

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**DOON VALLEY LOCAL COMMITTEE****MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 2 JUNE 1998 AT 1400 HOURS IN
DALRYMPLE COMMUNITY CENTRE, BARBIESTON ROAD, DALRYMPLE**

PRESENT: Councillors John Smith, Robert Taylor and Tommy Farrell; and Community Representatives Edward Torrance, James Brown, Miss Sandra McPheator and Tony Foote.

ATTENDING: John F Crawford, Head of Protective Services; Arthur West, Service Manager (Development), Social Work; Nicola Burgess, Assistant Area Housing Manager; Bill Walkinshaw, Principal Administrative Officer; Gerald Cummings, Road Safety Trading Officer; and Ian Gemmell, Administrative Officer.

CHAIR: Councillor John Smith, Chair.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

1. There were submitted for information and noted the Minutes of the Meeting of the Doon Valley Local Committee of 21 April 1998 (circulated).

DECENTRALISATION ISSUES**APPOINTMENT OF COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE PERIOD 1
APRIL 1998 TO 31 MARCH 1999**

2. There was submitted a report dated 19 May 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services on the current position in respect of the appointment of Community Representatives from local organisations to serve on the Doon Valley Local Committee for the period 1 April 1998 to 31 March 1999.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to accept the nominations received since last meeting, i.e:- Ochiltree Community Council - Substitute - Mr Andrew McInnes; Pupils' Representative (Drongan/Ochiltree/Rankinston) - Mr Ross Macleod, (Substitute: Miss Angela Barr); Rankinston Community Association/Rankinston Old Peoples' Welfare Committee (joint nomination) - Substitute - Mr George McCaig; and Dalrymple Community Council - Mr Alex McTaggart, (Substitute - Ms Jennifer Hogg); and
- (ii) to note that nominations in respect of Community Representatives and Substitutes were awaited from the Peer Education Group, the Pupils' Representative (Dalmellington/Patna/Dalrymple) and Dalmellington Community Council.

COMMUNITY SERVICES**EAST AYRSHIRE COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM: NOMINATION OF
COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE (Item 3, Page 3229)**

3. There was submitted a report dated 30 April 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which advised of the Council's intention to establish an East Ayrshire Community Safety Forum to replace the East Ayrshire Accident Prevention

Committee, and which invited the Committee to nominate a Community Representative to serve on the Forum.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to nominate Mr Edward Torrance to serve on the East Ayrshire Community Safety Forum; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the terms of the report.

NATIONAL SPRING CLEAN 1998: PROGRESS REPORT (Item 13, Page 2494)

4. There was submitted a report dated 30 April 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which advised of the work carried out within East Ayrshire during National Spring Clean 1998.

It was agreed:-

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

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL ROAD SAFETY PLAN (Item 13, Page 2217)

5. There was submitted a report dated 30 April 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services on the East Ayrshire Council Draft Road Safety Plan and which invited the Committee to comment on the Draft Plan.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that in the "encouragement" section of the Draft Plan, provision should be made for Officers of the Housing Department to encourage off-road parking in housing schemes;
- (ii) that Members of the Committee would if they so wished, and on an individual basis, advise the Director of Development Services of any further comments which they might wish to make on the Plan as soon as possible and in any event by the due date of 31 July 1998; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the terms of the report.

HOUSING

RANKINSTON TENANTS' ASSOCIATION - REQUEST FOR GRANT

6. There was submitted a report dated 18 May 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Housing recommending approval of an application by Rankinston Tenants' Association on a start-up grant and an annual operating grant.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve Rankinston Tenants' Association's request for a start-up grant of £100, and an operating grant of £50, in terms of the formula adopted by the Housing Committee on 17 April 1996, the funding to be met from the Housing Revenue Account for the financial year 1998/99; and

- (ii) that the Director of Housing monitor applications to avoid repetitive start-up grants being made to established Tenants' Associations.

COMMUNITY GRANTS

7.1 AGE CONCERN AND OLD FOLKS' WELFARE ORGANISATIONS

There was submitted a report dated 19 May 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services inviting the Committee to consider and determine the approach to be applied in awarding Community Grants to Age Concern Organisations and Old Folks' Welfare Associations within the Committee's area during the financial year 1998/99.

It was agreed:-

- (i) in principle, that Community Grant awards should be made to local Age Concern Groups and Old Folks' Welfare Associations during 1998/99, at a rate of £3.00 per capita, according to present registered membership numbers; and
- (ii) to approve payment of grant to the following organisations in terms of the adopted formula, as undernoted:-
 - (a) Bellsbank Street Wardens - £573; and
 - (b) Drongan Old Peoples' Welfare Association - £1,230.

7.2 GENERAL APPLICATIONS

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

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

- (a) Leisure Activities
 - (i) Stair Craft Club - £350;
- (b) Women (Including Lone Parents)
 - (i) Cumnock and Doon Valley Women's Aid: Playscheme - £386; and
 - (ii) Doon Valley Parents Support Group (Thursday Club) - £230.

7.2.2. Applications Continued

- (a) Sport
 - (i) Ochiltree Rovers Boys Club (Flood Lighting Phase 2) - to enable the Committee to meet with the applicants to discuss the application in detail, following inspection of the site of the project by the Members of the Committee.
 - (ii) Ness Glen Angling Club - to enable the Committee to meet with the applicants to discuss the application in detail, following inspection of the site of the project by the Members of the Committee.

(b) Music

- (i) Doon Valley Folk Festival - to await the outcome of applications (a) to East Ayrshire Council under their grants to voluntary organisations scheme and (b) to the Minerals Trust.

7.2.3 Application Remitted to Director of Support Services in consultation with the Chair

- (a) Dalrymple Primary School Parents Group - £400, on being satisfied that there were no alternative facilities available from Council Services to meet the Group's requirements.

7.2.4 Application Refused

(a) Community Councils

- (i) Dalmellington Community Council (Sculpture Project) - as the Committee determined that Community Grant funding and did not represent value for money in respect of priorities within the Dalmellington area.

ADDITIONAL ITEM

The Chair agreed that this item of urgent business be considered, as an early decision was required.

7.2.5 Community Grant Application - Drongan Summer Playscheme

It was agreed to remit to the Director of Support Services in consultation with the Chair to authorise payment of a grant of up to £800 on receipt of a satisfactory assessment of the application.

The meeting terminated at 1434 hours.