

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

DOON VALLEY LOCAL COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 10 SEPTEMBER 2002 AT 1400 HOURS IN PATNA COMMUNITY CENTRE, DOONSIDE AVENUE, PATNA

PRESENT: Councillors Elaine Stewart, Tommy Farrell and Elaine Dinwoodie; and Community Representatives: John Weir and Grace Garrity; and Named Substitutes: William Barr, George McCaig and Heather MacColl.

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

ALSO ATTENDING: Chief Inspector Hugh McKnight, Strathclyde Police.

APOLOGIES: Community Representatives Edward Torrance, Tony Foote, Irene Rowan and Ross Fleming; and Named Substitute Nancy Murray.

CHAIR: Councillor Elaine Stewart, Chair.

ADDITIONAL ITEM

**APPOINTMENT OF COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES 2002/2003
(Item 8, Page 2591, 99/02)**

1. The Chair agreed that the additional item be considered at the beginning of the meeting.

It was reported that Miss Heather MacColl had been put forward as the Named Substitute for the Pupils' Representative for Dalmellington, Patna and Rankinston.

It was agreed to accept the nomination of Miss Heather MacColl as the Named Substitute for the Pupils' Representative for Dalmellington, Patna and Rankinston for the period 1 April 2002 to 31 March 2003.

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 1410 hours with the same Councillors, Community Representatives and Named Substitutes and Officers present and in attendance.

MINUTES

4. There was submitted and noted (circulated) for information, Minutes of the Doon Valley Local Committee held on 21 May 2002.

DECENTRALISATION

VENUE FOR NEXT MEETING

5. The Trainee Administrative Officer reported that the next meeting of the Local Committee to be held on Tuesday 5 November 2002 at 1400 hours would be held in Bellsbank FE Wing, Bellsbank, Dalmellington, and after formal approval of the Meetings Calendar at the Council Meeting in December 2002, a further report would be submitted giving details of times and dates and requesting approval of venues for meetings of the Local Committee up until early Summer 2003.

It was agreed to note that the next meeting of the Local Committee would be held within Bellsbank FE Wing on Tuesday 5 November 2002 at 1400 hours and that a further report would be submitted with regard to future meetings of the Local Committee.

LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANTS SCHEME

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6. There were submitted reports dated 12 August 2002 and 5 September 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 as stated on the application), viz:-
- (a) Arts and Cultural
 - (i) Dalrymple Handicraft Club - £200.00;
 - (b) Community Councils
 - (i) Dalmellington Community Council - £350.00;
 - (c) Community Safety
 - (i) East Ayrshire (South) Against Crime - £250.00;
 - (d) Disability
 - (i) Cumnock and Doon Valley Deaf Club - £300.00;
 - (ii) South East Ayrshire Disabled Club - £1,000.00, subject to a satisfactory completed financial assistance progress report for financial year 2001/2002;
 - (iii) Cumnock and Doon Valley Independent Living and Friendship Group - £300.00 agreed in principle, (i) subject to a satisfactory completed financial assistance progress report for financial year 2001/2002 and subject to clarification of the duplication of Members within the East Ayrshire (South) Forum on Disability; and (ii) that it be remitted to the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources, in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair, to release payment subject to (i) above;

- (iv) LUG - £136.00;
- (v) Bonnie Doon PHAB Club - £500.00;
- (e) Health Issues
 - (i) St Andrew's Ambulance - Doon Valley Corp - £300.00;
- (f) Older People
 - (i) Dalrymple and District Old People's Welfare Committee - a sum equivalent to a per capita payment of £4.00 of registered membership (£1,008.00);
- (g) Sport
 - (i) Glenafton Athletic Boys Club - £238.00;
- (h) Young People
 - (i) Doon Academy School Board - Noted £500.00 awarded through Delegated Authority;
- (ii) **Applications Refused** (for the reasons stated), viz:-
 - (a) Health Issues
 - (i) Dalmellington Self Help Group - it was agreed that no further contribution be made as £500.00 had already been awarded through delegated authority;
 - (b) Leisure Activities
 - (i) Drongan and District Canine Society - as the Group had received funding from the Cumnock and Doon Valley Minerals Trust; and
 - (c) Women's Issues
 - (i) Women for Equality - inappropriate use of Community Grant funding as Community Grants provide assistance to community based projects that are in interests of local areas or environment, and the Council cannot support what is in effect, a private court case;
- (iii) **Applications Continued** (for the reasons stated), viz:-
 - (a) Disability
 - (i) East Ayrshire (South) Forum on Disability - to ascertain whether there are any links with South East Ayrshire Disabled Club and Cumnock and Doon Valley Independent Living and Friendship Group;
 - (b) Leisure Activity
 - (i) Drongan Miners Welfare Bowling Club - to obtain further information;
- (iv) **Applications Deferred**
 - (a) Older People
 - (i) Rankinston Old People's Welfare Association - awaiting further information.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

MEMBERSHIP OF EAST AYRSHIRE COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM

7. There was submitted a report dated 15 August 2002 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which sought nominations of a Community Representative and Substitute Representative for membership of the East Ayrshire Community Safety Forum.

It was agreed that any nominations should be forwarded to the Department of Corporate Resources.

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

TIMBER TRANSPORT

8. There was submitted a report dated 26 August 2002 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which advised of the development in relation to timber transport in Ayrshire, in particular the workings of the Ayrshire Timber Transport Group and which sought comments on the Draft Ayrshire Agreed Routes Map for Timber Haulage.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the work of the Ayrshire Timber Transport Group and national groups to minimise the impact of increased timber transport on the road network; and
- (ii) that any comments on the Draft Ayrshire Agreed Routes Map for Timber Haulage be forwarded to the Head of Roads and Transportation by 15 October 2002.

MISCELLANEOUS

STRATHCLYDE POLICE SPOTLIGHT REPORT

9. There was submitted and noted a report dated 19 August 2002 (circulated) by Chief Inspector Hugh McKnight, Strathclyde Police, which advised of crime trends within the area.

Named Substitute George McCaig raised the issue of vehicles speeding into the entrance to the village of Rankinston.

It was noted that Chief Inspector Hugh McKnight would raise the matter with the Traffic Management Division at Ayr.

Councillor Farrell asked whether any further action had been taken on the Advisory 20mph Speed Limit (Twenty's Plenty) which was reported at the Doon Valley Local Committee on 29 January 2002.

It was noted that the Principal Administrative Officer, would raise this matter with the Roads Department and report back to Councillor Farrell.

LOCAL ISSUES

10.1 LOCAL ISSUES

There was submitted and noted a report dated 28 August 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 1459 hours.