

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**DOON VALLEY LOCAL COMMITTEE****MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 30 MARCH 1999 AT 1230 HOURS IN RANKINSTON COMMUNITY CENTRE, LITTLEMILL PLACE, RANKINSTON**

PRESENT: Councillors John Smith and Tommy Farrell; and Community Representatives Mr Edward Torrance, Mr James Brown, Dr Iain Brown and Mr Tony Foote.

ATTENDING: Jim Maitland, Depute Director of Housing; Arthur West, Service Manager (Development) Social Work; Bill Walkinshaw, Principal Administrative Officer; Campbell Dempster, Senior Engineer (Roads); David Hewet, Senior Policy Adviser Development Services; Bill Hunter, Area Officer, Community Education Service; Morven Buchanan, Environment Officer, Community Services; and Ian Gemmell, Administrative Officer.

ALSO ATTENDING: Inspector Alan Golightly, Strathclyde Police.

APOLOGY: Councillor Robert Taylor.

CHAIR: Councillor John Smith, Chair.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

1. There were submitted for information and noted, the Minutes of the Doon Valley Local Committee of 2 February 1999 (circulated).

DECENTRALISATION ISSUES**APPOINTMENT OF COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES 1999/2000**

2. There was submitted a report dated 4 March 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services inviting 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 for the period 1 April 1999 to 31 March 2000.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the present Community membership as detailed in the report;
- (ii) that the following organisations should be invited to nominate Community Representatives and Substitutes for the year to 31 March 2000:- Drongan Community Council; Dalmellington Community Council; Ochiltree Community Council; Bellsbank Women's Project; East Ayrshire (South) Forum on Disability; Pupils' Representative (Dalmellington/Patna/Dalrymple); Pupils' Representative (Drongan/Ochiltree/Rankinston); Rankinston Community Association/Rankinston Old People's Welfare Association (Joint Nomination); Dalrymple Community Council; and Patna Community Council; and
- (iii) that the Director of Support Services invite the above organisations to submit nominations for Community Membership for the period to 31 March 2000.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

3. The Chair agreed to alter the order of business of the Agenda and that the undernoted item be considered as the next item.

SUPPORT SERVICES

URBAN PROGRAMME TERMINATING PROJECTS: EVALUATION: ENERGY ADVICE UNIT (Item 10, Page 4028)

4. There was submitted a report dated 1 February 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services advising of the initial findings of the Evaluation Panel on the Energy Advice Unit Project in respect of which urban programme funding was due to terminate in September 1999.

In this connection it was reported and noted that the Policy and Resources Committee on 18 March 1999 had agreed to support the Project, and that the Director of Housing should take account of any views of the Local Committee with regard to the operation of the Project within the Local Committee area.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the findings of the Evaluation Panel as set out in the report;
- (ii) to note the decision of the Policy and Resources Committee in respect of the Project; and
- (iii) to express support for the Energy Advice Unit Project.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

OPERATION SPOTLIGHT

5. There was submitted and noted a report dated 9 March 1999 (circulated) by Chief Inspector Ian Blake, Strathclyde Police, on recent "Spotlight" activity and crime trends within the Local Committee area.

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

PROGRAMME OF STRUCTURAL MAINTENANCE OF ROADS AND FOOTWAYS 1999/2000 (Item 25, Page 4146)

6. There was submitted a report dated 4 February 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services advising of the Roads and Footways Structural Maintenance Programme for 1999/2000 for "inescapable" schemes approved by Development Services Committee, and seeking approval for the "highly desirable" schemes for Structural Maintenance of Footways, or "desirable" options.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the 1999/2000 Roads and Footways Structural Maintenance Programmes for "inescapable" schemes approved by Development Services Committee;
- (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.

**PROGRESS REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROGRAMME OF
LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS ASSOCIATED WITH EXISTING
PARTNERSHIP ARRANGEMENTS**

7. There was submitted and noted a report dated 26 February 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services on progress regarding the implementation of the programme of Local Development Projects associated with existing partnership arrangements.

SOCIAL WORK

**SOCIAL WORK SERVICES IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM:
STRATEGIC PLAN 1999/2002**

8. There was submitted and noted a report dated 8 February 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work on the content of the Strategic Plan for Social Work Services in the Criminal Justice System.

SUPPORT SERVICES

COMMUNITY GRANTS

8.1 Cumnock and Doon Valley Access Panel

It was reported and noted that a letter had been received from the Secretary to the Cumnock and Doon Valley Access Panel (a) making reference to the total community grant of £1,000 awarded to the Group in August 1998 (Cumnock Area - £750; Doon Valley - £250) to assist with the costs of an Open Information Day in Cumnock; (b) intimating that due to the support "in kind" received by the Group from partners of the Council it had not been necessary to utilise the full grant award; and (c) reimbursing a total sum of £646.96, £162.74 having been credited to the Doon Valley Local Committee's budget.

8.2 General Applications

There was submitted a statement dated 26 March 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services which summarised the pertinent information relative to outstanding applications for Community Grant received from local organisations, together with a financial statement which outlined the financial position in respect of Community Grants for the financial year 1998/99.

8.2.1 Applications Approved (for the purpose specified in the applications):-

- (a) Pre-Fives
(i) St Xavier's Parent Toddler Group - £250.00
- (b) Voluntary Organisations Support
(i) Ochiltree Community Council Millennium Committee - £90.00
(ii) Stair Community Association - £1,125.00
- (c) Women
(i) Women's Survivors Group - £473.74
- (d) Young People
(i) 'B' Wise - £2,000.00
(ii) 1st Ochiltree Girls' Brigade - £225.00

(iii) Clifford Ritchie Dance School Parents Committee - £257.00

The meeting terminated at 1302 hours.