

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

DOON VALLEY LOCAL COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 21 MARCH 2000 AT 1400 HOURS AND FRIDAY 31 MARCH 2000 AT 1000 HOURS IN DALRYMPLE COMMUNITY CENTRE, BARBIESTON ROAD, DALRYMPLE

PRESENT: Councillors Elaine Dinwoodie and Robert Taylor; Community Representatives Edward Torrance, John Weir, Jean Wightman, Tony Foote and Tanya Russell; and Named Substitute Grace Garrity.

ATTENDING: Sandy Gillatt, Chief Engineer (Roads); Bill Walkinshaw, Principal Administrative Officer; Stuart Norral, Senior Roads Engineer; Ron Murray, Environmental Health Officer; Morven Buchanan, Environment Officer; Kerr Chalmers, Technical Officer (Roads Division); and Ian Gemmell, Administrative Officer.

ALSO ATTENDING: Chief Inspector James Thomson, Strathclyde Police; Chris Carbury, Public Transport Officer, Strathclyde Passenger Transport Executive.

APOLOGIES: Councillor Tommy Farrell; Community Representative Iain Brown and Named Substitute John Barr.

CHAIR: Councillor Elaine Dinwoodie, Chair.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. The Chair at her discretion and in terms of Standing Order 15.1 agreed to alter the order of business and consider item 6 at this point.

DALRYMPLE BUS SERVICES

2. There was submitted a report dated 7 March 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which informed the Committee of the current position with respect to bus services in Dalrymple.

It was noted that Mr Chris Carbury, representing the Strathclyde Passenger Transport Executive, was present at the meeting in order to answer any questions by Members.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the Councillors and Community Representatives of the Committee together with appropriate Officers meet with representatives of Stagecoach Western Buses to discuss the bus services serving the Community of Dalrymple and that the Director of Development Services submit a further report to a future meeting of this Committee; and
- (ii) to request the Director of Development Services to consider making representations to Strathclyde Passenger Transport Executive with a view to the inclusion of the whole of the East Ayrshire area within the area of the Strathclyde Passenger Transport Executive.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

3. It was agreed to adjourn the meeting at 1410 hours in order to allow for a 15 minute maximum public question and answer session.

RECONVENTION OF MEETING

4. The meeting reconvened at 1411 hours with the same Councillors, Community Representatives and Officers present and in attendance.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

5. There were submitted for information and noted the Minutes of meeting of the Doon Valley Local Committee held on 8 February 2000.

LOCAL ITEMS

6. Community Representatives were invited to raise any local items of interest for inclusion on a future Agenda.

Following discussion the undernoted item was identified as a potential local item which could become the subject of a future report to the Committee:- "Fly tipping in the Doon Valley area".

COMMUNITY SERVICES

STRATHCLYDE POLICE SPOTLIGHT REPORT

7. There was submitted and noted a report dated 5 March 2000 (circulated) by Chief Inspector Thomson, Strathclyde Police, advising of "Spotlight" activity and crime trends over the recent period.

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

STRUCTURAL MAINTENANCE OF ROADS AND FOOTWAYS

8.1 PRESENTATION

The Committee received a presentation from Sandy Gillatt, Chief Engineer, Roads and Transportation, on the Structural Maintenance Programme for Roads and Footways.

During discussion the Chief Engineer answered questions and noted points put by Elected Members and Community Representatives.

The Chair thanked the Chief Engineer for what had been an interesting and informative presentation.

8.2 2000/2001 PROGRAMME

There was submitted a report dated 3 February 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which (i) advised of the 2000/2001 Roads and Footways Structural Maintenance Programme for "inescapable" schemes approved by the Development Services Committee; and (ii) sought approval of the "highly desirable" schemes for Structural Maintenance of Footways, or "desirable" options.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the 2000/2001 Roads and Footways Structural Maintenance Programmes for "inescapable" schemes approved by the Development Services Committee;
- (ii) to approve the "highly desirable" schemes for the Structural Maintenance of Footways; and
- (iii) to note that any reduction in the anticipated budget would be accommodated by the Head of Roads and Transportation by reducing the programmes in an equitable manner.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

EXPOSURE TO POWER FREQUENCY MAGNETIC FIELDS AND THE RISK OF CHILDHOOD CANCER

9. There was submitted a report dated 24 February 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which advised of the outcome of an independent study of potential links between overhead power cables and childhood cancer.

It was noted that the study had concluded that exposure to magnetic fields associated with the electricity supply in the UK did not augment risks of childhood cancers.

COMMUNITY GRANTS

LOCAL COMMUNITY GRANTS 1999/2000

10. There was submitted a report dated 20 March 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Corporate Services which outlined the financial position in respect of Community Grants for the financial year 1999/2000, 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 in the application:-**
 - (a) Leisure Activities
 - (i) Drongan Community Association Millennium Committee - £300;
 - (ii) Dalrymple Community Council (provision of summer seats) - £885; and
 - (iii) Patna Community Council (gala day) - £1,200.
 - (b) Older People
 - (i) Bellsbank Senior Citizens Club - £400; and
 - (c) Young People
 - (i) The Thursday Club (Doon Valley Parents Support Group) - £550.

ADJOURNMENT

11. It was agreed to adjourn the meeting at 1515 hours until 31 March 2000.

RECONVENTION OF MEETING

12. The meeting was reconvened on Friday 31 March 2000 at 1000 hours in Dalrymple Community Centre, Barbieston Avenue, Dalrymple, with the undernoted Members and Officials present and in attendance:-

PRESENT: Councillors Elaine Dinwoodie and Robert Taylor; and Community Representatives: John Weir, Iain Brown, Tony Foote and Tanya Russell; and Substitute Community Representative Grace Garrity.

ATTENDING: Bill Walkinshaw, Principal Administrative Officer; Anne Marie Behan, Community Education Worker; Robert Robb, Recycling Officer; and Ian Gemmell, Administrative Officer.

COMMUNITY GRANTS

LOCAL COMMUNITY GRANTS 1999/2000

13. There was submitted a report dated 29 March 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Corporate Services which outlined the financial position in respect of Community Grants for the financial year 1999/2000, together with a summary statement relative to outstanding applications for Community Grant received from local organisations.

It was agreed as follows:-

Applications Approved (for the purpose stated in the application):-

(a) Disability

- (i) Cumnock and Doon Valley Access Panel - £100.00;
- (ii) Cumnock and Doon Valley Deaf Club - £885.62.

(b) Young People

- (i) Ayrshire South Guide Association - £167.00;

Application Refused

(a) Poverty Issues

- (i) Cumnock and Doon Valley Poverty Action Group: East Ayrshire Council had rationalised information and advice services throughout East Ayrshire and had agreed to co-ordinate Information and Advice provision through the Citizen's Advice Bureau. The group only provided information and advice services which were a duplication of existing provision.

The meeting terminated at 1008 hours.