

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

DOON VALLEY LOCAL COMMITTEE

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 17 SEPTEMBER 1996
AT 1430 HOURS IN THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, DOONSIDE AVENUE, PATNA**

PRESENT: Councillors John Smith and Robert Taylor and Community Representative Mr Edward Torrance.

ATTENDING: Bill Hunter, Area Community Education Officer; John Bryson, Area Roads Engineer; David Chalmers, Area Housing Manager; Margaret Geddes, Assistant Divisional Social Work Manager; Janie Allen, Principal Officer (Pre-5s); Paul Todd, Principal Officer (Environmental Health and Waste Management); John Lilley, Principal Planner (Policy); George Fraser, Senior Policy Adviser (Development Services); Jim Stafford, Quality Development Officer (Education); Keith Orton, Principal Engineer, Traffic; James Lally, Senior Administrative Officer; and Ian Gemmell, Administrative Officer.

ALSO ATTENDING: Sgt John Mortimer and PC William Alexander, Strathclyde Police.

APOLOGIES: Councillor Tommy Farrell and Community Representative Mr Jim Johnstone.

CHAIR: Councillor John Smith, Chair.

PHYSICAL DISABILITY/SENSORY IMPAIRMENT

1. There was submitted a report dated 27 August 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work, advising of the disaggregated services to East Ayrshire Council for adults with physical disability and adults with sensory impairment; and of arrangements to redress the inadequate resources disaggregated.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the consultation and development tasks to be undertaken by the Service Officer, Physical Disability and Sensory Impairment Services; and
- (ii) to request the Director of Social Work to report to a future meeting of this Committee with details of a proposed Sensory Impairment Service.

**OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY SERVICES/AIDS AND ADAPTATIONS
(Item 5, Page 1086)**

2. There was submitted and noted a report dated 2 September 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work providing an update on Occupational Therapy staffing, identification of need and current referral status.

CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICE PLANS (Item 6, Page 1194)

3. There was submitted a report dated 3 September 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work to advise the Local Committee of the statutory duty on the Council to prepare, consult upon and publish a Children's Service Plan for the Council's area;

and of progress made to date in agreeing the process for completing this plan. Additional information in this respect was intimated to the Committee.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the contents of the report; and
- (ii) to request the Director of Social Work to submit a further report in this respect to this Committee in due course.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PLANNING

- 4. There was submitted and noted a report dated 3 September 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Education on progress being made within the Community Education Service on Community Development Planning.

DRAFT TENANT PARTICIPATION POLICY

- 5. There was submitted a report dated 2 September 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Housing on the proposed framework for East Ayrshire Council's Draft Participation Policy and seeking comments on the Draft Policy.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to endorse the proposal that those Local Committee areas without tenant or resident association representation should be given priority in an effort to fully support the establishment of new associations;
- (ii) that in promoting the establishment of new tenants/residents' associations, they should be encouraged to represent housing areas rather than individual Streets or Roads;
- (iii) to approve in respect of the Local Committee's interests the Draft Tenant Participation Policy to form the basis for detailed consultation with East Ayrshire Council's Tenant and Resident Associations and national groups; and
- (iv) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

MEASURED TERM MAINTENANCE CONTRACT CONSULTATION

- 6. There was submitted a report dated 2 September 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Housing on the progress made in the preparations for the re-tendering of the Measured Term Maintenance Contracts operated by the Council with particular regard to consultation undertaken in this connection.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to endorse the approach to consultation pursued by the department of Housing in respect of preparations for re-tendering of the Measured Term Maintenance Contracts; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the terms of the report.

LOCAL REGENERATION STRATEGIES (Item 4, Page 820)

7. There was submitted a report dated 2 September 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services advising of the proposed process for constructing a Local Regeneration Strategy.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the process for preparation of the Local Regeneration Strategy as detailed in the report; and
- (ii) to endorse the proposal that the East Ayrshire Regeneration Partnership be the channel through which the involvement of a wider range of agencies would be pursued.

ROAD SAFETY

8. There was submitted a report dated 3 September 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services advising the Local Committee of proposals to reduce road accidents in East Ayrshire.

The Committee noted:-

- (i) the summary of reports considered by the Development Services Committee in respect of (a) road safety strategy; (b) traffic calming in communities on through routes; and (c) the road safety capital programme; and
- (ii) that an initial study into traffic conditions in communities would be undertaken to determine a programme of future action, and that full liaison would take place with the Local Committee in this connection.

EAST AYRSHIRE LOCAL PLAN: ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION IN THE PREPARATION OF THE PLAN (Item 10, Page 995)

9. There was re-submitted a report dated 3 June 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services (a) to bring to the attention of the Local Committee, a series of planning issues which required to be addressed by the East Ayrshire Local Plan; (b) to ascertain the views of the Local Committee on the issues raised; (c) to request the Committee to identify any other planning related issues that it felt should be addressed in the plan; and (d) to give consideration to identifying possible development opportunities within the Local Committee area, including opportunities for environmental improvements.

The Senior Planning Officer reported that informal meetings had taken place with members of the Local Committee and Community Representatives when a number of local issues had been identified which would be taken into account as part of the consultation exercise. He also intimated that 120 local organisations had been consulted and that a further comprehensive report, following the consultation process would be submitted by the Local Committee at a future meeting.

The Committee noted the current position.

**COMMUNITY COUNCIL SCHEME: REPORT ON CONSULTATION ON REVIEW
AND REPLACEMENT OF EXISTING SCHEMES (Item 18, Page 1198)**

10. There was submitted and noted a report dated 9 September 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services providing, for information, an update on the current review of the existing Community Council schemes, as reported to the Policy and Resources Committee on 12 September 1996.

DALMELLINGTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

11. There was submitted and noted a report dated 2 September 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services the recommendations of which had been approved by the Policy and Resources Committee of 12 September 1996 in connection with a proposal to establish a Community Council for the Dalmellington area, following the Community Council's recent dissolution.

RURAL CHALLENGE (Item 15, Page 938)

12. There was submitted a report dated 13 September 1996 (circulated) by the Chief Executive on progress towards the identification of projects which might be funded under the Rural Challenge Budget, in respect of which a sum of £13,840 had been made available by East Ayrshire Council, and under which Cumnock Area, Doon Valley, Irvine Valley and Northern Area Local Committees had been invited to submit bids for Rural Challenge funding.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to instruct the Chief Executive to submit for consideration by the Policy and Resources Committee, bids on behalf of the Doon Valley Local Committee as follows, and in the order of priority given:-
 - (a) Native and Community Woodland Project (Phase 2);
 - (b) Dalmellington Information Technology Project;
 - (c) Doon Valley Tourism Development Project;
 - (d) Loch Doon Caravan Study; and
 - (e) Cumnock and Doon Valley Gift Furniture Project; and
- (ii) to reject the applications in respect of the Credit Union Study Group and Consumer Advice.

MEMBERSHIP OF LOCAL COMMITTEE: UPDATE

13. There was submitted a report dated 9 September 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services providing an update in relation to membership of the Local Committee.

It was reported that Miss Sarah Murray, a sixth year pupil at Doon Academy had been nominated as the Schools Representative to serve on the Local Committee, and that, at a meeting held at Patna on 12 September 1996, Mrs Vera Graham, of Patna, had been nominated by the organisations supporting senior citizens in the Patna area as a Community Representative to serve on the Local Committee.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to accept the above mentioned nominations;
- (ii) to note the position regarding the nomination of a Community Representative from Dalmellington Community Council; and
- (iii) that the number of community representatives should remain at 5, as previously determined by the Committee.

DOON VALLEY COMMUNITY FORUM: MEETING: 26 AUGUST 1996

14. There was submitted a report dated 13 September 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services advising of the outcome of the second meeting of the Doon Valley Community Forum which was held on Thursday 22 August 1996 in Patna Community Centre.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to authorise the Officials concerned to appropriately follow up any relevant matters arising from the Community Forum meeting and to arrange for the submission of reports to the appropriate Service Committees where necessary; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the terms of the report.

THIRD STATUTORY REVIEW OF ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS (Item 9, Page 1995)

15. There was submitted a report dated 30 August 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services, which sought agreement of a preferred draft Scheme of Representation for East Ayrshire Council which would provide for 32 Electoral Wards and consideration of a public consultation process thereon, the recommendations of which had been agreed by the Policy and Resources Committee at their meeting held on 12 September 1996.

Having heard the Senior Administrative Officer in explanation of the reasons for the proposed increase in the Wards from 30 to 32 and on the details of the preferred draft Scheme of Representation which had been agreed for the purpose of consultation with Local Committees and the public in general, it was agreed:-

- (i) to support the Council's preferred draft Scheme of Representation;
- (ii) to suggest that the proposed Ward name under the Council's proposals in respect of Ward 23 should be changed from "Mauchline East, Catrine and Sorn" to "Catrine, Sorn and Mauchline East"; and
- (iii) to note that the Local Committee members, organisations and interested individuals had been invited to submit written comments on the Council's proposals, which were on display at various locations throughout the Council's area, to the Director of Support Services by Friday 18 October 1996.

VANDALISM TO LEISURE AND RECREATION FACILITIES (Item 2, Page 1139)

16. There was submitted a report dated 8 August 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which had been considered by the Leisure Sub-Committee of the Community Services Committee held on 27 August 1996, and referred by that Sub-Committee to Local Committees for consideration.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that it be remitted to the Director of Community Services in consultation with the Director of Education and the Head of Public Relations and Marketing to consider initiatives to raise public awareness of the cost to the public of vandalism to leisure and recreation facilities;
- (ii) that it be remitted to the Director of Community Services to discuss with Strathclyde Police ways of reducing the amount of vandalism to leisure and recreation facilities; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

CONSULTATION PANELS

17. There was submitted and noted a report dated 11 September 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services on the programme of local visits undertaken by Consultation Panels appointed by the Decentralisation Sub-Committee of the Policy and Resources Committee, to examine how information and advice services might best be delivered in respect of those communities where there was not currently a Local Office.

LOCAL OFFICE PROVISION (Item 7, Page 970)

18. There was submitted a report dated 11 September 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services outlining the current position regarding Local Offices and indicating the standard provision required and services currently provided for each Local Office.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the progress to date; and
- (ii) to receive a further report in this connection at a future meeting.

COMMUNITY GRANTS

19.1 COMMUNITY GRANTS

There was submitted a report dated 16 September 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services on the undernoted applications received from local organisations for grant assistance in terms of the Community Grants Scheme in respect of which the following decisions were made:-

19.1.1 Senior Citizens' Welfare Organisations

The Committee agreed in principle that a grant should be made at this time to Senior Citizens' Welfare Organisations of £3 per capita based on the number of senior citizens recorded in the registers held by the organisation concerned.

19.1.2 Drongan Old People's Welfare Association

That a supplementary grant of £530 be made in order to make up the Association's grant to a payment equivalent to £3 per capita, based on a register of 510, a grant of £1,000 having been made at the last meeting.

19.1.3 Patna and District Age Concern

That a grant of £1,350 be made based on a payment of £3 per capita, the number of senior citizens on the Organisation's register being 450.

19.1.4 Dalmellington Street Wardens

That a grant of £1,185 be made based on a payment of £3 per capita, the number of senior citizens on the Organisation's register being 395.

19.1.5 Bellsbank Street Wardens

That a grant of £621 be made, based on a payment of £3 per capita, the number of senior citizens on the Group's register being 207.

19.1.6 Cumnock and Doon Valley Youth Panel

That a grant of £200 be made.

19.1.7 Ochiltree Youth Club

That a grant of £1,200 be made.

19.1.8 Drongan Girls Brigade

That a grant of £170 be made.

19.1.9 Bellsbank Adventure Playground

That a grant of £1,630 be made.

19.1.10 Drongan Craft Club

That a grant of £300 be made.

19.1.11 Land O'Burns Budgerigar Society

Bearing in mind that Cumnock Area Local Committee had made a grant of £515 at their last meeting, not to make a grant in this case.

19.1.12 Kilmarnock Folk Club (Dance Project)

To refuse to make a grant in this case, the Committee having taken the view that it would be inappropriate to use community grant money to fund a teacher's time out of base school to work in other schools: the applicant to be encouraged to pursue the matter with the Education Department.

19.1.13 Kilmarnock Folk Club (Traditional Music in Schools Project)

To refuse to make a grant in this case, the Committee having taken the view that it would be inappropriate to use community grant money to fund a teacher's time out of base school to work in other schools: the applicant to be encouraged to pursue the matter with the Education Department.

19.1.14 Drongan Miners Bowling Club

That a grant of £800 be made.

19.1.15 Ochiltree Parish Church

That a grant of £136 be made.

19.1.16 Bellsbank Women's Project

That a grant of £1,338 be made.

19.1.17 Bellsbank Self Help Group

That a grant of £450 be made.

The meeting terminated at 1550 hrs.