

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

DOON VALLEY LOCAL COMMITTEE

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 11 SEPTEMBER 2001 AT 1400 HRS
IN DRONGAN COMMUNITY CENTRE, MILLMANNOCH AVENUE, DRONGAN**

PRESENT: Councillors Elaine Dinwoodie and Tommy Farrell; and Community Representatives Edward Torrance, John Weir, Tania Garrity and Mairi Williams; and Named Substitutes William Barr, Nancy Murray, Grace Garrity and Joan Wightman.

ATTENDING: John Crawford, Head of Protective Services; Bill Walkinshaw, Administration Manager; Margaret Phelps, Team Leader; John D Butler, Service Officer (Educational and Social Services); Alan Patterson, Team Leader (Support to Communities); David Donaldson, Project Officer (Development Services); John D McRoberts, Senior Engineer (Development Services); and Julie Thomson, Trainee Trading Standards Officer.

ALSO ATTENDING: Chief Inspector Hugh McKnight.

APOLOGIES: Councillor Robert Taylor and Community Representative Eileen Inglis.

CHAIR: Councillor Elaine Dinwoodie.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

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

RECONVENTION OF MEETING

2. The meeting was reconvened at 1402 hrs with the same Councillors, Community Representatives, Named Substitutes and Officers present and in attendance.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

3. There were submitted and noted (circulated) for information Minutes of the Doon Valley Local Committee held on 22 May 2001.

DECENTRALISATION ISSUES

APPOINTMENT OF COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES 2001/2002

4. There was submitted a report dated 22 August 2001 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources on the current position of Community Representation on the Doon Valley Local Committee during the period 1 April 2001 to 31 March 2002.

It was agreed:

- (i) to accept the nomination of Mr Tony Foote as Community Representative and Mr George McCaig as Named Substitute for the Rankinston Community Association/Rankinston Old People's Welfare Association (joint nomination) and Mr William Frew as Community Representative for East Ayrshire (South) Forum on Disability; and

- (ii) that the Director of Corporate Resources continue to pursue nominations for the vacant positions as identified within the report.

**COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES ANNUAL SEMINAR
WORKING GROUP (Item 5, Page 1819, 99/02)**

5. It was reported that this item had been continued from the last meeting of the Committee held on 22 May 2001 and nominations were invited for a Community Representative and Substitute to serve on the Community Representative Annual Seminar Working Group.

Having noted that no nominations were forthcoming it was agreed to continue this matter.

VENUE FOR NEXT MEETING

6. The Administration Manager reported that the next meeting of the Local Committee to be held on 6 November 2001 at 1400 hrs would be held in Patna Community Centre and that following approval of the meetings calendar at the Council meeting on 25 October 2001 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 June 2002.

It was agreed to note that the next meeting of the Local Committee would be held within Patna Community Centre on 6 November 2001 at 1400 hrs and that a further report would be submitted with regard to future meetings of the Local Committee.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

STRATHCLYDE POLICE SPOTLIGHT REPORT

7. There was submitted and noted a report dated 20 August 2001 (circulated) by Chief Inspector Hugh McKnight, Strathclyde Police which advised of the nature and results of the "Spotlight" operations, localised crime figures and ongoing initiatives over the recent period.

MEMBERSHIP OF EAST AYRSHIRE COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM

8. There was submitted a report dated 21 August 2001 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which sought nominations of a Community Representative and a Substitute for membership of the East Ayrshire Community Safety Forum.

It was agreed that Tania Garrity be appointed as the Local Committee representative on the East Ayrshire Community Safety Forum and to continue consideration of a substitute representative for the Local Committee and that any Community Representative who so wished to be appointed should advise the Director of Community Services accordingly.

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

FLOODING IN THE DOON VALLEY AREA (Item 7, Page 1353, 99/02)

9. There was a verbal report by John McRoberts, Senior Engineer, Development Services Department in respect of flooding investigations carried out by the

Development Services Department in respect of the Dalrymple, Dalmellington and Patna areas.

It was agreed, having heard the verbal report, that a full detailed written report be submitted to the next meeting of the Local Committee identifying all flood problem areas within the Doon Valley Area.

EDUCATIONAL AND SOCIAL SERVICES

CHILDREN'S SERVICE PLAN 2001/2004

10. There was submitted a report dated 31 July 2001 (circulated) by the Director of Educational and Social Services on the completion, content and implementation of East Ayrshire Council's second Children's Service Plan "Inspiring Young People" and which sought participation of Community Representatives in the Plan's review process.

It was agreed that Tania Garrity be re-appointed as the Local Committee's representative on the Community Representative Forum as part of the Plan's review process and that if any other Community Representative wished to participate that they should notify the Director of Educational and Social Services direct.

LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANTS SCHEME

LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANTS SCHEME 2000/2001 - DALMELLINGTON BOOK TOWN INITIATIVE (Item 1, Page 1138, 99/02)

11. The Chair reported and it was noted that a cheque for £250 had been received from Dalmellington Book Town Initiative, being repayment of a grant given to them by the Local Committee on 30 June 2000 which had not been used. The sum had been included within this year's financial allocation.

LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANTS SCHEME 2001/2002

12. There was submitted a report dated 5 September 2001 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources 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):-

- (a) Arts and Cultural

Dalmellington Band - £685.70;

- (b) Disability

Dalmellington Self Help Group - £350;

PHABS R Us - £300;

- (c) Early Education and Childcare

Drongan Nursery School Parents Association - £300

(d) Heritage

Ayrshire Railway Preservation Group - £1,000;

(e) Leisure

Patna Activity Group - £350;

Drongan Miners Welfare Bowling Club (Application 1) - Agreed in principle to an award of £800 subject to confirmation that a satisfactory constitution is in place and subject to the satisfactory submission of two professional quotes in respect of the proposed work. The payment of the grant to be remitted to the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources in consultation with the Chair following satisfactory review of the constitution and assessment of quotes submitted.

Drongan Miners Welfare Bowling Club (Application 2) - Agreed in principle to an award of £1,000 subject to confirmation that a satisfactory constitution is in place and subject to the satisfactory submission of two professional quotes in respect of the proposed work. The payment of the grant to be remitted to the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources in consultation with the Chair following satisfactory review of the constitution and assessment of quotes submitted.

Univox Radio Group - Agreed in principle to an award of £340 subject to (i) the group liaising with a Support to the Communities Officer (Community Education) to satisfactorily resolve the constitutional issues as detailed within the report; and (ii) to confirmation that the Group was a separate organisation from the charity Raft Race Group which carried out similar functions and that it be remitted to the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources in consultation with the Chair to make final payment on satisfactory reports received in respect of this application.

Dalmellington Amateur Gardening Club - £250;

(f) Older People

Bellsbank Street Wardens - £885

Dalrymple and District Old People's Welfare Committee - £800

Good Companions Club - £156

(g) Young People

Bellsbank Adventure Playground - Summer Playscheme - £1,090.

LOCAL ISSUES

LOCAL ISSUES PLANNER

13. There was submitted and noted a report dated 23 August 2001 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources which provided updated information on the 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.

No new items were identified as potential items which could become the subject of a future report to the Committee.

The meeting terminated at 1455 hrs.

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