

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

DOON VALLEY LOCAL COMMITTEE

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 30 NOVEMBER 1999 AT 1400 HOURS IN
DALMELLINGTON COMMUNITY CENTRE, AYR ROAD, DALMELLINGTON**

PRESENT: Councillors Elaine Dinwoodie, Tommy Farrell and Robert Taylor; and Community Representatives Edward Torrance, John Weir, and Tony Foote; and Named Substitute Grace Garrity.

ATTENDING: John F Crawford, Head of Protective Services; John Spooner, Business Development Manager; Jim Kane, Chief Roads Engineer; Bill Walkinshaw, Principal Administrative Officer; Morven M Buchanan, Environment Officer; Dave Donaldson, Policy Adviser (Partnership Strategy); Brenda Holdsworth, Team Leader; Social Work; Avril Harkness, Childcare Partnership Officer; and Ian Gemmell, Administrative Officer.

ALSO ATTENDING: Chief Inspector James Thomson, Strathclyde Police

APOLOGIES: Community Representatives Iain Brown and William Stevenson and Named Substitute William Barr.

CHAIR: Councillor Elaine Dinwoodie, Chair.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

1. It was agreed to adjourn the meeting at 1401 hours 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 hours with the same Councillors, Community Representatives and Named Substitutes and Officers present and in attendance.

MINUTES

3. There were submitted and noted the Minutes of the meeting of the Doon Valley Local Committee held on 19 October 1999.

LOCAL ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

4. 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:- "Dog Fouling in the Doon Valley Area".

COMMUNITY SERVICES

NATIONAL SPRING CLEAN 1999

5. There was submitted a report dated 30 August 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services advising of the National Spring Clean 1999 and the nature of events undertaken.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note that the Council wished to build on the improvement secured in 1998 and 1999 in relation to National Spring Clean;
- (ii) to support the Officers Working Group in improving communications with the community; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the report.

STRATHCLYDE POLICE SPOTLIGHT REPORT

6. There was submitted a report dated 22 November 1999 (circulated) by Chief Inspector Thomson, Strathclyde Police, on the nature and results of "Spotlight" operations, local crime figures and ongoing initiatives over the recent period.

It was agreed to note the report and arising from discussion the Committee also expressed support for local representations for the re-establishment of a Police Sergeant based full-time in Dalmellington Police Office and further agreed to ask the Director of Community Services to formally advise the Divisional Commander accordingly.

DECENTRALISATION ISSUES

DOON VALLEY COMMUNITY FORUM

7. There was submitted and noted a report dated 3 November 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Corporate Services advising of the outcome of the Doon Valley Community Forum, which took place on Tuesday 26 October 1999 at Bellsbank FE Wing.

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES/SOCIAL WORK

ACCESS FOR DISABLED PEOPLE

8. There was submitted and noted (a) a report dated 15 November 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services; and (b) a report (circulated) by the Director of Social Work, on Access for Disabled People, which embodied the information provided in presentations at the Doon Valley Community Forum held on 26 October 1999.

EDUCATION

EAST AYRSHIRE CHILDCARE PARTNERSHIP AUDIT: OUT OF SCHOOL CHILDCARE AND WRAP AROUND CARE

9. There was submitted a report dated 14 October 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Education on the results of the audit undertaken by the Childcare Partnership in East Ayrshire regarding the need and demand for Out of School Hours Childcare and Wrap Around Care.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the Director of Education provide a further report on the need and demand for Wrap Around Care in Nursery School and classes;

- (ii) otherwise to note the report.

SOCIAL INCLUSION

SOCIAL INCLUSION STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP GROUP

10. The Policy Adviser (Partnership Strategy) gave an update on the current progress of Social Inclusion in East Ayrshire. The main points are summarised below:-

- Three Local Area Social Inclusion Partnership Teams were in the process of being established covering the Kilmarnock area, the Coalfield area (Cumnock and Doon Valley) and the Irvine Valley/Northern Area. These Teams would be multi-agency, multi-disciplinary and would consider as a priority how to ensure local involvement in their work. With respect to the Coalfield area, information was given on the funding available and ongoing projects within the area; and
- Future progress would be presented to the Local Committee as appropriate.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note progress to date in relation to Social Inclusion Initiatives;
- (ii) to note that the three Local Area Social Inclusion Partnership Teams had yet to begin much of their work;
- (iii) to note that the Coalfield Social Inclusion Partnership Executive Officer was available for information and advice either at meetings or at his office; and
- (iv) to note that in future written reports on the above matter would be submitted to a future meeting of this Committee.

COMMUNITY GRANTS

LOCAL COMMUNITY GRANTS 1999/2000

11. There was submitted a report dated 26 November 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Corporate Services which outlined the financial position with respect to 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) **Application Approved (for the purpose identified in the application):-**
 - (a) Older People
 - (i) Patna Over 60's Club - £500.00.
- (ii) **Application Refused:-**
 - (a) Sport
 - (ii) Drongan Golf Club, the Committee having noted that the Club had received grant funding for the project in question from another source.

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

THE M77 (Item 4, Page 495, 99/02)

- 12.** There was submitted and noted a report dated 23 November 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services, which provided an update on the announcement by the Scottish Executive that it was to proceed to construction of the M77 from Mallesheugh to the Kilmarnock bypass.

The meeting terminated at 1450 hours.