

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

DOON VALLEY LOCAL COMMITTEE

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 7 MAY 1996 AT 1430 HOURS
AT BELLSBANK IFE WING, CRAIGLEA CRESCENT, BELLSBANK,
DALMELLINGTON**

PRESENT: Councillors Robert Taylor and Tommy Farrell; and Community Representatives Mr Robert Kay and Mr Jim Johnstone.

ATTENDING: Fiona Lees, Depute Chief Executive; Stephen Chorley, Director of Development Services; John Crawford, Head of Protective Services; Douglas Campbell, Head of Public Relations and Marketing; Jim Bottom, Principal Planning Officer; John Bryson (Roads); David Hewet, Senior Policy Adviser; David Chalmers, Area Housing Manager; Anna Gallacher, Solicitor; Rona Burns, Education Officer; and Ian Gemmell, Administrative Officer.

APOLOGIES: Councillor John Smith and Community Representative Mr Edward Torrance.

CHAIR: Councillor Robert Taylor, Vice-Chair.

COMMUNITY FIRST SURVEY: FINAL REPORT

1. There was submitted and noted a report dated 25 April 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services which outlined the results and findings of the Community First Survey carried out by East Ayrshire Council during December 1995.

LOCAL SPORTS COUNCIL: PROGRESS REPORT

2. There was submitted and noted a report dated 22 April 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services updating on the progress made in relation to the formation of an East Ayrshire Sports Council.

RATIONALISATION OF CIVIC AMENITY SITES

3. There was submitted a report dated 22 April 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services regarding proposed changes in the provision of civic amenity sites within the Local Committee area, and requesting consideration of the level of publicity required to ensure that the local community was aware of these changes.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note that as from 1 May 1996, the existing civic amenity sites at Rankinston, Ochiltree and Dalmellington would close, that the existing site at Patna would be retained; and that in mid July a new civic amenity site would be opened at Garlaff; and
- (ii) to request the Director of Community Services to provide suitable posters to be provided at all public buildings in order to publicise the proposed changes.

ENVIRONMENTAL STRATEGY AND LOCAL COMMITTEES

4. There was submitted a report dated 22 April 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services outlining the objectives of the Council's Environmental Strategy, and identifying the role of the Local Committees in achieving the aims of the Strategy.

It was agreed to participate fully in the implementation of the Environmental Strategy and otherwise to note the report.

NOTIFICATION OF PUBLIC PROCESSIONS

5. There were submitted reports dated 22 April 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services advising that notification had been received from the undernoted organisations that they intended to hold processions in the locations concerned and on the dates stated:- (a) Patna JLOL No 152 - procession in Patna on 26 May 1996; (b) Dalmellington Young Covenanters JLOL No 156 - procession in Bellsbank, Dalmellington, on 1 June 1996; and (c) Drongan Rising Sons and Daughters of John Knox JLOL No 137 - process in Drongan on 1 June 1996.

It was agreed to note the reports and that the processions would proceed in accordance with Strathclyde Police's comments/proposals regarding routes, etc and the standard conditions detailed in the reports.

EAST AYRSHIRE REGENERATION PARTNERSHIP

6. There was submitted a report dated 19 April 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services on the role of Local Committees in the East Ayrshire Regeneration Partnership and the consultative process for the submission of bids under the new urban programme procedures now called "Programme for Partnership".

Having noted that there would be an opportunity for the community regeneration strategy to be discussed when the Council's economic strategy was presented to the Doon valley Area Community Forum later this month, it was agreed:-

- (i) that it be remitted to the Director of Development Services to prepare and submit to the next Meeting, a report on consultation arrangements for the Local Committee regeneration strategy;

- (ii) that, following the consultation process, appropriate representations be prepared by the Director of Development Services for submission to the Scottish Office in June 1996; and
- (iii) otherwise to note the report.

DOON VALLEY LOCAL COMMITTEE: POPULATION PROFILE

7. There was submitted and noted a report (circulated) by the Director of Development Services detailing the population profile of the Doon Valley Local Committee Area.

1996/97 PROGRAMME OF STRUCTURAL MAINTENANCE OF ROADS AND FOOTWAYS

8. There was submitted a report (circulated) by the Director of Development Services providing details of the 1996/97 roads structural maintenance programmes within the Doon Valley area.

Community Representative Robert Kay made reference to the poor condition of the unadopted roads and footways structure within Waterside, and asked if the area could be examined with a view to costing being provided to enable the Local Residents' Association to consider a means of funding the improvement and eventual adoption of the roads and footpaths in question.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note that the maintenance programme for 1997/98 would be delegated in part to Local Committees;
- (ii) to instruct the Director of Development Services to arrange for a survey to be carried out of the roads and footpaths in Waterside, and report to a future Meeting of this Committee; and
- (iii) otherwise to note the report.

PROPOSED CHANGES IN PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICES

9. Submitted report (circulated) by the Director of Development Services providing details on (i) proposed improvements in rail services from East Ayrshire; (ii) proposed fare increases on subsidised bus services within the area outside the Passenger Transport Executive area; (iii) the proposed introduction of new subsidised bus services proposed by the Strathclyde Passenger Transport Executive; and (iv) on action being taken to maintain current service levels.

Community Representative Robert Kay commented that a large number of young persons resident in the Doon Valley socialise in Ayr at the weekends, and drew attention to the need for a late night bus service to serve this section of the public.

It was agreed:

- (i) to note the proposal to provide an additional bus service between Dalmellington and Kilmarnock;
- (ii) to instruct the Director of Development Services to draw the attention of the Strathclyde Passenger Transport Executive to the local view that there was a need for improved public transport links between Dalmellington and Cumnock and to take up with the Executive the perceived need for a late night service from Ayr to Dalmellington at weekends; and
- (iii) otherwise to note the report.

PRE-FIVES ADMISSIONS POLICY

- 10.** There was submitted and noted a report dated 23 April 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Education providing details of the pre-five admissions policy for East Ayrshire and the implementation arrangements thereof

MEMBERSHIP OF DOON VALLEY LOCAL COMMITTEE

- 11.** There was submitted a report dated 3 May 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services detailing membership of the Local Committee to date, and inviting the Committee to consider the identification of further local organisations to be represented on the Doon Valley Local Committee.

It was agreed that the number of community representatives should remain at five, as previously determined by the Committee.

VENUES FOR FUTURE MEETINGS OF THE DOON VALLEY LOCAL COMMITTEE AND LOCAL PLANNING COMMITTEE

- 12.** There was submitted a report dated 2 May 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services requesting consideration of venues for future Meetings.

It was agreed that future Meetings of the Doon Valley Local Committee and Local Planning Committee should be scheduled as follows;

- (i) 18 June 1996 - Ochiltree Community Centre;
- (ii) 17 September 1996 - Patna Community Centre;
- (iii) 29 October 1996 - Dalmellington Community Centre;
- (iv) 10 December 1996 - Drongan Community Centre;
- (v) 4 February 1997 - Dalrymple Community Centre; and

(vi) 18 March 1997 - Rankinston Community Centre.

DOON VALLEY COMMUNITY FORUM

- 13.** The Depute Chief Executive reported that the first Community Forum Meeting would be held in Dalmellington Community Centre on 14 May 1996, and requested the Committee to identify an appropriate local issue for discussion at that event

It was agreed that in addition to the Council's economic strategy, the issue of drugs abuse should also be considered.

LOCAL COMMITTEE COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME

14.1 COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME

There was submitted a report dated 2 May 1996 (circulated) by the Chief Executive, providing details of:-

- (i) the sum available to the Local Committee for distribution by way of grants in support of community and voluntary organisations;
- (ii) the process whereby the figure concerned was arrived at;
- (iii) the scheme of grants and conditions adopted by East Ayrshire Council; and
- (iv) the application forms for local grants and playschemes.

It was agreed to note

- (i) that the sum of £24,916 had been allocated to the Doon Valley Local Committee for the support of community and voluntary organisations;
- (ii) the content of the paper describing the process of distribution of finance and the Local Committee Grants Scheme, including conditions of grants; and
- (iii) the application forms.

14.2 CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATIONS

There was submitted a report dated 7 May 1996 (circulated) by the Chief Executive, requesting consideration of appropriate playscheme applications for the financial year 1996/97.

It was agreed:

- (i) to approve in principle, grants being given to Dalrymple Summer Playscheme, Drongan Summer Playscheme and Bellsbank Summer Playscheme, subject to:-

- (a) the Director of Education being satisfied that any requirements in terms of the Children's Act were met;

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- (b) financial and programming information being submitted by the organisation concerned, the above information to be included in the respective assessment forms to be submitted by the Director of Education; and
- (c) consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair of this Committee.

The meeting terminated at 1620 hours.