

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

DOON VALLEY LOCAL COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 2 MAY 2000 AT 1400 HOURS IN RANKINSTON COMMUNITY CENTRE, LITTLE MILL ROAD, RANKINSTON

PRESENT: Councillors Elaine Dinwoodie, Tommy Farrell and Robert Taylor; Community Representatives John Weir, Joan Wightman, Iain Brown, Eileen Inglis, Sandy McCutcheon, Elaine Dunlop, Tony Foote and Tania Russell; and Named Substitutes William Barr and Grace Garrity.

ATTENDING: Fiona Lees, Depute Chief Executive; Bill Walkinshaw, Principal Administrative Officer; Robert Clark, Team Leader (Waste Management) and Ian Gemmell, Administrative Officer.

ALSO ATTENDING: Inspector John Merrilees, Strathclyde Police.

APOLOGY: Community Representative Edward Torrance.

CHAIR: Councillor Elaine Dinwoodie, Chair.

DECENTRALISATION ISSUES

APPOINTMENT OF COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES 2000/2001 (Item 5, Page 605, 99/02)

1. There was submitted a report dated 26 April 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Corporate Services which advised of the position in respect of the nomination of Community Representatives and Substitutes by local organisations to serve on the Doon Valley Local Committee from the period 1 April 2000 to 31 March 2001.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to accept the following nominations for Community Representatives and Named Substitutes made by local organisations:-
 - (a) Community Councils - Drongan Community Council - Mr Edward Torrance and Substitute - Mr William Barr; Dalmellington Community Council - Mr John Weir and Substitute - Mrs Margaret Leslie; Patna Community Council - Ms Eileen Inglis; and Dalrymple Community Council - Mrs Tania Russell and Substitute - Mrs Grace Garrity;
 - (b) Bellsbank Women's Project - Mrs Joan Wightman and Substitute - Mrs Anne Johnstone;
 - (c) East Ayrshire (South) Forum on Disability - Dr Iain Brown and Substitute - Mr Jim Johnstone;
 - (d) Pupils' Representative (Dalmellington/Patna/Dalrymple) - Miss Elaine Dunlop; and
 - (e) Pupils' Representative (Drongan/Rankinston) - Mr Sandy McCutcheon;
- (ii) to note the position in respect of those organisations which had not submitted nominations for Substitutes; and

- (iii) that the Director of Corporate Services make such arrangements as might be necessary to facilitate the submission of outstanding nominations for Substitute Community Representatives.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

2. It was agreed to adjourn the meeting at 1405 hours in order to allow for a fifteen minute maximum public question and answer session.

RECONVENTION OF MEETING

3. The meeting reconvened at 1415 hours with the same Councillors, Community Representatives and Officers present and in attendance.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

4. There were submitted for information and noted the Minutes of meeting of the Doon Valley Local Committee held on 21 March 2000 and reconvened on 31 March 2000.

LOCAL ITEMS

5. Community Representatives were invited to raise any local items of interest for inclusion on a future Agenda.

Following discussion the undernoted item was identified as a potential local item which could become the subject of a future report to the Committee:- "Housing for Disabled Persons".

COMMUNITY SERVICES

FLY TIPPING IN THE DOON VALLEY (Item 6, Page 851, 99/02)

6. There was submitted and noted a report dated 3 March 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on the problem of fly tipping and the control measures taken by the Council in this connection.

STRATHCLYDE POLICE SPOTLIGHT REPORT

7. There was submitted and noted a report dated 18 April 2000 (circulated) by Chief Inspector Thomson, Strathclyde Police, which advised of "Spotlight" activity and crime trends over the recent period.

EAST AYRSHIRE COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM: MEMBERSHIP

8. There was submitted a report dated 4 April 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which sought the nomination of a Community Representative and Substitute to serve on the Community Safety Forum for one year commencing in June 2000.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to nominate Tania Russell as Community Representative to serve on the Community Safety Forum;
- (ii) to continue consideration to a future meeting the appointment of a Substitute Representative; and

- (iii) otherwise to note the report.

DECENTRALISATION

LOCAL COMMITTEE MEETINGS: PERIOD TO 30 JUNE 2001

9. There was submitted a report dated 14 March 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Corporate Services which advised of the dates on which meetings of the Local Committee were scheduled to take place during the period to 30 June 2001; and invited the Committee to determine the venues at which each of these meetings would be held.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the dates fixed for the meetings of the Committee for the period to 30 June 2001 as detailed in (ii) below; and
- (ii) that the meetings of the Committee which would take place during the period in question be as follows:-
 - (a) Wednesday 14 June 2000 - Drongan Community Centre;
 - (b) Tuesday 12 September 2000 - Patna Community Centre;
 - (c) Tuesday 7 November 2000 - Dalmellington Community Centre;
 - (d) Tuesday 30 January 2001 - Rankinston Community Centre;
 - (e) Tuesday 27 March 2001 - Dalrymple Community Centre; and
 - (f) Tuesday 22 May 2001 - Bellsbank Community Centre.

COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES' ANNUAL SEMINAR WORKING GROUP

10. The Committee were invited to nominate a Community Representative and Substitute to serve on the Community Representatives' Annual Seminar Working Group.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to continue consideration of this matter to a future meeting; and
- (ii) in the meantime that the Director of Corporate Services write to Community Representatives inviting expressions of interest in serving on the above Working Group.

LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANTS SCHEME 2000/2001 AND SOCIAL INCLUSION

EAST AYRSHIRE COALFIELD AREA SOCIAL INCLUSION PARTNERSHIP EARLY ACTION PLAN

11. There was submitted a report dated 10 April 2000 (circulated) by the Chief Executive which advised of proposals to establish priorities, sought endorsement for Social Inclusion action plans, and which invited nominations for Community Representatives to the Social Inclusion Strategic Partnership Group.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the Action Plan as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report;

- (ii) to comment, with regard to Community Transport, that any vehicles provided under this initiative should be suitable for use by the disabled;
- (iii) that monitoring reports on the development of the Action Plan be submitted to alternate future meetings of the Local Committee; and
- (iv) that the Community Representative and Substitute to serve within the Strategic Partnership Group should be as follows: (a) Community Representative - Edward Torrance; and (b) Substitute - Tony Foote.

LOCAL COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME: COMMUNITY GRANTS FOR 2000/2001, AND SETTING PRIORITIES

- 12.** There was submitted a report dated 6 April 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Corporate Services which (i) advised of the Committee grant spend for the previous two financial years; (ii) advised of the Committee's financial allocation for community grants for 2000/2001; (iii) requested that the Committee consider setting local priorities for grant funding.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note that the community grant allocation for the Committee for 2000/2001 was £22,837.00;
- (ii) to continue consideration to a future meeting, the setting of local priorities for the forthcoming financial year, the Director of Corporate Services to submit a further report on this matter; and
- (iii) otherwise to note the report.

LOCAL COMMUNITY GRANTS 2000/2001

- 13.** There was submitted a report dated 28 April 2000 and a supplementary statement dated 2 May 2000 (both circulated) by the Director of Corporate Services which outlined 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):-
 - (a) Arts and Cultural
 - (i) Dunaskin Veterans Club - £380.00. (In this connection, the Administrative Officer provided additional detailed information in respect of the assessment which outlined the activities of the group including the recording of historical information on Waterside, making presentations to local groups and the provision of a free guide service within the Dunaskin Industrial Museum site operated by the Dalmellington and District Conservation Trust. It was reported that as a charge for entry to the Dunaskin site was made by the Trust, grant support should not be provided for the group's activities within the site, and this had been reflected in the amount of grant recommended).

- (b) Disability
 - (i) East Ayrshire (South) Forum on Disability - £800.00;
 - (ii) South East Ayrshire Disabled Club - £1,000.00;
- (c) Older People
 - (i) Drongan Old People's Welfare Association - to make an interim award of £800.00 and to continue consideration of this application at a future meeting;
- (d) Sport
 - (i) Cumnock Badminton Club - £59.00
- (ii) **Application Refused**
 - (a) Health
 - (i) Food Connections Steering Group - for the reason that the group did not carry out any activities within the Doon Valley Area.

The meeting terminated at 1517 hours.