substitutes William Barr and Grace Garrity.

ATTENDING: John Crawford, Head of Protective Services; Margaret Phelps, Service Officer, Social Work; Steven Sheach, Service Officer, Social Work; and Ian Gemmell, Administrative Officer.

ALSO ATTENDING: Chief Inspector Hugh McKnight, Strathclyde Police.

APOLOGIES: Councillor Tommy Farrell; and Community Representative Eileen Inglis.

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 was reconvened at 1403 hours with the same Councillors, Community Representatives and 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 30 January 2001 (circulated).

DECENTRALISATION ISSUES

RECRUITMENT OF COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES 2001/2002

4. There was submitted a report dated 23 March 2001 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources which requested the Committee to complete the selection of local organisations to be invited to nominate Community Representatives and Named Substitutes to serve on the Local Committee for the period 1 April 2001 to 31 March 2002.

It was agreed to invite the Peer Education Group to appoint a Community Representative and Substitute, in order to fill the final organisational place on the Local Committee.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

CONTROL OF DOG FOULING

5. There was submitted a report dated 1 March 2001 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which provided an update on measures available to the Council to deal with dog fouling.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the locality in which dog fouling control measures would be carried out in the Doon Valley area be Patna; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

STRATHCLYDE POLICE SPOTLIGHT REPORT

6. There was submitted and noted a report dated 12 March 2001 (circulated) by Chief Inspector Hugh McKnight advising of the nature and results of "Spotlight" operations, local crime figures and on-going initiatives over the recent period and advising of forthcoming initiatives.

Chief Inspector McKnight provided additional information on local crime statistics and this was noted.

EDUCATIONAL AND SOCIAL SERVICES

DRAFT CHILD AND YOUNG PERSON'S CHARTER OF RIGHTS

7. There was submitted a report dated 21 February 2001 (circulated) by the Director of Educational and Social Services on the history and development of East Ayrshire Council's Draft Child and Young Person's Charter of Rights, upon which the Committee's views were sought as an essential part of the community consultation process.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that Community Representatives would consult with their relevant organisations to provide consultation comments, suggestions and recommendations on the proposed Charter of Child and Young Person's Rights to John Butler, Service Officer, Quality and Planning, Educational and Social Services, Civic Centre South, John Dickie Street, Kilmarnock, KA1 1BY, by 23 April 2001; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

A FRAMEWORK FOR MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES IN SCOTLAND: PROGRESS REPORT ON JOINT MENTAL HEALTH STRATEGIES

8. There was submitted and noted a report dated 9 January 2001 (circulated) by the Director of Educational and Social Services updating the Local Committee on the progress made in implementing the Mental Health Strategy for Adults and the Strategy for People with Dementia and Older People with Mental Health Difficulties, both covering the period 1999-2004.

EAST AYRSHIRE JOINT COMMUNITY CARE PLAN 2001-2004

9. There was submitted a report dated 12 March 2001 (circulated) by the Director of Educational and Social Services to consult the Local Committee Members over the contents of the East Ayrshire Joint Community Care Plan 2001-2004, and overall strategic direction of Community Care Services in the ensuing three years.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to endorse the strategic direction of the Plan as being relevant to the needs of service users and carers in the local area; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANTS SCHEME

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11. There was submitted a report dated 23 March 2001 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources which outlined the financial position with respect to community grants for the period 2000/2001, 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), viz:-
 - (a) Arts and Cultural
 - (i) Drongan and District Canine Society - £500.00;
 - (b) Community Associations
 - (i) Rankinston Community Association Storage Project - £600.00;
 - (c) Leisure
 - (i) Patna Community Council Gala Day - £1,200.00; and
 - (ii) Bellsbank Community Café Group - £300.00.

ALLOCATION FOR 2001/2002 AND SETTING PRIORITIES

12. There was submitted a report dated 13 March 2001 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources (i) to advise the Local Committee of the grant allocation for 2001/2002; (ii) to advise the Local Committee of the grant spend for the last two financial years; and (iii) to provide the Committee with an opportunity for setting local priorities for grant funding within their area.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note that the community grant allocation for the Committee for 2001/2002 was £23,522.00;
- (ii) not to set local priorities in respect of the grant allocation for the forthcoming financial year but to deal with each application on its merits as it was received; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

The meeting terminated at 1458 hours.