

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**DOON VALLEY LOCAL COMMITTEE****MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 2 FEBRUARY 1999 AT 1400 HOURS IN PATNA COMMUNITY CENTRE, DOONSIDE AVENUE, PATNA**

PRESENT: Councillors John Smith, Robert Taylor and Tommy Farrell and Community Representatives Mr Edward Torrance, Mr John Weir, Mr James Brown and Mr Tony Foote.

ATTENDING: Fiona Lees, Depute Chief Executive; John Spooner, Development Manager, Development Services; Arthur West, Service Manager (Development) Social Work; Ken Robinson, Principal Administrative Officer; Robert Clark, Team Leader (Waste Management); and Ian Gemmell, Administrative Officer.

ALSO ATTENDING: Councillor David Fulton and Chief Inspector Ian Blake, Strathclyde Police.

CHAIR: Councillor John Smith Chair.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

1. There were submitted for information and noted, the Minutes of the Doon Valley Local Committee of 29 October 1998 (circulated).

DECENTRALISATION ISSUES

**DEVELOPING THE COUNCIL'S DECENTRALISATION SCHEME
(Item 2, Page 3898)**

2. It was reported and noted that Councillor David Fulton, representing the panel of Councillors who had been scheduled to visit the Local Committees as part of a review of the Council's Decentralisation Scheme was in attendance at the present meeting.

The Local Committee were given the opportunity to raise any issues regarding the operation of the Decentralisation Scheme with the consultation panel and the following matters were discussed:-

- (i) the need for additional publicity to inform the public of Local Committee meetings;
- (ii) the desirability of holding the fifteen minute public session at the commencement of meetings;
- (iii) a suggestion that reports for information should only be made available on request, and advertised to Members and Community Representatives in Grapevine;
- (iv) the view that reports should be more locally orientated and that Local Committees should to a greater extent, set their own agenda in the forward planning process; and
- (v) that provision for Council Members attending as Substitutes may be desirable where this is necessary to achieve a quorum.

DOON VALLEY COMMUNITY FORUM: LAST MEETING: 7 OCTOBER 1998

3. There was submitted and noted a report dated 18 November 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services which advised of the outcome of the second meeting of the Doon Valley Community Forum for the 1998/99 year, held as part of the Council's adopted Scheme for Decentralisation.

DOON VALLEY COMMUNITY FORUM: NEXT MEETING

4. It was reported and noted that following consultation with the Chair, arrangements had been made for the next meeting of the Doon Valley Community Forum to be held at Dalrymple Community Centre, Barbieston Road, Dalrymple on Thursday 11 February 1999.

BEST VALUE

NON-STATUTORY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

5. There was submitted a report dated 30 October 1998 (circulated) by the Chief Executive which sought views on a range of performance indicators being proposed for a trial period, and which invited comments on the need for any amendment or addition to the indicators.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that Members of the Committee would, if they so wished, and on an individual basis, submit any comments on the range of trial performance indicators for 1998/99 directly to Donald McVicar, Departmental Strategy Officer, within the Department of Support Services as soon as possible;
- (ii) to note that a report on the outcome of the consultation process relative to the trial performance indicators would be submitted to a future meeting.

SUPPORT SERVICES

STREET NAMING: DEVELOPMENT AT AYR ROAD, PATNA

6. There was submitted a report dated 26 January 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services which requested the Committee to select a name for a new street created by a new development at Ayr Road, Patna, and which gave the recommendations of the Local Member in this connection.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the street in question be named "River View"; and
- (ii) that the Head of Contracting and Technical Services be advised accordingly.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

"OPERATION SPOTLIGHT"

7. There was submitted and noted a report dated 22 January 1999 (circulated) by Chief Inspector James Thomson, Strathclyde Police, on recent "Spotlight" activity and crime trends within the Local Committee area.

NATIONAL SPRING CLEAN 1999

8. There was submitted a report dated 23 October 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which advised of National Spring Clean in East Ayrshire in 1999.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to support the Council's aim of increasing the number of events and projects within East Ayrshire during National Spring Clean 1999; and
- (ii) otherwise to note the report.

PROVISION OF RECYCLING FACILITIES

9. There was submitted and noted a report dated 21 October 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Community Service on the provision of existing recycling locations and which proposed how facilities could be extended.

Councillor Fulton and the Depute Chief Executive left the meeting at this point.

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

ECONOMIC REGENERATION AND BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT SUPPORT - REPORT FOR PERIOD JANUARY TO JULY 1998

10. There was submitted and noted a report dated 5 November 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services on work carried out by Development Services in terms of local economic regeneration and financial support and ongoing business development assistance to companies located within the Local Committee area, during the period January to July 1998.

SOCIAL WORK

SOCIAL INCLUSION PARTNERSHIP PROGRAMME

11. There was submitted and noted a report dated 27 October 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work which advised of the Social Inclusion Partnership Initiative being promoted by the Scottish Office and the opportunities which it provided for East Ayrshire Council and its Partners.

It was reported and noted that the partnership planning conference referred to in the report had been held in December 1998.

OLDER PEOPLE'S STRATEGY

12. There was submitted a report dated 2 November 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work which sought to consult the Local Committee on the Council's Older People's Strategy.

Noted that notwithstanding the closing date of 10 January 1999 given in the report, the comments by Members of the Committee received within the near future would be taken into account.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that Members of Local Committee would, if they so wished, and on an individual basis, submit comments on the Strategy directly to the Depute Director of Social Work (Community Care) as soon as possible; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the terms of the report.

URBAN PROGRAMME PROJECT: REFUGE FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN

13. There was submitted a report dated 29 October 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work on the work of the Refuge for Women and Children, a voluntary Urban Programme Project operating within the Local Committee's area.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the Director of Social Work report to this Committee on an annual basis on activity in relation to Urban Programme Projects within the Committee's area; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the terms of the report.

A FRAMEWORK FOR MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES IN SCOTLAND: AYRSHIRE AND ARRAN HEALTH BOARD JOINT STRATEGY (Item 4, Page 3844)

14. There was submitted a report dated 8 December 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work which advised of the draft Mental Health Strategy and the draft Sub-Strategy for People with Dementia and Older People with Mental Health Disabilities prepared by the Ayrshire and Arran Mental Health Framework Project Team.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the Director of Social Work report to this Committee with the finalised Strategy and Sub-Strategy for information in due course; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the content of the report.

RESPIRE CARE STRATEGY 1998/2001 (Item 2, Page 3844)

15. There was submitted a report dated 9 December 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work which provided information on the Respite Care Strategy 1998/2001.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the Director of Social Work provide an update to this Committee on the implementation of the Community Care Plan for Respite Care in twelve months' time; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the terms of the report.

COMMUNITY GRANTS

16.1 South East Ayrshire Disabled Club

It was reported and noted in respect of the above application, consideration of which was continued by this Committee at their meeting on 8 September 1998, that following improvement work carried out to the heating system within the Club's premises which was anticipated to effect a reduction in heating costs, and considering the interim funding provided by this Committee and by Cumnock Area Local Committee, the Club now had sufficient funds to meet their heating costs for the current financial year.

16.2 General Applications

There was submitted a statement dated 29 January 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services which summarised the pertinent information relative to outstanding applications for Community Grant received from local organisations, together with a financial statement which outlined the financial position in respect of Community Grants for the financial year 1998/99.

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

(a) Conservation/History

(i) Burnock Environment Group - £300.00

(b) Health Issues

(i) Doon Valley First Aid Section - £415.00

(c) Leisure Activities

(i) Dalrymple Craft Club - £200.00

(ii) Ochiltree Garden Club - £300.00 in respect of start-up costs

(d) Voluntary Organisations Support

(i) Patna Community House Management Committee - It was agreed to make an interim grant of £300.00, and to continue consideration of this application pending submission of further information by the Assessing Officer.

16.2.2 Applications remitted to the Director of Support Services in consultation with the Chair

(a) Young People

(i) 21st Drongan Girls Brigade - It was agreed to approve a grant of £250.00 subject to the Director of Support Services in consultation with the Chair being satisfied that the numbers attending the meetings of the organisation justify the grant applied for.

16.2.3 Application Continued

(i) Clifford Ritchie Dance School Parents Committee - Pending the submission of further information by the Assessing Officer.

16.2.4 Applications Refused

(a) Music

(i) Doon Valley Folk Club - as the Committee determined that the proposed expenditure did not represent value for money in respect of priorities within the Doon Valley area.

(b) Older People

(i) Bellsbank Senior Citizens Club - as the Club had been successful in obtaining Grant funding from another source in respect of the project.

ADDITIONAL ITEM

17. The Chair agreed that this item of business be considered.

17.1 Community Grant Application: Dalrymple Junior Youth Club

It was reported and noted that in respect of an application from the above organisation for a grant of £150 having been received in respect of a project to be carried out during the Christmas season, the Director of Support Services, having received a favourable assessment in respect of the application, and after consultation with the Chair of this Committee and the Local Member had authorised payment of the above amount under the Scheme of Delegation.

The meeting terminated at 1555 hours.