

**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

**DOON VALLEY LOCAL COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 17 SEPTEMBER 1997 AT 1400 HOURS IN THE DALMELLINGTON COMMUNITY CENTRE, AYR ROAD, DALMELLINGTON**

**PRESENT:** Councillors John Smith, Robert Taylor and Tommy Farrell; and Community Representative Miss Lorna Rae.

**ATTENDING:** Mary Fegan, Depute Director of Social Work (Community Care) Jim Hazlett, Divisional Social Work Manager; Irene Townson, Depute Clerk to the Licensing Board; Dave Donaldson, Project Manager; Bill Walkinshaw, Principal Administrative Officer; Neil Bell, Senior Roads Engineer; Morven Buchanan, Environment Officer; and Ian Gemmell, Administrative Officer.

**ALSO ATTENDING:** PC William Alexander, Strathclyde Police.

**APOLOGY:** Community Representative Mr Edward Torrance.

**CHAIR:** Councillor John Smith, Chair.

**MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

1. There were submitted and noted the Minutes of the meeting of the Doon Valley Local Committee of 11 June 1997 (circulated).

**MEMBERSHIP OF LOCAL COMMITTEE (Item 2 Page 2100)**

2. There was submitted a report dated 5 September 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services outlining the current position regarding community membership of the Committee, and inviting the Committee to review its community representation.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note that Drongan Community Council and Cumnock and Doon Valley Disability Forum had re-appointed respectively, Mr E Torrance (substitute to be appointed) and Mr Jim Johnstone (substitute: Mrs Jean Smith) as local representatives serving on the Committee;
- (ii) to note that following an election, Miss Lorna Rae, a pupil at Doon Academy had been appointed as the schools representative (substitute to be appointed);
- (iii) to note the resignation of Mrs Vera Graham who had been the joint representative of the organisations supporting the elderly in the Patna area, and that it appeared unlikely that those organisations would be in a position to identify a member who was in a position to serve on the Local Committee;
- (iv) that, additionally, the following local organisations should each be invited to appoint one local representative and substitute to serve on the Committee, viz:- (a) Dalmellington Community Council; (b) Ochiltree Community Council; (c) Bellsbank Women's Project; and (d) Peer Education Project;

- (v) that the Director of Education arrange an Election to appoint one representative and substitute from school pupils resident in the Drongan/Ochiltree area attending Auchinleck Academy; and
- (vi) that the Director of Support Services report to the next meeting on the nominations received and identifying for the Committee's consideration in terms of the Council's Decentralisation policy, further organisations which might be invited to make nominations.

### **NAMING OF STREETS: DEVELOPMENT AT LADIES WALK, DRONGAN**

3. There was submitted a report dated 8 September 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services requesting the Committee to select names for three streets within a new development at Ladies Walk, Drongan.

It was agreed to continue consideration of this matter to the next meeting.

### **DOON VALLEY COMMUNITY FORUM**

#### **4.1 LAST MEETING**

There was submitted and noted a report dated 3 September 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services on the outcome of the meeting of the Doon Valley Community Forum held at Drongan Community Centre on 1 September 1997.

#### **4.2 NEXT MEETING**

The Committee were requested to select a venue for the next meeting of the Doon Valley Community Forum and also a "local item" for discussion at the Forum.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the next Community Forum should be held at Patna Community Centre; and
- (ii) that the "local item" for discussion at the next Community Forum should be the Council's Housing Allocation Policy.

It was also agreed that the Director of Support Services should in the future consult with the appropriate local Members before fixing the dates of Community Forums, in order to avoid conflict with local events.

### **DOON VALLEY TOURISM DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY - CHALMERSTON FOREST PARK**

5. There was submitted a report dated 3 September 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services on the current position regarding the proposed establishment of the "Chalmerston Forest Park" and seeking approval to progress associated funding applications.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the position regarding the proposed creation of the Chalmerston Forest Park; and
- (ii) to approve the submission of funding applications and in particular the submission of an European Regional Development Fund application in October 1997 for the scheme described in the Director's report.

**PROGRESS REPORT ON LOCAL PARTNERSHIP ARRANGEMENTS, THE  
PREPARATION OF A LOCAL REGENERATION STRATEGY AND  
IMPLEMENTATION OF ASSOCIATED PROJECTS (Item 3 Page 2100)**

6. There was submitted a report dated 3 September 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services on progress relating to (a) the implementation of the programme of local development projects associated with existing partnership arrangements; (b) the review of the local rural partnerships; and (c) the preparation of the Local Area Regeneration Strategy. The report also sought approval for a series of local community Seminars to secure active participation in the process of preparing Local Regeneration Strategies.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the process outlined in the report in relation to developing the Local Regeneration Strategy, particularly as regards the Doon Valley Rural Partnership, consultation and community participation; and
- (ii) otherwise to note the progress report.

**CLOSED CIRCUIT TV (CCTV) CHALLENGE COMPETITION  
1998/99 (Item 5 Page 2406)**

7. There was submitted a report dated 26 June 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on the Council's proposals to increase the number of Closed Circuit Television Projects in East Ayrshire, and inviting the Committee to identify areas where it was felt that the introduction of CCTV would be of assistance when community safety was considered.

It was agreed to recommend that the following areas be considered for the establishment of Closed Circuit Surveillance, viz:-

- (a) Shopping area at Mill O'Shield Road, Drongan;
- (b) the area surrounding Patna Primary School; and
- (c) Dalmellington Square.

**ENVIRONMENTAL FORUM - INVITATION TO NOMINATE A REPRESENTATIVE  
FROM THE LOCAL COMMITTEE (Item 9, Page 2407)**

8. There was submitted a report dated 18 June 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services advising the Committee of the Council's intention to institute an Environmental Forum, and inviting the Committee to nominate a representative to serve on it.

It was agreed to consider nominations at the next meeting.

**NATIONAL SPRING CLEAN AND ENVIRONMENT WEEK 1997 (Item 9, Page 2407)**

9. There was submitted a report dated 9 July 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on the National Spring Clean and Environment Week events undertaken locally in 1997.

It was agreed to suggest that the Director of Community Services contact the local Scout Troops, Community Councils and Doon Academy as organisations who may provide assistance in this area.

**REPLACEMENT OF TOWN AND VILLAGE SIGNS (Item 3 Page 2250)**

10. There was submitted a report dated 1 September 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services requesting the Committee to consider the message to be incorporated in the village signs for each of the villages within the Local Committee area.

It was agreed that the words "Please Drive Carefully" should be utilised in the village signs for Dalmellington, Drongan, Patna, Rankinston and Ochiltree.

It was noted that the Director of Development Services would investigate the feasibility of incorporating a sign entitled "Conservation Village" for Dalrymple and Ochiltree.

**SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT: REVIEW OF OPERATIONAL BOUNDARIES (Item 13, Page 2360)**

11. There was submitted a report dated 5 September 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work advising the Committee of changes in the operational areas of the Social Work Department which would enable harmonisation with Local Committee areas and efficient operation.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the adjustments in the Social Work operational boundaries in terms of the creation of Division A (encompassing Northern Area Local Committee, Kilmarnock North Local Committee, Kilmarnock Central Local Committee and Kilmarnock South Local Committee) and Division B (encompassing Irvine Valley Local Committee, Cumnock Area Local Committee and Doon Valley Local Committee); and
- (ii) to note that the Social Work Lead Officer for the Doon Valley Local Committee would be Jim Hazlett, Divisional Manager within the Social Work Department.

**COMMUNITY CARE SERVICES PURCHASING INTENTIONS 1997/98: PREPARATION FOR COMMUNITY CARE PLAN (Item 8, Page 2135)**

12. There was submitted a report dated 28 August 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work on the Council's Community Care Purchasing Intentions for 1997/98 and on the altered timescale for the production of Community Care Plans and consequential revision of the consultation process.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the Director of Social Work continue to consult the Committee throughout the development of the Community Care Plan; and

- (ii) otherwise to note the report.

**EAST AYRSHIRE LICENSING BOARD: REVIEW OF REGULATIONS, BYELAWS AND GUIDELINES FOR EXTENDED HOURS (Item 1, Page 1939)**

13. There was submitted and noted a report dated 24 June 1997 (circulated) by the Clerk of East Ayrshire Licensing Board (a) detailing the conclusions of the Licensing Board following their review of their Regulations, Byelaws and Guidelines; and (b) thanking the Local Committee in the review process.

**GRANTS TO LOCAL ORGANISATIONS: COMMUNITY GRANTS**

**14.1 COMMUNITY COUNCILS' ADMINISTRATIVE ALLOWANCE: COMMUNITY GRANTS (Item 6 Page 2215)**

It was reported and noted that the Policy and Resources Committee on 5 June 1997 had agreed a residue of funds set aside for administrative allowances for Community Councils should be allocated to Local Committees for disbursement under the Community Grants Scheme, the additional sum available to this Committee amounting to £692.

**14.2 DALRYMPLE GALA ORGANISING COMMITTEE**

It was reported and noted that, having received a satisfactory report from the appropriate Department, the Director of Support Services, in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair of this Committee, and in terms of the Council's Scheme of Delegation, had authorised, on 26 June 1997, payment of a community grant amounting to £200 to Dalrymple Gala Organising Committee.

**14.3 CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATIONS**

There was submitted a statement dated 12 September 1997 (circulated) prepared by the Director of Support Services summarising the pertinent information relative to outstanding applications for community grants, received from local organisations, and outlining the financial position in respect of grant applications received so far during the financial year 1997/98.

It was agreed that grants be made to the undernoted organisations in respect of the applications submitted:-

*Leisure/Recreational Groups*

- (i) **Dalmellington Folk Festival** (now "The Doon Valley Folk Festival") - that consideration of the application be continued to the next meeting, the Director of Support Services to submit at that time a detailed report on funding provided from other sources in respect of this project.
- (ii) **Drongan Craft Club** - that a grant of £300 be made;
- (iii) **Dalrymple Craft Club** - that a grant of £200 be made;
- (iv) **Patna Amateurs FC (Patna Gala Day)** - that a grant of £250 be made;
- (v) **Rankinston Bowling Club** (replacement of perimeter fence) - that a grant of £1,750 be offered, subject to the Club's securing funding from other sources for the remainder of the funding required to complete the project; and

- (vi) **The Breakfast Club, Drongan** - that a grant of £600 be made.

Elderly Interest Groups

- (i) **Patna 50+ Club** - that the application be refused for the reason that facilities for the hire and use of the type of equipment which it was proposed to purchase were available within the community.

Young Persons Groups

- (i) **The Doon Boys Club** - that a grant of £300 be made; and  
(ii) **Cumnock and Doon Valley Youth Panel** - that it be remitted to the Director of Support Services in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair to make a grant of £300 subject to the application meeting the required criteria.

Miscellaneous

- (i) **Dalrymple Community Association** - that the application be refused, the Committee being of the opinion that the installation of an intruder alarm system in Dalrymple Community Centre was the responsibility of East Ayrshire Council as Education Authority and refer the Association to the Education Department.  
(ii) **Survivors Group (Cumnock and Doon Valley)** - that a grant of £183 be made;  
(iii) **Cumnock and Doon Valley Gift Furniture Scheme** - that a grant of £500 be made and should further funding be required the organisation could submit for consideration a further application; and  
(iv) **Royal British Legion (Women's Section), Drongan** - that a grant of £250 be made;

Disabled Persons Interest Group

- (i) **East Ayrshire (South) Forum on Disability** - that a grant of £500 be made.

**SOCIAL WORK (SCOTLAND) ACT 1968 : SECTION 10 - APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

10. The Divisional Social Work Manager reported on applications received for funding under Section 10 of the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the Divisional Social Work Manager make a grant of £500 to the Cumnock and Doon Valley Deaf Club; and  
(ii) to note that other applications under this heading were under consideration by the Social Work Manager and would be reported to future meetings of this Committee as appropriate.

The meeting terminated at 1505 hours.