

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

DOON VALLEY LOCAL COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 12 SEPTEMBER 2000 AT 1400 HOURS IN PATNA COMMUNITY CENTRE, DOONSIDE AVENUE, PATNA

PRESENT: Councillors Elaine Dinwoodie, Thomas Farrell and Robert Taylor; Community Representatives Edward Torrance, John Weir, Joan Wightman and Tania Garrity; and named Substitutes George McCraig and Grace Garrity.

ATTENDING: John Crawford, Head of Protective Services; Bill Walkinshaw, Administrative Manager; John Pickering, Area Housing Manager; Fiona Dickson, Integrated Strategies Officer; Kerr Chalmers, Technical Officer (Roads); and Ian Gemmell, Administrative Officer.

ALSO ATTENDING: Chief Inspector Hugh McKnight, Strathclyde Police.

APOLOGIES: Community Representatives Iain Brown and Tony Foote; and named Substitute William Barr.

CHAIR: Councillor Elaine Dinwoodie, Chair.

CHAIRS REMARKS

1. The Chair introduced Chief Inspector Hugh McKnight, who had been recently appointed as Area Officer for the Cumnock and Doon Valley area.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

2. The Chair at her discretion and in terms of Standing Order 15.1 agreed to alter the order of business and consider Agenda Item 9 (Housing Provision for the Disabled) alter Item 5.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

3. It was agreed to adjourn the meeting at 1401 hours for a maximum of 15 minutes to allow for a public question and answer session.

RECONVENTION OF MEETING

4. The meeting was reconvened at 1404 hours with the same Councillors, Community Representatives and named Substitutes and Officers present and in attendance.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

5. There were submitted and noted the minutes of the meeting of the Doon Valley Local Committee held on 14 June 2000 and the Special Meeting held on 30 June 2000 (both circulated).

HOUSING PROVISION FOR THE DISABLED (Item 5, Page 932, 99/02)

6. There was submitted and noted a report (circulated) by the Director of Homes and Technical Services on current housing provision for the disabled within the Cumnock and Doon Valley Area.

LOCAL ITEMS

7. It was agreed to include controls over the playing of golf and the riding of motorcycles on public open spaces as a future item for the local issues programme.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

STRATHCLYDE POLICE SPOTLIGHT REPORT

8. There was submitted and noted a report dated 11 August 2000 (circulated) by Chief Inspector Hugh McKnight, Strathclyde Police, advising of "Spotlight" activity and crime trends over the recent period.

Chief Inspector McKnight provided additional information on local crime statistics for the month of July 2000 and this was noted.

STRATHCLYDE POLICE : DALMELLINGTON

9. There was submitted and noted a report dated 28 July 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which advised of the re-establishment of the rank of Police Sergeant at Dalmellington.

Chief Inspector McKnight reported and it was noted that it was anticipated that the post would be filled by the end of October.

CHILDREN'S PLAY FACILITIES IN RANKINSTON (Item 4, Page 663, 99/02)

10. There was submitted a report dated 15 August 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which advised of the current provision of children's play facilities in Rankinston.

It was agreed:-

- (i) with respect to the playpark at the old school area, it was agreed to request that the Director of Community Services be requested to consider and report (a) on the feasibility of improving the condition of the playpark; and (b) the feasibility of developing part of the area adjacent to the playpark to allow the playing of football; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the report.

LOCAL TRANSPORT STRATEGY

11. There was submitted a report dated 23 August 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which (a) advised the Committee about the outcome of public consultations on the East Ayrshire Interim Local Transport Strategy : Consultative Draft; and (b) consulted the Local Committee on draft programmes and targets for inclusion in the Full Local Transport Strategy.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the findings of the public consultations to date;

- (ii) that members and community representatives and substitutes should, on an individual basis, forward any comments on the draft implementation programmes and targets direct to the Director of Development Services by 30 September 2000; and
- (iii) to request the Director of Development Services to make further representations to Strathclyde Passenger Transport Executive that the area of the PTE should be revised to include the whole of the East Ayrshire area.

DALRYMPLE BUS SERVICES

12. There was submitted a report dated 25 August 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which informed the Committee of the outcome of discussions with Stagecoach Western regarding the Dalrymple bus services.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note that Stagecoach Western had been unable to re-instate their bus service to the western end of the village of Dalrymple; and
- (ii) to request that the Director of Development Services examine and report on the possibility of the provision of a suitable turning area for buses at the western end of the village of Dalrymple.

EAST AYRSHIRE COALFIELD SOCIAL INCLUSION PARTNERSHIP EARLY ACTION PLAN (Item 10, Page 933, 99/02)

13. There was submitted and noted a report dated 28 August 2000 (circulated) by the Chief Executive which provided a summary background and progress to date on Social Inclusion activity within East Ayrshire Coalfield area, and gave an update on the action plan which had been submitted to the Doon Valley Local Committee in April 2000.

LOCAL COMMITTEE COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME : COMMUNITY GRANTS FOR 2000/2001 AND SETTING PRIORITIES (Item 11, Page 933, 99/02)

14. There was submitted a report (circulated) by the Director of Corporate Resources which provided information on the general priorities for Social Inclusion Initiatives and also provided an example of issues pertinent to the Local Committee area, in relation to a suggestion that the Local Committee consider the setting of local priorities for the forthcoming financial year in respect of community grant funding, in relation to Social Inclusion Initiatives.

It was agreed not to ring-fence any proportion of the community grant allocation for the financial year 2000/2001, but to continue to consider all applications received on the basis of merit.

LOCAL COMMITTEE COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME 2000/2001

15. There was submitted a report (circulated) by the Director of Corporate Resources 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:-

Applications Approved (for the purpose as specified in the application), viz:-

Arts and Cultural

Dalmellington Amateur Gardening Association - £450;

Health Issues

Dalmellington Ladies Self Help Group - £600

The meeting terminated at 1518 hours.