

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

DOON VALLEY LOCAL COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 29 OCTOBER 1996 AT 1430 HOURS AT DALMELLINGTON COMMUNITY CENTRE, AYR ROAD, DALMELLINGTON.

PRESENT: Councillors John Smith (Chair), Robert Taylor and Tommy Farrell; and Community Representatives Edward Torrance, Mrs Vera Graham and Miss Sarah Murray.

ATTENDING: John Crawford, Head of Protective Services; David Chalmers, Area Housing Manager; John Spooner, Business Development Manager (Planning); David Hewet, Senior Policy Adviser; John Lilley, Principal Planner (Policy); Janie Allen, Principal Officer (Pre-Fives); Donal Flannery, Principal Officer, Criminal Justice Team; Donald McVicar, Senior Administrative Officer; Jim Clark, Senior Housing Officer (Technical); Isabel McCarthy, Senior Social Worker (Criminal Justice); and Ian Gemmell, Administrative Officer.

ALSO ATTENDING: Chief Inspector Ian Henderson, Strathclyde Police.

CHAIR: Councillor John Smith, Chair.

DEVELOPMENT OF INFORMATION AND ADVICE SERVICES (Item 3, Page 1428)

1. There was submitted a report dated 17 October 1996 (circulated) by the Chief Executive advising of progress in respect of the development of information and advice services within East Ayrshire particularly in the Doon Valley Local Committee area.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the action taken by Officers following the findings of the Consultation Panel;
- (ii) to note that progress was being made with regard to the examination of options for the development of information and advice services in the Doon Valley Local Committee area and the establishment of the Council telephone help-line;
- (iii) to note the criteria for, and progress being made towards the development of, a Development Plan for information and advice services;
- (iv) that a report on further progress in respect of the development of information and advice services within East Ayrshire, particularly within this Local Committee's area, be submitted to an appropriate future meeting of this Committee; and
- (v) to make representations to British Telecom for the provision of a public telephone in the area of Dalmellington Square.

EAST AYRSHIRE ACCIDENT PREVENTION COMMITTEE (Item 8, Page 907)

2. There was submitted a report dated 18 October 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services advising of the establishment and Constitution of an East Ayrshire Accident Prevention Committee; and seeking a nomination from the Local Committee to serve on the Accident Prevention Committee.

It was agreed to appoint Community Representative Mr Edward Torrance to serve on the East Ayrshire Accident Prevention Committee.

EAST AYRSHIRE LOCAL PLAN: OUTCOME OF CONSULTATION

3. There was submitted a report dated 2 October 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services advising of local planning issues relevant to the Local Committee's area which have been identified through consultation with the Committee and other local organisations as a preliminary step in the preparation of the East Ayrshire Local Plan.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the issues raised in the report should be given due consideration in the preparation of the consultative draft version of the East Ayrshire Local Plan;
- (ii) that authorisation be given for the various courses of action suggested within each category of issues detailed in the report; and
- (iii) otherwise to note issues raised in the report.

ENVIRONMENT WEEK (Item 19, Page 1127)

4. There was submitted a report dated 22 October 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services to advise the Local Committee of the positive effect of Environment Week 1996 and provide information on community projects which could be developed in the future.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to support Environment Week in future years;
- (ii) that the Schools Representative request the Students' Councils of Doon Academy to consider ways in which they might participate in Environment Week; and
- (iii) otherwise to note the report.

SOCIAL WORK SERVICES IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM

5. There was submitted a revised report (circulated) by the Director of Social Work to advise the Local Committee of the planning framework set out in National Objectives and Standards for Social Work Services in the Criminal Justice System, identifying key aims for the service and provide information on the anticipated level of demand for core parts of the service expected in the financial year 1997-98.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve in respect of the Local Committee's interests, the planned framework for social work services described in the report; and

- (ii) that the "Social Work Services in the Criminal Justice System" should be the topic for the next Doon Valley Community Forum to be held at Drongan Community Centre on 12 November 1996.

BUSINESS GRANT/LOAN SCHEMES: STATUS REPORT (Item 1.3, Page 1394)

- 6. There was submitted and noted a revised report dated 22 October 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services advising of the loans and grants which had been made to businesses in the Local Committee's area in the period 1 April to 30 September 1996.

PRE-FIVE ADMISSIONS 1996/97: UPDATE

- 7. There was submitted a revised report dated 16 October 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Education advising of the current position relative to the allocation of places within pre-five establishments in East Ayrshire.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the contents of the summary report; and
- (ii) to receive a further report by the Director of Education in due course.

ANNUAL POLICY STATEMENT (HOUSING)

- 8. There was submitted a revised report dated 18 October 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Housing advising of the background and purpose of the Annual Policy Statement and to summarise the Council's Annual Policy Statement for 1997/98.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to request the Housing Committee to consider making representations to the Scottish Office protesting at the decision by Government to increase from 25% to 50%, the level of capital receipts from right to buy sales and other sales to be diverted towards the repayment of loan debt;
- (ii) to request the Housing Capital Sub-Committee of the Housing Committee to consider under the Housing Capital Programme, the improvement of the number and standard of socket outlets in pre-war housing stock; and
- (iii) otherwise to approve in respect of the Local Committee's interests, the programme of work for 1997/98 as set out in the report.

**LOCAL PARTNERSHIP ARRANGEMENTS AND
PROGRESS IN IMPLEMENTATION OF ASSOCIATED PROJECTS**

- 9. There was submitted a report dated 22 October 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services (a) advising of (i) the existing partnership arrangements for the identification and realisation of projects within the Doon Valley Local Committee area; and (ii) progress in the implementation of local development projects; and (b) inviting the Local Committee to consider how the existing partnerships might best support the preparation of the Local Regeneration Strategy.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the current position and approve the actions taken regarding the current programmes of projects;
- (ii) to approve the action taken regarding the interim registration of the Dalmellington Working Party as a Local Rural Partnership;
- (iii) to request the views of the Dalmellington Working Party and Loch Doon Action Group as to how their composition and terms of reference might be refined to ensure that both partnerships become integral to the preparation of the Local Regeneration Strategy and as to their future relationship with the Doon Valley Local Committee; and
- (iv) to participate in the consultation process regarding the Study on the Regeneration and Tourism Development Project.

COMMUNITY GRANTS

10.1 There was submitted a report dated 24 October 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services on the undernoted applications received from local organisations for grant assistance in terms of the Community Grants Scheme in respect of which the following decisions were made:-

10.1.1 Ochiltree Old Folks Welfare Association

That a grant of £600 be made based on a payment of £3 per capita, the number of senior citizens on the organisation's register being 200.

10.1.2 Cumnock and Doon Valley Group of Community Associations

That a grant of £33 be made.

10.1.3 The Girls' Brigade 1st Ochiltree Company

That a grant of £250 be made.

10.1.4 Dalrymple Angling Club

That a grant of £1,500 be made.

10.1.5 Dalrymple Gala Organising Committee: Annual Bonfire Night Fireworks Display

That a grant of £300 be made, on the understanding that the Committee arrange adequate public liability insurance for the event.

ADDITIONAL ITEM

The Chair agreed that this item of urgent business be considered as an early decision was required.

10.1.6 Craigmark Burntonians FC: Replacement of Perimeter Fence

That a grant of £1,200 be made.

EAST AYRSHIRE ANNUAL GARDEN COMPETITION 1996

11. There was submitted a report (circulated) by the Director of Housing advising of the winners of the East Ayrshire Annual Garden Competition 1996 within the Local Committee's area.

The Committee noted the report, the winners having been presented with their prizes by the Chair of this Committee immediately prior to the meeting.

The meeting terminated at 1540 hours.