

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

DOON VALLEY LOCAL COMMITTEE

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 7 MAY 1997 AT 1400 HOURS IN
THE BELLSBANK F.E. WING, CRAIGLEA CRESCENT, BELLSBANK,
DALMELLINGTON**

PRESENT: Councillors John Smith and Robert Taylor; and Community Representatives Mrs Vera Graham and Miss Sarah Murray.

ATTENDING: David Hewet, Senior Policy Adviser, Department of Development Services; Stephen Horsley, Service Manager, Social Work Department; Kenneth W Robinson, Principal Administrative Officer; Paul L Todd, Principal Officer (Environmental Health and Waste Management); and Ian Gemmell, Administrative Officer.

APOLOGY: Councillor Tommy Farrell.

CHAIR: Councillor John Smith, Chair.

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

1. There were submitted for information and noted the Minutes of meeting of the Doon Valley Local Committee of 18 March 1997 (circulated).

COMMUNITY MEMBERS OF LOCAL COMMITTEES

2. There was submitted and noted a report dated 15 April 1997 (circulated) by the Chief Executive intimating that the Decentralisation Sub-Committee of the Policy and Resources Committee at its meeting on 15 April 1997 had agreed to suggest that community organisations represented on Local Committees might consider extending the initial appointment of existing Community Members for a further year to 31 March 1998, and that the organisations concerned had been requested either to confirm their nominations in terms of an extended period of membership for existing Community Members, or to nominate new representatives. The organisations concerned had then been asked to nominate substitutes.

**PROGRESS REPORT ON LOCAL PARTNERSHIP ARRANGEMENTS AND
IMPLEMENTATION OF ASSOCIATED PROJECTS**

3. There was submitted a report dated 7 April 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services on the current position regarding (i) the implementation of the programme of local development projects associated with existing partnership arrangements; and (ii) the outcome of the consultations undertaken to date regarding the review of the existing Local Rural Partnership.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve, as a basis for wider consultation, the discussion document incorporated in the abovementioned report entitled "Local Rural Partnership - Doon Valley"; and
- (ii) that the Director of Development Services in association with the Dalmellington Working Party and other organisations as appropriate, liaise

with the Department of Support Services regarding the implementation of a consultation exercise on the discussion document, with the wider community of the Doon Valley area.

DOON VALLEY COMMUNITY FORUM

4. It was reported and noted that the next Doon Valley Community Forum would be held on Wednesday 21 May 1997 in Dalrymple Community Centre, that the "Council" topic for the Forum would be "Equal Opportunities", and that the "local" topic selected by this Committee for this Forum was "The Doon Valley Tourism Development Strategy".

COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME

5.1 GRANTS TO ELDERLY INTEREST GROUPS

There was submitted a report dated 22 April 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services inviting the Committee to consider and determine an approach to be applied in awarding community grants to elderly interest groups within the Committee's area during the financial year 1997/98.

It was agreed:-

- (i) in principle, that community grant awards should be made to local Age Concern Groups and Old Folk's Welfare Associations during 1997/98 at a rate of £3.00 per capita, according to membership numbers;
- (ii) that applications for grant from local elderly interest groups, other than Age Concern and Old Folk's Welfare Associations, should be dealt with on an individual basis according to their respective merits; and
- (iii) to approve payment of grant to the following organisations in terms of the adopted formula, as undernoted:-
 - (a) Dalmellington Street Wardens - £1,305;
 - (b) Bellsbank Street Wardens - £700; and
 - (c) Drongan Old People's Welfare Association - £1,659.

5.2 CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATIONS

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

- 5.2.1 Cumnock and Doon Valley Women's Aid (Playscheme)** - that a grant of £167.00 be made.
- 5.2.2 Bellsbank Adventure Playground (Playscheme)** - that a grant of £561.62 be made.
- 5.2.3 Cumnock and Doon Valley Access Panel** - that a grant of £167.00 be made.
- 5.2.4 Cumnock and Doon Valley Deaf Club** - that a grant of £283 be made.
- 5.2.5 Doon Valley First Aid Section** - that a grant of £576.00 be made.

- 5.2.6 Quackers (Bellsbank) Young Mothers Group** - that a start-up grant of £200.00 be made.
- 5.2.7 Cumnock and Doon Valley Mental Health Forum** - that consideration of this application be deferred to the next meeting of the Local Committee to enable further information to be submitted.
- 5.2.8 Stair Community Association** - that a grant of £2,613 be made.

The meeting terminated at 1435 hours.