

**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

**DOON VALLEY LOCAL COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 10 DECEMBER 1996 AT 1430 HOURS IN THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, MILMANNOCH AVENUE DRONGAN**

**PRESENT:** Councillors John Smith and Tommy Farrell; and Community Representatives Mr Edward Torrance and Miss Sarah Murray.

**ATTENDING:** John F Crawford, Head of Protective Services; Jim Hazlett, Divisional Social Work Manager; Douglas Bulloch, Depute Director of Social Work; Kay Gilmour, Principal Officer Social Work Department; Ken Robinson, Principal Administrative Officer; and Ian Gemmell, Administrative Officer.

**ALSO ATTENDING:** Chief Inspector Ian Henderson, Strathclyde Police.

**APOLOGIES:** Councillor Robert Taylor.

**CHAIR:** Councillor John Smith Chair

**REQUESTS, ETC, FOR BANS ON LIVE PRIZES AT FUNFAIRS AND PERFORMING ANIMALS AT CIRCUSES (Item 7, Page 1386)**

1. There was submitted and noted a report dated 20 November 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services, advising the Local Committee that the Council had introduced a ban on the giving of live fish and other animals as prizes or gifts at funfairs; had taken steps to assure the conditions in which performing animals are kept; and had determined that operators with previous convictions for cruelty would not be permitted to stage animal circuses within East Ayrshire.

**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL: COMMUNITY CARE PLAN (Item 6, Page 1337)**

2. There was submitted a report dated November 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work on the proposed outline of East Ayrshire's Community Care Plan.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to request the Director of Social Work to consult with the Local Committee throughout the development of the Community Care Plan; and
- (ii) otherwise to note the report.

**DOON VALLEY COMMUNITY FORUM: MEETING ON 12 NOVEMBER 1996**

- 3.1 There was submitted a report dated 27 November 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services advising of the outcome of the third meeting of the Doon Valley Community Forum which was held on Tuesday 12 November 1996 in Drongan Community Centre.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to authorise the officials concerned to follow up any relevant matters arising from the Community Forum Meeting, and to arrange for the submission of reports to the appropriate service committees where necessary; and
- (ii) otherwise to note the outcome of the Doon Valley Community Forum held on 12 November 1996.

### **DOON VALLEY COMMUNITY FORUM: FEBRUARY, 1997, MEETING**

- 3.2** The Committee were asked to select a local issue for consideration at the February 1997, meeting of the Doon Valley Community Forum.

It was agreed that the local issue for the Doon Valley Community Forum, to be held at Dalmellington Community Centre in February, 1997, be "Preparation of the Local Regeneration Strategy for the Doon Valley".

## **COMMUNITY GRANTS**

### **4.1 COMMUNITY GRANTS**

There was submitted a report dated 28 November 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services on the undernoted applications received from local organisations for grant assistance in terms in the Community Grant Scheme, in respect of which the following decisions were made:-

#### **4.1.1 DALRYMPLE AND DISTRICT OLD PEOPLE'S WELFARE COMMITTEE**

That a grant of £696.00 be made based on a payment of £3.00 per capita, the number of senior citizens on the organisation's register being 232.

#### **4.1.2 HAPPY HENS, DRONGAN**

That a "start-up" grant of £200.00 be made.

#### **4.1.3 YOUTH LINK AYRSHIRE (AYRSHIRE CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE OF YOUTH ORGANISATIONS)**

That a grant of £200.00 be made, subject to favourable consideration being given to the application by all of the other Local Committees in East Ayrshire.

#### **4.1.4 LIFELINE DOG RESCUE**

That the application be refused for the reason that it is inappropriate for grant funding to be used to pay fees which are levied by the Council, in this case, recovery fees for stray dogs.

## **ADDITIONAL ITEM**

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

#### **4.1.5 DRONGAN YOUNG MOTHERS GROUP - THE SEQUEL**

That a "start-up" grant of £200.00 be made.

## **PUTTING THE COMMUNITY FIRST: EVALUATION OF EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL'S PRELIMINARY SCHEME FOR DECENTRALISATION**

**(Item 1, Page 1588)**

5. There was submitted a report dated 2 December 1996 (circulated) by the Chief Executive to provide an up-date on progress made in respect of the results of the monitoring and evaluation of the Council's preliminary Decentralisation Scheme, the proposed terms for the Council's Draft Scheme and the forthcoming consultation, as reported to the Decentralisation Sub-Committee of the Policy and Resources Committee on 26 November 1996.

The Committee noted:-

- (i) the Policy and Resources Decentralisation Sub-Committee's response to the results of the monitoring and evaluation of the preliminary Decentralisation Scheme;
- (ii) the proposed publication of the Draft Decentralisation Scheme;
- (iii) that arrangements will be made for Members of the Local Committee to make an input to the Draft Decentralisation Scheme, following publication;
- (iv) that a publicity plan will be prepared to improve the targeting of publicity for both Community Forums and Local Committees.

**DRAFT SCHEME FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMUNITY COUNCILS**

**(Item 13, Page 1569)**

6. There was submitted a report dated 5 December 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services on progress on the consultation process towards the establishment of a new scheme for community councils in East Ayrshire.

The Committee noted the contents of the report and that a further report would be submitted in due course.

The meeting terminated 1545 hours