

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**DOON VALLEY LOCAL COMMITTEE****MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 18 JUNE 1996 AT 1430 HOURS
IN THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, MAIN STREET, OCHILTREE**

PRESENT: Councillors John Smith, Robert Taylor and Tommy Farrell; and Community Representatives Mr Edward Torrance, Mr Robert Kay and Mr Jim Johnstone.

ATTENDING: John F Crawford, Head of Protective Services; James Hazlett, Area Social Work Manager; Kenneth W Robinson, Principal Administrative Officer; Karl Doroszenko, Policy and Projects Manager; David Hewet, Senior Policy Adviser; Martin O'Rourke, Senior Planning Officer (Projects); John Lilley, Senior Planning Officer (Local Plans); Janie Allen, Principal Officer (Pre Fives); Anna F Gallagher, Solicitor; and Melanie J Macleod and Ian Gemmell, Administrative Officers.

CHAIR: Councillor John Smith, Chair.

MEMBERSHIP OF THE DOON VALLEY AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE: UPDATE

1. There was submitted and noted a report dated 14 June 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services on the current position regarding the nomination of community representatives from local organisations and schools to serve on the Local Committee.

COMMUNITY FIRST - TRAINING PROGRAMME (Item 2, Page 801)

2. There was submitted and noted a report dated 25 April 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Personnel Services, on the training programme formulated for the Local Committees in support of their responsibilities.

FORWARD PLANNING/ADDITIONAL REMIT (Item 3, Page 968)

3. There was submitted a report dated 14 June 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services setting out the final forward planning programme in respect of the Agenda and timescales of Local Committee Meetings, and also of additional matters which had been included within the remit of Local Committees.

It was agreed to note:-

- (i) the Local Committee Forward Planning Programme;
- (ii) the Committee's responsibility for street naming and for recommending to the appropriate Service Committees, names for new establishments; and
- (iii) that the Committee would have the opportunity to comment on the level and range of Departmental services delivered from Local Offices.

**PROPOSED REVIEW OF EXISTING COMMUNITY COUNCIL
SCHEMES (Item 9, Page 935)**

4. There was submitted a report dated 14 June 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services on a request by the Policy and Resources Committee that Local Committees participate in a review of existing Community Council schemes, by carrying out local consultation with Community Councils.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the contents of the report; and
- (ii) to refer the report to Dalmellington and Drongan Community Councils, being the two existing Community Councils within the Local Committee's area, requesting their comments on the proposed review of existing Community Council schemes, for consideration by this Committee at their Meeting on 17 September 1996.

DOON VALLEY AREA COMMUNITY FORUM

5.1 MEETING HELD ON 14 MAY 1996

There was submitted report dated 17 June 1996, regarding the first Doon Valley Area Community Forum Meeting held as part of the Council's preliminary scheme for decentralisation, which took place at Dalmellington Community Centre on Wednesday 15 May 1996.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to request the Director of Development Services to arrange for the preparation of a report on the unadopted roads and footpaths within the community of Waterside, for consideration by the Committee at a future Meeting; and
- (ii) otherwise to note the report.

5.2 FUTURE MEETINGS

There was submitted a report dated 18 June 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services, providing details of the "Council Items" for the next three rounds of Community Forum Meetings, and requesting the Local Committee to determine the venues for the next three Community Forum Meetings, and also the "local item" for the next Meeting of the Forum.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note that the "Council items" for the next three rounds of Community Forum Meetings would be as follows:-
 - (a) August/September 1996 - the Council's Environmental Strategy;
 - (b) November 1996 - the Council's Social Strategy; and
 - (c) February 1997 - the Council's budget proposals for 1997/98;
- (ii) that the venues for the next three Local Community Forums should be as follows:-
 - (a) August 1996 - Patna Community Centre;
 - (b) November 1996 - Drongan Community Centre; and
 - (c) February 1997 - Dalmellington Community Centre; and

- (iii) that the “local item” for the next Meeting of the Community Forum should be “Facilities and Activities for the Youth of the Community”.

**CUMNOCK AND DOON VALLEY DISTRICT WIDE LOCAL PLAN:
REPORT OF THE PUBLIC LOCAL ENQUIRY**

6. There was submitted and noted a report dated 16 May 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services, advising of the findings of the appointed Scottish Office Reporter in respect of the formal objections lodged at the Public Local Enquiry into Cumnock and Doon Valley District Wide Local Plan.

**EAST AYRSHIRE LOCAL PLAN: ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION IN THE
PREPARATION OF THE PLAN (Item 13, Page 770)**

7. There was submitted a report dated 3 June 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services:
- (a) bringing to the attention of the Local Committee a series of planning issues requiring to be addressed by the East Ayrshire Local Plan;
 - (b) seeking the views of the Local Committee on the issues raised;
 - (c) requesting that the Committee identify any other planning-related issues that it feels should be addressed on the plan; and
 - (d) giving consideration to identifying possible development opportunities within the Local Committee Area, including opportunities for environmental improvements.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the contents of the report and the invitation to discuss any of the issues identified therein with Officers of the Planning Division of the Department of Development Services; and
- (ii) to continue for consideration at the next Meeting of:-
 - (a) whether there were any further planning issues which should be addressed in the East Ayrshire Local Plan; and
 - (b) the identification of potential development opportunities within the Local Committee area, including opportunities for environmental improvements for progression through the Local Plan and Action Plan processes, as appropriate.

**BYE-LAWS FOR PROHIBITING THE CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL IN
DESIGNATED PUBLIC AREAS (Item 14, Page 937)**

8. There was submitted a report dated 14 June 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services, seeking the Local Committee’s views on proposals for the promotion by East Ayrshire Council of bye-laws to prohibit the consumption of alcohol in designated public places.

It was agreed to support the proposal of the Policy and Resources Committee to pursue the “blanket” ban of drinking in public places, by the promotion of the proposed bye-laws.

EAST AYRSHIRE REGENERATION PARTNERSHIP (Item 4, Page 820)

9. There was submitted a report dated 5 June 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services on the progress with regard to the East Ayrshire Regeneration Strategy, in particular local area statements and community involvement.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the proposal that a briefing session be organised to allow the Committee's community representatives to comment on the content of the Strategy, and for the community representatives to be invited to sign the Vision Statement for a Regenerated East Ayrshire in conjunction with representatives of the Council, other Public Agencies and other Local Committees, in order to display the spirit of partnership which will involve all parts of the East Ayrshire Community; and
- (ii) otherwise to note the report.

GARDEN COMPETITION (Item 3, Page 875)

10. There was submitted a report dated 6 June 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Housing to bring to the attention of the Local Committee, the details of the garden competition which was agreed by the Housing Committee on 29 May 1996, and to invite the Local Committees to make arrangements for judging and the presentation of prizes.

It was agreed to instruct the Director of Housing, in consultation with the Chair, to make suitable arrangements for judging by the Members of the Local Committee, of entries for the above competition within the Doon Valley area, and for the presentation of prizes.

ANTI-POVERTY STRATEGY (Item 7, Page 871)

11. There was submitted and noted a report dated 10 June 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work outlining the Social Work Department's services currently provided to support an anti-poverty strategy; and which would form the basis for a more corporate and more localised approach in the future.

PRE-FIVE EDUCATION (POSITION STATEMENT) (Item 3, Page 968)

12. There was submitted and noted a report dated 12 June 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Education on the present position relative to the provision of pre-five education.

COMMUNITY GRANTS

13.1 COMMUNITY GRANTS

There was submitted a report (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:-

- 13.1.1 **CUMNOCK AND DOON VALLEY CARING ACTION GROUP** - That a grant of £160 be made.
- 13.1.2 **CUMNOCK AND DOON VALLEY GIFT FURNITURE SCHEME** - That a grant of £300 be made

- 13.1.3 CUMNOCK AND DOON VALLEY ACCESS PANEL** - That a grant of £100 be made.
- 13.1.4 DRONGAN OLD PEOPLE'S WELFARE ASSOCIATION** - That a grant of £1,000 be made.
- 13.1.5 PARENTS' COMMITTEE, HILLSIDE SCHOOL SUMMER PLAYScheme** - That a grant of £200 be made.
- 13.1.6 DRONGAN AND DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY** - That a grant of £200 be made.
- 13.1.7 DOON VALLEY RAFT/CANOE RACE** - That a grant of £600 be made.
- 13.1.8 BELLSBANK WOMEN'S PROJECT** - That consideration of this application be deferred to the next Meeting of the Local Committee to enable further information to be submitted
- 13.1.9 BELLSBANK ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND** - That consideration of this application be deferred to the next Meeting of the Local Committee to enable further information to be submitted
- 13.1.10 DALRYMPLE CRAFT CLUB** - That a grant of £200 be made.
- 13.1.11 OCHILTREE YOUTH CLUB** - That consideration of this application be deferred to the next Meeting of the Local Committee to enable further information to be submitted
- 13.1.12 DALRYMPLE ANGLING CLUB: ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT SCHEME** - That the applicants be advised:-
- (a) that their proposed environmental improvement scheme, costed at approximately £7,500, was outwith the scope of the Community Grants Scheme;
 - (b) that the project should be progressed in consultation with the Scottish Environmental Protection Agency, in view of its possible implications for the local environment; and
 - (c) that their request for funding would be referred to the Director of Development Services to enable an assessment to be made as to whether the project could be financed from funds available from other sources.
- 13.1.13 DOON VALLEY GOLF CLUB JUNIOR SECTION** - That a grant of £300 be made to assist the group with their transport costs.
- 13.1.14 COYLE THISTLE BOYS' CLUB** - That a grant of £300 be made to assist the group with their transport costs.

The meeting terminated at 1615 hours.