

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

DOON VALLEY LOCAL COMMITTEE: 27 JANUARY 2004

FORMER CUMNOCK AND DOON VALLEY INITIATIVE FUNDS

Report by the Director of Development Services

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To seek Committee approval for the allocation of the balance of the former Cumnock and Doon Valley Initiative funds which were transferred to East Ayrshire Council's Development Services Account.

2. BACKGROUND

2.1 The Doon Valley Local Committee of the 4th November 2003 agreed to continue consideration of this item to allow further consideration of other project proposals within the Doon Valley that could be funded from the balance of funds available from the former Cumnock and Doon Valley Initiative Funds. The balance of funds to be allocated by the Doon Valley Local Committee is £19,257.06.

3. ALLOCATION OF THE BALANCE OF THE FORMER CUMNOCK AND DOON VALLEY INITIATIVE FUNDS.

3.1 The following are project proposals that have been arrived at through further discussion.

3.2 **Public Art Strategy, Dalmellington Gateway Feature** - The Scottish Arts Council has funded the Public Art Strategy for the SIP area. The Dalmellington Gateway Feature is to be the pilot project of the Strategy. However, the Scottish Arts Council will not fund this specific project. The SIP is supportive of the project and has delegated the project to the Dalmellington Partnership. The total cost of the project is £40,000 approx. The Dalmellington Partnership intend to apply to funding bodies such as the Cumnock and Doon Valley Minerals Trust, Landfill Tax and potentially the SIP. *It is suggested that £6,419.02 of the Cumnock and Doon Valley Initiative Funds, be allocated to this project.*

3.3 **Upgrading of the rear of the Drongan Community Centre** – The area at the rear of the Community Centre has become an area where groups of young

people have been congregating and indulging in anti-social behaviour. It is considered necessary to enclose the area to avoid this practice continuing, particularly as this location is close to the toddlers and juniors play area. *It is suggested that £6,419.02 of the Cumnock and Doon Valley Initiative Funds, be allocated to this project .*

3.4 Provision of an Access Ramp at the entrance to the Riverside Footpath in Main Street, Patna. – Currently this footpath is accessed from Main Street via a flight of stairs that limits its use by those in wheelchairs or prams/pushchairs. The total cost of the project is approximately £12,000, potential match funding may be available through the East Ayrshire Coalfield Area SIP or the Cumnock and Doon Valley Minerals Trust. *It is suggested that £6,419.02 of the Cumnock and Doon Valley Initiative Funds, be allocated to this project.*

4 FINANCIAL AND LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1 The implementation of the above projects on land owned by the Council will improve the quality of the environment through partnership with the community.

5. RECOMMENDATIONS

5.1 It is recommended that the Committee agrees the allocation of the balance of the Cumnock and Doon Valley Initiative Funds as indicated in section 3 above.

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9 January 2004 (CMcK/SA)

BACKGROUND PAPERS

1. Report to Cumnock Area Local Committee “ A Programme For Environmental Improvement Projects” – 25th February 1999.
2. Report to Policy and Resources Committee “Cumnock and Doon Valley Initiative Transfer of Initiative Funds to East Ayrshire Council” – 30th November 2000.
3. Report to Development Services Committee “ Community Environmental Improvement Action Plans and Projects 2003/2004 ” – 26th August 2003.
4. Report to Doon Valley Local Committee “ Former Cumnock And Doon Valley Initiative Funds” – 4th November 2003.

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