

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

DOON VALLEY LOCAL COMMITTEE – 12 SEPTEMBER 2000

DALRYMPLE BUS SERVICES

Report By Director of Development Services

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to inform the Committee on the outcome of discussions with Stagecoach Western regarding the Dalrymple bus service.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 At its meeting on 21 March 2000, the Committee agreed that a meeting be sought with Stagecoach Western to discuss the changes to the Dalrymple-Ayr bus service.
- 2.2 This followed the decision by Stagecoach Western to discontinue their service 53 which served the western end of Dalrymple. Service 52 now operates between Ayr and Dalmellington via Burnton Road and Barbieston Road in Dalrymple.
- 2.3 The only service now serving the western end of Dalrymple is the SPT supported service 363 which operates from Maybole via Dalrymple and Ayr Hospital to Ayr at a 2 hourly frequency daytime Monday-Saturday.

3. MEETING WITH STAGECOACH

- 3.1 A meeting took place on 24 May, with representatives from Stagecoach Western, East Ayrshire Council, SPT and the community council present.
- 3.2 At the meeting, Stagecoach Western were asked to consider diverting 1 journey per hour on Service 52 to operate via Carcluie Toll rather than Ayr Hospital. However, Stagecoach responded that this could not be justified on cost or operational grounds as it would then require an additional vehicle to operate the service.
- 3.3 It was also explained that there is no suitable route or turning area which would allow the bus to serve western Dalrymple. Reversing manoeuvres are not permissible.

4. STRATHCLYDE PASSENGER TRANSPORT

- 4.1 As reported to the Committee on 21 March, the current service provision in western Dalrymple is above the minimum suggested by the guideline criteria for subsidised services.

4.2 SPT have, though, from 16 July, introduced an additional journey to Ayr on the supported 363 service at 0750 arriving in Ayr at 0815. This followed a request from the local community.

5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 Nil

6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

6.1 Nil

7. RECOMMENDATIONS

7.1 The Committee is asked to note the outcome of discussions with Stagecoach Western.

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