

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

DOON VALLEY LOCAL COMMITTEE

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 14 JUNE 2000 AT 1400 HOURS
IN DRONGAN COMMUNITY CENTRE, MILLMANNOCH AVENUE, DRONGAN**

PRESENT: Councillors Elaine Dinwoodie, Tommy Farrell and Robert Taylor; Community Representatives Edward Torrance, John Weir, Joan Wightman, Elaine Inglis, Tony Foote and Tania Garrity; and Named Substitutes William Barr and Grace Garrity.

ATTENDING: Bill Walkinshaw, Principal Administrative Officer; Ron Murray, Environmental Health Officer; Robert Robb, Recycling Officer, Community Services; and Ian Gemmell, Administrative Officer.

ALSO ATTENDING: Chief Inspector Jim Thomson, Strathclyde Police.

APOLOGIES: Community Representative Iain Brown and Named Substitute Jim Johnstone.

CHAIR: Councillor Elaine Dinwoodie, Chair.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. The Chair at her discretion and in terms of Standing Order 15.1 agreed to alter the order of business and consider Item 4 (Strathclyde Police Spotlight Report) at the end of the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

2. 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

3. The meeting was reconvened at 1404 hours with the same Councillors, Community Representatives and Named Substitutes and Officers present and in attendance.

MINUTES

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

4. There was submitted and noted the Minutes of meeting of the Doon Valley Local Committee held on 2 May 2000 (circulated).

LOCAL ISSUES

5.1 LOCAL ISSUES PROGRAMME

There was submitted a report dated 15 May 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Corporate Services providing information on the local issues raised and, where applicable, the timescale for reporting back to the Local Committee.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to support the practice of Community Representatives being able to raise local items on Committee Agendas for future discussion; and
- (ii) to note the existing list of Local Committee item issues as detailed within the Appendix to the report.

5.2 NEW ISSUES

It was agreed to include Road Safety issues as a future item for the local issues programme.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

EAST AYRSHIRE COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM: MEMBERSHIP

(Item 8, Page 932, 99/02)

6. The Committee took up consideration from last meeting of the appointment of a Substitute Representative to serve on the East Ayrshire Community Safety Forum.

It was noted that no Community Representatives had as yet expressed an interest in serving as Substitute Representative on the above Forum.

PROGRESS REPORT - DOG FOULING INITIATIVE (Item 5, Page 536, 99/02)

7. There was submitted a report dated 2 June 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on progress made on the Dog Fouling Initiative.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to endorse the view that future patrols should not be restricted to the Drongan area itself but should be widened, in response to complaints about dog fouling, within other parts of the Local Committee area;
- (ii) that the Director of Community Services be advised of the request for the provision of bins for the disposal of dog faeces within the Committee area; and
- (iii) to express the view that prosecutions would be required before dog owners in the area would take this matter seriously.

DECENTRALISATION ISSUES

ANNUAL SEMINAR FOR COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES

8. There was submitted a report dated 2 June 2000 (circulated) by the Community Representatives Working Group which advised the Local Committee of arrangements to hold an Annual Seminar for Community Representatives in November 2000; sought the Committee's views thereon; and which requested details of any issues in respect of the Local Committee process that Community Representatives would wish discussed at the Annual Seminar.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the arrangements for the Annual Seminar in November 2000 and that further information would be issued to individual Community Representatives when arrangements had been finalised; and
- (ii) that Community Representatives consult with their parent groups and submit to Community Representatives Working Group via the relative Local

Committee Administrative Officer any issues which they wished the next Annual Seminar to consider.

**COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES ANNUAL SEMINAR WORKING GROUP:
NOMINATION OF NAMED SUBSTITUTE (Item 10, Page 933, 99/02)**

9. The Committee continued consideration from last meeting of the appointment of a Community Representative and Substitute to serve on the Community Representatives Annual Seminar Working Group.

It was reported and noted that a letter had been issued to each of the Community Representatives reminding them of the Committee's decision at the last meeting, and requesting expressions of interest.

It was noted that no expressions of interest had as yet been received from Community Representatives in this connection.

DOON VALLEY COMMUNITY FORUM

10. It was reported that the next meeting of the Doon Valley Community Forum was due to take place in September/October 2000, and in this connection the Committee were asked to determine a local issue to be discussed at, and venue for, that meeting.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the venue for the next Doon Valley Community Forum should be Patna Community Centre; and
- (ii) that the local item for the next Doon Valley Community Forum should be Road Safety.

COMMUNITY GRANTS

LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANTS SCHEME 2000/2001

11. There was submitted a report dated 12 June 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Corporate Services outlining the financial position in respect of Community Grants for the financial year 2000/2001, together with a summary statement relative to outstanding applications for Community Grant received from local organisations.

It was agreed as follows:-

- (i) **Applications Approved** (for the purpose stated in the application), viz:-
 - (a) Arts and Cultural
 - (i) Doon Valley Raft and Canoe Race - £750;
 - (ii) Dalmellington Booktown Co Ltd - £1,200 (Administration costs - £900; Book Fair - £300);
 - (b) Community Councils
 - (i) Drongan, Rankinston and Stair Community Council (World Cup 2000) - £500;
 - (c) Disability
 - (i) PHABS R US - £260;

- (ii) Bonnie Doon Phab Club - £2,000;
- (iii) Cumnock and Doon Valley Independent Living Friendship Group - £300;
- (d) Ethnic Minorities
 - (i) Asian Culture Group - £250;
- (e) Older People
 - (i) Drongan Old People's Welfare Association (continued from last meeting (Item 13 (c) (i), Page 935, 99/02) - it was agreed to make a further grant of £1,033 so that the total amount of grant paid to this organisation this year would amount to £1,834, based on a per capita sum of £3.50 for each of the group's registered membership of 524 persons;
- (f) Women's Issues
 - (i) East Ayrshire Women's Aid (Cumnock) - £572.50;
- (ii) **Recess: Applications Outstanding**

In respect of recently received applications which were awaiting assessment, it was agreed that, in consultation with the Chair, appropriate grant applications be dealt with at a Special Meeting of this Committee.

STRATHCLYDE POLICE SPOTLIGHT REPORT

- 12.** There was submitted and noted a report dated 5 June 2000 (circulated) by Chief Inspector James Thomson, Strathclyde Police, advising of "Spotlight" activity, and crime trends over the recent period.

The meeting terminated at 1456 hours.