

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL
DOON VALLEY LOCAL COMMITTEE

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 11 JUNE 1997 AT 1400 HOURS
IN THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, MAIN STREET, OCHILTREE**

PRESENT: Councillors Robert Taylor and Tommy Farrell; and Community Representatives Mr Edward Torrance, Mr Jim Johnstone and Miss Sarah Murray.

ATTENDING: Jim Hazlett, Divisional Social Work Manager; Sandy Gillat, Chief Engineer (Roads); Ken Robinson, Principal Administrative Officer; Ian Gemmell, Administrative Officer; and Chief Inspector Ian Henderson, Strathclyde Police.

APOLOGY: Councillor John Smith.

CHAIR: Councillor Robert Taylor, Vice-Chair.

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

1. There were submitted and noted the Minutes of Meeting of the Doon Valley Local Committee of 7 May 1997 (circulated).

**1998/99 PROGRAMMES FOR THE STRUCTURAL MAINTENANCE OF
ROADS AND FOOTWAYS (Item 2, Page 761)**

2. There was submitted a report dated 20 May 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services (a) intimating that the 1998/99 Programmes for the Structural Maintenance of Roads and Footways would be drawn up in the autumn of the current year; and (b) requesting that any schemes which the Committee Members considered desirable should be notified to the Head of Roads and Transportation by the end of September 1997.

It was agreed that individual Members of the Committee would submit directly to the Head of Roads and Transportation, details of any roads and footways which they wished to be considered for re-surfacing under the 1998/99 Programme.

**REPLACEMENT OF TOWN/VILLAGE SIGNS IN EAST AYRSHIRE
(Item 3.4, Page 2195)**

3. There was submitted a report dated 29 May 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services on (i) proposals to replace the existing town and village signs in the local committee area; (ii) on the message to be incorporated on the bottom line of the signs within the area; and (iii) on the possible location of additional East Ayrshire signs.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the decision of the Development Services Committee of 3 June 1997, inter alia to replace the existing town and village signs in the Local Committee's area during the current financial year, together with those other damaged or missing signs, and to erect a total of 15 additional East Ayrshire boundary signs within the Council's area during financial year 1998/99;

- (ii) to continue consideration at the next meeting of the message to be incorporated on the bottom line of the signs; and
- (iii) to continue consideration at the next meeting of the possible location of further East Ayrshire boundary signs.

LEISURE STRATEGY - CONSULTATION DRAFT (Item 4, Page 2179)

4. There was submitted a report dated 28 May 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services seeking the comments of the Local Committee on the Consultation Draft of the Council's Leisure Strategy.

It was agreed that the individual Local Committee Members would, if they so wished, provide comment on the Consultation Draft of the Council's Leisure Strategy to the Director of Community Services not later than 31 July 1997.

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL GARDEN COMPETITION 1997 (Item 9, Page 2148)

5. There was submitted a report dated 29 May 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Housing on the judging requirements and amended format for the Garden Competition 1997, and requesting that the Committee appoint the stand-by judging panel for the Local Committee area.

It was agreed that the stand-by judging panel for 1997 should be the Chair and Vice-Chair of this Committee, and Community Representatives Mr Jim Johnstone and Miss Sarah Murray.

COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME: CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATIONS

6. There was submitted a statement dated 6 June 1997 (circulated) prepared by the Director of Support Services summarising the pertinent information relative to outstanding applications received for Community Grants received from local organisations, and outlining the financial position in respect of applications for grant received so far during the financial year 1997/98.

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

Playschemes

- (i) Drongan Summer Playscheme - that a grant of £800 be made.

Leisure/Recreational Groups

- (i) Stair Craft Club - that a grant of £350 be made.
- (ii) Doon Valley Raft Race - that a grant of £600 be made.
- (iii) Dalmellington Folk Festival - bearing in mind that the Folk Festival Committee require finance amounting to approximately £6,000, and had submitted applications for grant to a number of organisations, that a grant of £200 be made at this time to assist with administrative expenses, the application to be reviewed at next meeting.

- (iv) Drongan and District Horticultural Society - that a grant of £200 be made.
- (v) Patna 50+ Club - that consideration of this application be continued to the next meeting of this Committee, the appropriate Officers to provide further information in this connection.

Age Concern and Senior Citizens' Welfare Associations

- (i) Dalrymple Old Folks Welfare Association - that a grant of £726 be made, representing a payment of £3 per capita based on the registered membership of 242.
- (ii) Ochiltree Old Folks Welfare Committee - that a grant of £576 be made, representing a payment of £3 per capita, based on the registered membership of 192.
- (iii) Patna and District Age Concern - that a grant of £1,299 be made, representing a payment of £3 per capita, based on the registered membership of 433.

Disabled/Handicapped Persons Groups

- (i) South East Ayrshire Disabled Club - bearing in mind that an application had also been submitted by this organisation to Cumnock Area Local Committee, and that the assessing department had recommended a total grant of £1,000, based on 54% Cumnock area and 46% Doon Valley area, that a grant of £460 be made, subject to Cumnock Area Local Committee agreeing an appropriate grant for their part.
- (ii) Cumnock and Doon Valley Mental Health Forum - that this application be refused, the Local Committee being of the view that the group was not a "voluntary" organisation in terms of the Community Grants Scheme, because the group were still holding funds remaining from financial support provided by Rural Challenge and Ayrshire and Arran Health Board, and also because the organisation had not explored other potential sources of funding.

LOCAL COMMITTEE FORWARD PLANNING PROGRAMME 1997/98

7. There was submitted and noted a report dated 28 May 1997(circulated) by the Director of Support Services advising of arrangements for provisional forward planning in respect of the Agenda and timetable of Local Committee meetings for 1997/98 as agreed by the Decentralisation Sub-Committee of the Policy and Resources Committee at the meeting on 27 May 1997.

DOON VALLEY COMMUNITY FORUM - 21 MAY 1997

8. There was submitted a report dated 27 May 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services on the outcome of the meeting of the Doon Valley Community Forum held in Dalrymple Community Centre on the evening of 21 May 1997.

It was agreed:-

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

**SITE VISIT: HOUSE OF WATER OPENCAST COAL SITE AND
KNOCKSHINNOCH DISPOSAL POINT, NEW CUMNOCK: 24 APRIL 1997**

9. There was submitted and noted a report dated 28 May 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services on the outcome of a site visit made by Elected Members of the Council and Community Representatives to the House of Water Opencast Coal Site and Knockshinnoch Disposal Point, New Cumnock.

ANTI-POVERTY ACTIVITIES: ANNUAL REPORT

10. There was submitted a report dated 27 May 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work providing an update on anti-poverty work which had been undertaken by Social Work staff in the period 1 April 1996 to 31 March 1997.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the contents of the report; and
- (ii) to request that the Director of Social Work bring forward further reports on anti-poverty work on a regular basis.

The meeting terminated at 1425 hours.