

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

DOON VALLEY LOCAL COMMITTEE

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 8 SEPTEMBER 1998
AT 1400 HOURS IN DRONGAN COMMUNITY CENTRE,
MILMANNOCH AVENUE, DRONGAN**

PRESENT: Councillors John Smith and Robert Taylor; and Community Representatives Mr James Brown, Mr Ross McLeod and Mr John Weir

ATTENDING: John F Crawford, Head of Protective Services; Arthur West, Service Manager (Development) Social Work; Karl Doroszenko, Policy and Projects Manager, Development Services; Janie Allen, Principal Officer (Pre-Fives), Education; James Lally, Senior Administrative Officer; and Ian Gemmell, Administrative Officer.

ALSO ATTENDING: Inspector Allan Golightly, Strathclyde Police.

APOLOGY: Councillor Tommy Farrell.

CHAIR: Councillor John Smith, (Chair).

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

1. There was submitted for information and noted the Minutes of the Doon Valley Local Committee of 2 June 1998 (circulated).

COMMUNITY SERVICES

OPERATION SPOTLIGHT

2. There was submitted a report dated 5 August 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which proposed that "Operation Spotlight" be made a standing item on the Agenda of the Local Committee.

It was agreed that Operation Spotlight be a standing item on the Agenda for future meetings of the Local Committee.

DECENTRALISATION ISSUES

DOON VALLEY COMMUNITY FORUM 28 MAY 1998

3. There was submitted and noted a report dated 26 June 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services which advised of the outcome of the latest meeting of the Doon Valley Community Forum held as part of the Council's scheme of Decentralisation.

It was agreed to note:

- (i) the outcome of the above meeting of the Doon Valley Community Forum; and
- (ii) that, arising from a request by a local resident at the Forum, changes had been made in the opening hours of Drongan Local Office to suit local needs.

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

PROGRAMMES FOR THE STRUCTURAL MAINTENANCE OF ROADS AND FOOTWAYS, 1999/2000

4. There was submitted a report dated 3 June 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which (a) advised that the programmes for the Structural Maintenance of Roads and Footways, 1999/2000 would be drawn up in the autumn of the current year; and (b) requested that any carriageway or footway resurfacing schemes which Members of the Committee considered desirable should be notified to the Head of Roads and Transportation by the end of October 1998.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the terms of the report; and
- (ii) that Members of the Committee would, if they so wished, and on an individual basis, submit any suggestions as to the works which could be included within the above programmes, directly to the Head of Roads and Transportation no later than 31 October 1998.

PROVISION OF DISABLED PERSONS' PARKING BAYS

5. There was submitted report dated 11 August 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services seeking the Committee's views on the current criteria for the provision of residential disabled persons' parking bays on public roads.

It was agreed to note the contents of the report and that members of the Committee, if they so wished, and on an individual basis, should submit any observations on the current criteria for the provision of disabled persons parking bays to the Head of Roads and Transportation before 30 September 1998 to allow a report thereon to be submitted to the Development Services Committee in early November.

A PROGRAMME FOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

6. There was submitted a report dated 23 July 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which (i) set out a list of potential environmental improvement projects for the financial year 1998/99; (ii) put forward for consultation, potential projects for the following three financial years (to the financial year 2001-2002); and (iii) suggested a method to secure proper and regular consultation on capital plan projects.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the capital plan (Environmental Improvements) consultation arrangements as set out in paragraphs 4.6 to 4.13 of the report;
- (ii) to approve the selection criteria for prioritising schemes as set out in section 3 of the report;
- (iii) to approve the proposed programme and contributions for the financial year 1998/99 and in the case of the Dalmellington Phase 2 project, the contribution for the financial year 1999/2000;
- (iv) that Members of the Committee would, if they so wished, and on an individual basis, advise the Head of Planning and Building Control of suggestions for

further projects which would fit the selection criteria, no later than 30 September 1998; and

- (v) to express the Committee's concern that all funding for Environmental Improvements in the Doon Valley Local Committee Area had been supplied by the Cumnock Initiative and that no additional funding had been provided by the Council.

RECHAR II COMMUNITY INITIATIVE

- 7. There was submitted a report dated 25 August 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which advised of the outcomes of the RECHAR II Programme Management Committee meeting of 30 June 1998 as they related to projects within the Local Committee's area.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the action taken regarding the preparation and submission of applications for funding support for local projects; and
- (ii) to note the outcome of the Programme Management Committee meeting of 30 June 1998.

PROGRESS REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROGRAMME OF LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS ASSOCIATED WITH EXISTING PARTNERSHIP ARRANGEMENTS

- 8. There was submitted a report dated 25 August 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services on progress regarding the implementation of the programmes of local development projects associated with existing partnership arrangements.

It was agreed to note the position regarding progress in the implementation of development projects promoted through the Local Rural Partnership.

DRONGAN APPROACH ROAD ENHANCEMENT PROJECT

- 9. There was submitted a report dated 25 August 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services on progress with the Drongan Approach Road (B730) Enhancement Project.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the contents of the report; and
- (ii) to acknowledge the progress made by Drongan, Rankinston and Stair Community Council on this project.

LOCAL INITIATIVES BUDGET: DALMELLINGTON BOOKTOWN PROJECT

- 10. There was submitted a report dated 31 August 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which sought the Committee's approval in principal to the release of up to £4,500 from the Local Initiatives Budget for Regeneration to assist with the establishment of Dalmellington as a Booktown.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the award of up to £4,500 to International Booktowns Dalmellington Limited, subject to funds being available in the relevant budget, and not committed elsewhere; and
- (ii) that the Director of Development Services arrange for payment of the award as appropriate from the Development Services budget.

EDUCATION

THE CHILDREN ACT 1989: TRIENNIAL REVIEW OF SERVICES FOR CHILDREN UNDER EIGHT

- 11.** There was submitted a report dated 3 July 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Education which advised of progress with the third Triennial Review of Childminding, Day Care and Education Services for Children Under Eight.

In this connection the Committee viewed an information video produced by the Department of Education on the above services.

It was agreed to note:-

- (i) the progress made in the Review of Services for children under eight years; and
- (ii) the progress made in the expansion of nursery provision for children aged 3-5 years in East Ayrshire.

SOCIAL WORK

SOCIAL WORK ANTI-POVERTY ACTIVITY

- 12.** There was submitted a report dated 13 August 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work which provided an update on anti-poverty activity undertaken by Social Work staff during the period 1 April 1997 to 31 March 1998.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the work undertaken and outcomes achieved in anti poverty work within the Social Work Department during 1997/98;
- (ii) to endorse the approach being taken by the Social Work Department in this connection;
- (iii) that members of the Committee, if they so wished, and on an individual basis, provide views to the Director of Social Work on poverty issues which would benefit from attention during the next period; and
- (iii) the Director of Social Work investigate the possibility of providing a breakdown of the figures in relation to the anti-poverty activities contained within the report split into Local Committee areas and report thereon to a future meeting of this Committee.

SUPPORT SERVICES

NAMING OF STREET: DEVELOPMENT AT MAUCHLINE ROAD, OCHILTREE

13. There was submitted a report dated 28 August 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services which requested the Committee to select a name for a new street created by development at Mauchline Road, Ochiltree.

Having heard the recommendations of the Local Councillor and the Local Community Council, the Committee agreed to name the new street as "Manse Brae".

COMMUNITY GRANTS

14.1 DOON VALLEY FOLK FESTIVAL (Item 7.2.2 (b)(i), Page 3440)

It was reported and noted that the Doon Valley Folk Festival had withdrawn their application to the Local Committee for Community Grant funding to assist with the costs of running the Festival in 1998 as they had been successful in obtaining the required funding from other sources.

14.2 BELLSBANK ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND: SUMMER PLAYScheme

It was reported and noted that in respect of an application from the above organisation for a grant of £421 having been received in respect of their summer playscheme, the Director of Support Services, in consultation with the Chair of this Committee and the Local Member, had authorised payment of an interim grant of £250 under the Scheme of Delegation.

14.3 DRONGAN SUMMER PLAYScheme (Item 7.2.5, Page 3440)

It was reported and noted that, in terms of this Committee's decision on 2 June 1998, the Director of Support Services in consultation with the Chair of this Committee, having received a satisfactory assessment of the application, had authorised payment of a grant of £800 to Drongan Summer Playscheme.

14.4 CONTINUED APPLICATIONS: OCHILTREE ROVERS BOYS CLUB AND NESS GLEN ANGLING CLUB (Item 7.2.2 (a)(i) and (ii), Page 3439)

It was reported and noted that, in accordance with this Committee's decision on 2 June 1998, site visits had been held at Kay Park, Ochiltree and High Main Street, Dalmellington, where Members of the Committee examined the sites of the respective projects which were the subject of grant applications from the above organisations and discussed the respective projects with the applicants.

14.5 GENERAL APPLICATIONS

There was submitted a statement dated 27 August 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services which summarised the pertinent information relative to outstanding applications for Community Grant received from local organisations, together with a financial statement dated 31 August 1998 which outlined the financial position in respect of Community Grants for the financial year 1998/99.

14.5.1 Applications Approved (for the purpose specified in the application):-**(a) Disability**

- (i) South East Ayrshire Disabled Club - Agreed to make an interim payment of £300 pending the outcome of investigations into provision of alternative premises for the organisation which would involve lower heating costs as agreed by the Cumnock Area Local Committee;
- (ii) Cumnock and Doon Valley Independent Living Friendship Group £62;

(b) Information and Advice

- (i) Cumnock and Doon Valley Access Panel (Information and Allowances Department) - £250;

(c) Leisure Activities

- (i) Drongan and District Horticultural Society - £200;

(d) Music

- (i) Dunaskin Doon Band - £1,000;

(e) Older People

- (i) Dalrymple and District Old People's Welfare Committee - £747;
- (ii) Dalmellington Street Wardens - £1188;
- (iii) Drongan Old People's Welfare Committee (Supplementary) - £378;

(f) Sport

- (i) Ness Glen Angling Club (Purchase of Maintenance Equipment) - £2,000;

Having noted that a site visit to the premises had taken place, agreed

(g) Young People

- (i) Bellsbank Adventure Playground Summer Playscheme - £171 (an Interim Grant of £250 having been previously authorised under the Scheme of Delegation)
- (ii) Dalrymple Boys and Girls Football Club - £500

14.5.2 Application remitted to the Director of Support Services in consultation with the Chair**(a) Young People**

- (i) Ochiltree Rovers Boys Club (Floodlighting Phase 2) - Having noted that a site visit to the premises had taken place, it was agreed to a grant of £843.30 subject to the Director of Support Services being satisfied that Phase 1 of the project had been completed to a satisfactory standard.

14.5.3 Applications Refused**(a) Older People**

- (i) Ochiltree Old People's Welfare Committee - as the group held sufficient funds to carry out their programme of activities for the current year.

(b) Sport

- (i) Ness Glen Angling Club (Replacement of Boats) because the club had recently received substantial funding for boat replacement and the Committee considered that the club should embark on a programme which would enable phased replacement year by year.

The meeting terminated at 1455 hours.