

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**DOON VALLEY LOCAL COMMITTEE****MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 8 FEBRUARY 2000 AT 1400 HOURS IN RANKINSTON COMMUNITY CENTRE, LITTMILL PLACE, RANKINSTON**

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

ATTENDING: David Hewet, Executive Officer East Ayrshire Coalfield Area Social Inclusion Partnership; Allan Patterson, Community Learning Officer; Julie Armstrong, Senior Administrative Officer; Robert Robb, Recycling Officer; Kerr Chalmers, Technical Officer, Roads Division; and Ian Gemmell, Administrative Officer.

ALSO ATTENDING: Inspector Alan Golightly, Strathclyde Police.

APOLOGIES: Councillor Tommy Farrell and Named Substitute John 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 1410 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 30 November 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:- "Lack of play facilities in Rankinston".

DECENTRALISATION ISSUES**RECRUITMENT OF COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES 2000/2001**

5. There was submitted a report dated 27 January 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Corporate Services which invited the Committee to consider and determine certain matters in order to facilitate arrangements for the recruitment of Community Representatives to serve on the Local Committee for the period 1 April 2000 to 31 March 2001.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the present Community membership as detailed in the report;
- (ii) that the following organisations should be invited to nominate Community Representatives and Substitutes for the year to 31 March 2001:- Drongan Community Council, Dalmellington Community Council, Patna Community Council, Dalrymple Community Council, Rankinston Community Association/Rankinston Old People's Welfare Association (joint nomination), Bellsbank Women's Project, East Ayrshire (South) Forum on Disability, Pupils' Representative (Dalmellington/Patna/Dalrymple); and Pupils' Representative (Drongan/Rankinston).
- (iii) that the Director of Corporate Services invite the above organisations to submit nominations for Community membership for the period to 31 March 2001.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

STRATHCLYDE POLICE SPOTLIGHT REPORT

- 6. There was submitted and noted a report dated 4 February 2000 (circulated) by Chief Inspector Thomson, Strathclyde Police, advising of "Spotlight" activity and other crime trends over the recent period.

CORPORATE SERVICES

URBAN PROGRAMME TERMINATING PROJECTS: FINANCIAL YEAR 2000/2001: EVALUATION - REFUGE FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN PROJECT (ITEM 10, PAGE 542, 99/02)

- 7. There was submitted a report dated 14 January 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Corporate Services on the initial findings of the Evaluation Panel meeting which evaluated the Refuge for Women and Children Project for which Urban Programme Funding was due to terminate on 31 March 2000.

It was agreed:

- (i) to note the official findings of the Evaluation Panel as set out in the report;
- (ii) to express support for the work of the project and the hope that the project could be developed further in the Doon Valley area;
- (iii) to request that the Project should if possible be funded in a way which would not affect its eligibility to attract funding from other sources by way of grants.
- (iv) that the Chief Executive submit the views of the Local Committee to the Policy and Resources Committee for consideration in conjunction with the recommendations of the Evaluation Panel;
- (v) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

INTERIM LOCAL TRANSPORT STRATEGY: CONSULTATION

- 8. There was submitted a report dated 25 November 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which (a) advised that the Council had prepared an Interim

Local Transport Strategy: Consultation Draft; and (b) invited members of the Committee to comment on the interim strategy prior to preparation of the full strategy later in the year.

It was agreed:

- (i) to note that the Council had prepared an Interim Local Transport Strategy; and
- (ii) that, if they so wished, members of the Committee, would on an individual basis participate in the Consultation process by completing the questionnaire submitted and otherwise commenting on the Strategy.
- (iii) that the Director of Development Services request Strathclyde Passenger Transport Executive to arrange for a representative to attend a meeting of this Committee to discuss the provision of public transport in Dalrymple.

SOCIAL INCLUSION

PRESENTATION

- 9.1** The Committee received a Presentation from David Hewet, Executive Officer, Coalfield Area SIP on the East Ayrshire Social Inclusion Partnership Programme.

Members of the Committee then asked questions to David Hewet.

The Chair then thanked the Executive Officer for the presentation which had been both interesting and informative.

9.2 SOCIAL INCLUSION STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP GROUP

David Hewet, Executive Officer, reported on the East Ayrshire Social Inclusion Strategic Partnership Group meeting held on 21 December 1999, the main points of interest relating to:-

- participation of the NCH Action for Children on the Strategic Partnership Group;
- East Ayrshire Council's Working Families - Tax Credit Campaign and Helpline;
- implementation of the range of projects approved by the Scottish Executive via the Coalfield Area Partnership submission;
- the establishment of the Coalfield Communities Federation of Community Groups which held their first AGM on 16 December 1999;
- opportunities to establish a national network of Local Volunteer Development Agencies and the potential benefits for East Ayrshire;
- projects recommended by the Strategic Partnership Group for submission to the Council's Policy and Resources Committee, viz:- Zero Tolerance - £4,200, Social Support and Youth Initiative - £4,700, Irvine Valley Youth Diversion Project - £6,000 and Social Inclusion Public Information - £2,000; and
- projects being submitted by the Council to the Coalfield Regeneration Trust.

There was also submitted, for information, a quarterly progress report on projects, as submitted to the Partnership Group (circulated).

It was agreed to note:-

- (i) the information provided by the Executive Officer; and
- (ii) the terms of the progress report.

COMMUNITY GRANTS

LOCAL COMMUNITY GRANTS 1999/2000

10.1 APPLICATIONS DEALT WITH UNDER THE SCHEME OF DELEGATION

It was reported and noted that in respect of the undernoted applications in respect of projects carried out during the Christmas season, the Director of Corporate Services, having received favourable assessments and after consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair of this Committee, had authorised payments as follows:-

- (i) Dalrymple Good Companions Club - £220; and
- (ii) Rankinston Senior Citizens Welfare Committee - £160.20.

10.2 LOCAL COMMUNITY GRANTS 1999/2000

There was submitted a report dated 28 January 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 received from local organisations.

It was agreed as follows:-

- (i) **Applications Approved (for the purpose stated in the application):-**
 - (a) Women
 - (i) Drongan Young Mother's Group - The Sequel - £300; and
 - (b) Older People
 - (i) Patna and District Age Concern - £1,286.00

The meeting terminated at 1515 hours.