

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

DOON VALLEY LOCAL COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 10 DECEMBER 1997 AT 1000 HOURS IN DRONGAN COMMUNITY CENTRE, MILMANNOCH AVENUE, DRONGAN

PRESENT: Councillors John Smith, Robert Taylor and Tommy Farrell; and Community Representatives Edward Torrance, Anne Taveren and James Brown.

ATTENDING: Jim Hazlett, Divisional Social Work Manager; Bill Hunter, Area Community Education Officer; Bob Pollock, Police Liaison Officer; David Hewet, Senior Policy Adviser, Development Services; Donald McVicar, Departmental Strategy Officer, Support Services; Mike Rooney, Team Leader, Environmental Health; Alan Paterson, Community Education Officer; and Ian Gemmell, Administrative Officer.

ALSO ATTENDING: Inspector John Merrylees, Strathclyde Police.

APOLOGIES: Community Representatives Jim Johnstone, Miss Lorna Rae and Miss Charlene Bradford.

CHAIR: Councillor John Smith, Chair.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

1. There was submitted for information and noted the Minutes of the Meeting of the Doon Valley Local Committee of 29 October 1997 (circulated).

STRENGTH TO STRENGTH - STRATHCLYDE POLICE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES FOR 1998/99 - PRESENTATION BY STRATHCLYDE POLICE

2. A video presentation was given by Inspector John Merrylees in relation to Strathclyde Police - Force Goals and Objectives for the year 1998/99.

The video described the work of Strathclyde Police and Inspector Merrylees intimated that Strathclyde Police had made a commitment to community safety and invited the Committee Members as individuals through their respective organisations to make representation on any aspect of the work of Strathclyde Police.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note that the video was available, on loan, to interested groups and organisations; and
- (ii) that Community Representatives would forward representations on any aspect of the work of the Police Force to Strathclyde Police.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMUNITY MEMBERS (Item 3, Page 2642)

3. It was reported that Miss Charlene Bradford had been nominated by the Education Peer Group to serve on Doon Valley Local Committee for the period until 31 March 1998.

It was agreed to accept the above nomination.

COMMUNITY MEMBERSHIP OF THE DOON VALLEY LOCAL COMMITTEE (Item 3, Page 2642)

4. There was submitted a report dated 2 December 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services in connection with the Committee's current review of Community Membership.

It was noted that six local organisations in Dalrymple, Patna and Rankinston had been asked if they would be interested in appointing a Community Representative; that Rankinston Old People's Welfare Association and Rankinston Community Association had expressed an interest in making a joint nomination of a Community Representative and substitute; that a reply was still awaited from Dalrymple Old People's Welfare Association; and that the other organisations had declined to make a nomination.

It was agreed to formally invite the joint nomination of a Community Representative and substitute from Rankinston Community Association and Rankinston Old People's Welfare Association; and to await a response from Dalrymple Old People's Welfare Association.

RECRUITMENT OF COMMUNITY MEMBERS

5. It was noted that the above item had been withdrawn from the Agenda.

DOON VALLEY COMMUNITY FORUM: MEETING: 19 NOVEMBER 1997 (Item 4, Page 2643)

6. There was submitted and noted a report dated 27 November 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services on the outcome of the meeting of the Doon Valley Community Forum held at Ochiltree Community Centre on 19 November 1997.

ADULT EDUCATION IN THE COMMUNITY (Item 10, Page 2717)

7. There was submitted a report dated 24 October 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Education advising of developments in Adult Education through the Community Education Service in East Ayrshire.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to recognise the developing commitment to Adult Education within the Community Education Service; and
- (ii) to continue consideration of the report at the next meeting, in the meantime Members of the Committee should forward any comments to the Director of Education.

COMMUNITY SAFETY (Item 19, Page 2611)

8. There was submitted a joint report dated 30 September 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services and the Police Liaison Officer outlining the key issues relating to Community Safety and recommending adoption, in principle, of a draft Community Safety Strategy to improve the quality of life in East Ayrshire and make it a safer place to live, work and visit.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to adopt in principle, the draft Community Safety Strategy;
- (ii) that Members could, if they so wished, submit any views or comments on the draft Strategy direct to the Director of Community Services by the end of December 1997;
- (iii) that the Director of Community Services submit a further report incorporating the views of all Local Committees prior to final adoption of the Community Safety Strategy; and
- (iv) otherwise to note the report.

EAST AYRSHIRE EMPLOYMENT INITIATIVE (Item 3, Page 2430)

9. There was submitted a report dated 27 November 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services on how the Government's Welfare to Work proposals were being dealt with in East Ayrshire and on the formation of the new East Ayrshire Employment Initiative.

It was agreed to continue consideration of the above report at the next meeting.

PROGRESS REPORT ON THE REVIEW OF THE LOCAL RURAL PARTNERSHIP AND THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROGRAMME OF LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS ASSOCIATED WITH EXISTING PARTNERSHIP ARRANGEMENTS (Item 3, Page 2100)

10. There was submitted a report dated 22 November 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services on progress regarding (a) the establishment of the Doon Valley Local Rural Partnership; and (b) the implementation of the programme of local development projects associated with existing Partnership arrangements.

It was agreed to note the position regarding the establishment of the Doon Valley Local Rural Partnership and the progress in the implementation of development projects promoted through the Local Rural Partnerships.

COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME

11.1 CUMNOCK AND DOON VALLEY GIFT FURNITURE SCHEME

It was reported and noted that the Policy and Resources Committee on 23 October 1997 had agreed to make a grant of £2,500 (inclusive of the grant of £500 approved by this Committee on 17 September 1997) to the Cumnock and Doon Valley Gift Furniture Scheme, the grant to be funded in full from the budget held by the Policy and Resources Committee, and accordingly, a compensatory adjustment had been made in the Local Committee's Community Grants budget for the current year.

11.2 CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATIONS

There was submitted a report dated 5 December 1997 (circulated) prepared by the Director of Support Services providing a summary of information relative to applications for Community Grants, received from local organisations, and outlining the financial position in respect of grants awarded so far during the financial year 1997/98.

The Committee took the following decisions:-

Applications Approved (for the purpose specified in the application), viz:-

Uniformed Organisations

- (i) 1st Drongan Girls Brigade - £264;
- (ii) 1st Ochiltree Girls Brigade - £225;

Recreational Group

- (i) Rankinston Unemployed and Retired Club (Item 15.2, Page 2646) - £832;

Miscellaneous

- (i) Self Help Group, Dalmellington - £500;

Elderly Interest Group

- (i) Patna Day Centre Management Committee - £700 (for the purpose of purchase of entertainment equipment and to assist with the cost of a Christmas outing).

Application Refused

Recreational/Cultural

- (i) Dalmellington Community Council: Miners' Monument - that the application be refused for the reason that the application is partly retrospective, and that the Group had not implemented a fair commissioning process.

The meeting terminated at 1125 hours.