

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

DOON VALLEY LOCAL COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 4 FEBRUARY 1998 AT 1400 HOURS IN DALRYMPLE COMMUNITY CENTRE, BARBIESTON ROAD, DALRYMPLE

PRESENT: Councillors John Smith, Robert Taylor and Tommy Farrell; and Community Representatives Mr John Wilson and Mrs Anne Taveren.

ATTENDING: Jim Hazlett, Divisional Social Work Manager; John Bryson, Area Engineer (Roads and Transportation); Bill Hunter, Area Community Education Officer; John Spooner, Business Development Manager; Ken Robinson, Principal Administrative Officer; Janie Allen, Principal Officer (Pre-Fives); Robert Clark, Team Leader (Waste Management); Alan Patterson, Senior Community Education Worker; Alan Murray, Senior Community Education Worker; George Fraser, Senior Policy Adviser (Development Services); and Ian Gemmell, Administrative Officer.

ALSO ATTENDING: Chief Inspector James Thomson and Inspector John Merrylees, Strathclyde Police.

APOLOGY: Community Representative Mr Edward Torrance.

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 10 December 1997 (circulated).

APPOINTMENT OF COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES

2. It was reported that the following nominations for Community Representatives/Substitutes had been received from the organisations concerned:-
 - (a) Rankinston Community Association/Rankinston Old People's Welfare Association - Mrs Margaret Brown (substitute - Mr Tony Foote);
 - (b) Bellsbank Women's Project - substitute - Mrs Danella Dale; and
 - (c) Pupils' Representative (Drongan/Ochiltree/Rankinston) - Mr Kenneth Clarke.

It was also reported that Dalrymple Old People's Welfare Committee, who had been invited to nominate a Community Representative had indicated that they had been unable to identify a nominee.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to accept the above mentioned nominations; and
- (ii) to note the position with respect to Dalrymple Old People's Welfare Committee.

RECRUITMENT OF COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES (Item 2, Page 2100)

3. There was submitted a report dated 21 January 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services which invited the Committee to consider and determine certain matters in order to facilitate arrangements for the recruitment of Community Representatives to serve on the Local Committee.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the present community membership, as detailed in the report;
- (ii) to note the agreement of the Decentralisation Sub-Committee of 15 April 1997 that Community Representatives and named Substitutes be appointed to Local Committees on an individual basis for a period of one year from 1 April each year;
- (iii) that the following organisations be invited to nominate Community Representatives and Substitutes for the year to 31 March 1999, viz:- Drongan Community Council; East Ayrshire (South) Forum on Disability; Pupils' Representative (Dalmellington/Patna/Dalrymple); Pupils' Representative (Drongan/Ochiltree/Rankinston); Bellsbank Women's Project; Ochiltree Community Council; Dalmellington Community Council; Peer Education Group; and Rankinston Community Association/Rankinston Old People's Welfare Association (joint nomination); and
- (iv) that the Director of Support Services invite the above organisations to submit nominations for community membership for the period to 31 March 1999.

ANNUAL SEMINAR FOR COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES (Item 2, Page 2946)

4. There was submitted a report dated 22 January 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services which invited the Committee to appoint a Community Representative to serve on a Working Group to be established to progress the development of an Annual Seminar for Community Representatives.

It was agreed to appoint Mr Edward Torrance to serve on the proposed Working Group.

DOON VALLEY COMMUNITY FORUM: NEXT MEETING

5. It was reported for information and noted (a) that the next meeting of the Doon Valley Community Forum would take place on Tuesday 17 February 1998 commencing at 1900 hours in Patna Community Centre; and (b) that the Council item would be the budget consultation, and that there would be no local item.

BUSINESS SUPPORT SCHEMES STATUS REPORT 1997 (Item 8, Page 1761)

6. There was submitted and noted a report dated 20 January 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which informed the Committee of financial support and ongoing business development assistance awarded to companies located within the Committee's area during the 1997 calendar year.

EAST AYRSHIRE EMPLOYMENT INITIATIVE

7. There was re-submitted and noted a report dated 27 November 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services on how the Government's Welfare to Work proposals were being dealt with in East Ayrshire, and on the formation of the new East Ayrshire Employment Initiative.

PROGRAMME OF STRUCTURAL MAINTENANCE OF ROADS AND FOOTWAYS 1998/99 (Item 10, Page 2750)

8. There was submitted a report dated 2 December 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which advised of the Roads and Footways Structural Maintenance Programme 1998/99, for "inescapable" schemes approved by the Development Services Committee, and which sought approval of the "highly desirable" schemes for structural maintenance of footways, or "desirable" options.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the 1998/99 Roads and Footways Structural Maintenance Programmes for "inescapable" schemes, approved by the Development Services Committee, as set out in the report;
- (ii) to approve the "highly desirable" schemes for the structural maintenance of footways, as set out in the report; and
- (iii) to note that any further reduction in the anticipated budget would be accommodated by the Head of Roads and Transportation by reducing the footway resurfacing programme in an equitable manner.

ROAD SAFETY PLAN (Item 13, Page 2217)

9. There was submitted a report dated 16 January 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which advised of progress in the preparation of a Road Safety Plan for East Ayrshire, and which invited comments on the issues and policies which should be taken into account in the Plan.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the terms of the report; and
- (ii) that Members and Community Representatives should by 20 March 1998 advise the Department of Development Services of any issues and policies which they thought should be included in the Plan.

EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT TO COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT IN EAST AYRSHIRE (Item 2, Page 2880)

10. There was submitted a report dated 28 November 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Education which advised of developments in educational support to community groups and organisations in East Ayrshire through the work of the Community Education Service.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to recognise the developing commitment to community work within the Community Education Service;

- (ii) to congratulate the Community Education Service on the standard of work being carried out; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

PRE-FIVE ADMISSIONS 1997/98

11. There was submitted a report dated 19 January 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Education which advised of the allocation of nursery places in Nursery Schools and classes for session 1997/98.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the progress being made in the delivery of pre-school education in East Ayrshire; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

ADULT EDUCATION IN THE COMMUNITY

12. There was re-submitted a report dated 24 October 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Education which advised of developments in Adult Education through the Community Education Service in East Ayrshire.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to recognise the developing commitment to Adult Education within the Community Education Service; and
- (ii) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

RECREATION SERVICES EVENTS PROGRAMME 1998 (Item 1, Page 2899)

13. There was submitted a report dated 19 January 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on the Council's Recreation Events Programme for 1998/99.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the proposed Recreation Events Programme for 1998/99; and
- (ii) that Members and Community Representatives should forward any suggestions for future events to the Director of Community Services.

DOG FOULING - PILOT SCHEME (Item 12, Page 2895)

14. There was submitted a report dated 22 January 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on the Council's proposals to deal with dog fouling and which requested the Committee to select an area in which a pilot scheme of control could be carried out.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the locality in which the pilot scheme of control should be carried out in the Doon Valley area should be Mill O'Shield Road, Drongan (including the area of the shops and playing field); and
- (ii) otherwise to note the report.

LOCAL COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME

15. There was submitted a report dated 23 January 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services which provided a summary of information relative to applications for Community Grants received from local organisations, and which outlined the financial position in respect of grants awarded so far during the financial year 1997/98.

The Committee took the following decisions:-

Applications Approved (for the purpose specified in the application).

Recreational/Cultural

- (i) Dalmellington Amateur Gardening Club - £600;

Disability Interest

- (i) Carers Support Group (Cumnock and Doon Valley Area) - £200;
- (ii) PHABS R US - that a grant of £80 be made, on condition that Cumnock Area Local Committee agree to make a grant in this case of £100, as applied for.

Application Continued

Recreational/Cultural

- (i) Kilmarnock Folk Club (Traditional Dance Project) - that consideration of the application be continued to the next meeting, in order that further information could be obtained.

The meeting terminated at 1525 hours.