

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**DOON VALLEY LOCAL COMMITTEE****MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 9 SEPTEMBER 2003 AT
1400 HOURS IN DRONGAN COMMUNITY CENTRE,
MILMANNOCH AVENUE, DRONGAN**

PRESENT: Councillors Tommy Farrell and Elaine Dinwoodie; Community Representatives: Catherine Robertson, John Weir, Grace Garrity, and Edward Torrance; and Named Substitutes Sandra McPheator and Nancy Murray.

ATTENDING: Melvin Griffin, External Funding and Sustainability Officer; Anne Marie Carr, Senior Administrative Officer; Brian Moultrie, Team Leader, Community Learning and Development; Mike Rooney, Team Leader (Pollution Control), Environmental Health and Waste Management; and Lynn Chapman, Trainee Administrative Officer.

ALSO ATTENDING: Chief Inspector Hugh McKnight, Strathclyde Police; and Pauline Jewett, Forrester, East Ayrshire Woodlands.

APOLOGIES: Councillor Elaine Stewart; Community Representative Adam Frew; and Named Substitutes William Barr and Shona McLeod.

CHAIR: Councillor Elaine Dinwoodie, Vice-Chair.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. The Chair at her discretion and in terms of Standing Order 19 agreed to alter the order of business and consider Item 8, Appointment of Community Representatives 2003/2004 as the first item.

**APPOINTMENT OF COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES 2003/04
(Item 9, Page 108, 03/07)**

2. It was reported that Sandra McPheator had been nominated as a replacement for Mr George Wallace, Named Substitute for the East Ayrshire (South) Forum on Disability. It was agreed to approve the nomination of Sandra McPheator as the Named Substitute for the East Ayrshire (South) Forum on Disability for the period 1 April 2003 to 31 March 2004.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

3. 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

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

CHALMERSTON NATIVE WOODLAND PLANTING

5. The Local Committee received a presentation by Pauline Jewett, Forrester, East Ayrshire Woodlands on a proposal for Chalmerston Native Woodland Planting.

Elected Members and Community Representatives then had the opportunity to ask questions on the proposals for Chalmerston Native Woodland Planting. Thereafter, the Chair thanked Pauline Jewett for her presentation.

MINUTES

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

6. There was submitted and noted for information, Minutes of the Doon Valley Local Committee held on 3 June 2003 (circulated).

6.1 MATTERS ARISING

6.1.1 Dalrymple Community Centre (Item 10, Page 109, 03/07)

The Trainee Administrative Officer updated the Committee on the progress to date regarding the feasibility of using Dalrymple Community Centre and/or Dalrymple Primary School as a possible venue for future Local Committee meetings.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note, that following a site visit, Dalrymple Community Centre was unsuitable as a venue for the Local Committee due to disabled access problems; and
- (ii) that Dalrymple Primary School be used as a venue for the future meetings of the Local Committee.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

EAST AYRSHIRE COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM

7. There was submitted, for information and noted Minutes of the East Ayrshire Community Safety Forum held on 5 March 2003 (circulated).

DOG FOULING (SCOTLAND) ACT 2003

8. There was submitted a report dated 12 June 2003 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which advised of new legislation designed to deal with the problem of dog fouling, as requested by the Community Services Committee.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note that the Director of Community Services would be empowered to authorise suitable Officers to issue fixed penalty notices; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

METHODS AND COSTS INVOLVED IN GRAFFITI REMOVAL (Item 12, Page 109, 03/07)

9. There was submitted and noted a report dated 21 July 2003 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which advised of the methods and costs involved in attempts to remove graffiti.

DECENTRALISATION ISSUES

ANNUAL SEMINAR FOR COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES

10. There was submitted a report dated 20 August 2003 (circulated) by the Community Representatives Working Group which (i) advised of arrangements to hold an Annual Seminar for Community Representatives in November 2003; (ii) sought the Committee's views thereon; and (iii) requested details of any issues in respect of the Local Committee process that Community Representatives would wish discussed at the Seminar.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note that the Seminar would take place in November 2003;
- (ii) to note that the Local Committee's preference was for the Annual Seminar to take place on an evening during the week between 6.30 pm and 9.30 pm; and
- (iii) that Community Representatives should advise the Trainee Administrative Officer no later than 12 September 2003 of any issues which they would wish to have discussed at the Seminar.

LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANTS SCHEME

LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANT SCHEME 2003/2004

11. There were submitted reports dated 25 August 2003 and 8 September 2003 (both circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources on the financial position in respect of Community Grants to local 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 the application):-

- (a) Arts and Cultural

Drongan and District Horticultural Society - noted that £300.00 had been awarded under the delegated authority of the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources, in consultation with the Chair.

- (b) Community Association

Stair Community Association - £2,221.00

It was agreed to record Councillor Farrell's disappointment that the above assessment had been tabled and not issued prior to the meeting.

- (c) Early Education and Childcare

Doon Valley Toddlers - £300.00

- (d) Leisure Activity

Drongan and District Canine Society - £600.00

(ii) **Application Refused** (for the reason stated):-

(a) Sport

Ochiltree Rovers Football Club - as the group had limited benefit in the Doon Valley Area.

MISCELLANEOUS

STRATHCLYDE POLICE SPOTLIGHT REPORT

12. There was submitted a report dated 29 August 2003 (circulated) by Chief Inspector Hugh McKnight, Strathclyde Police, which advised of the spotlight activity and other crime trends over the recent period.

It was agreed that with regard to the under-age drinking initiative established in Bellsbank and Dalmellington, Chief Inspector McKnight would clarify with the Chair, whether this initiative extended to other areas in the Doon Valley.

LOCAL ISSUES

LOCAL ISSUES FORWARD PLANNER

13. There was submitted and noted a report dated 25 August 2003 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources which provided updated information on local issues raised and, where applicable on a timescale for reporting back to the Local Committee.

NEW LOCAL ISSUES

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

Community Representative Edward Torrance raised the issue of the proposed Wind Farm at Kyle Forest.

It was agreed that AMEC be requested to make a presentation to the Local Committee with regard to their proposals to develop a Wind Farm at Kyle Forest.

The meeting terminated at 1455 hours.