
Community Education Centre, Clark Street, Airdrie, 8 September 1998 at 7 pm.**A Meeting of the AIRDRIE AREA COMMITTEE****PRESENT**

Councillor Lucas, Vice-Convenor; Councillors Cox, Curley, Logue, J. McGuigan, Morgan, Russell, Stocks and Sullivan.

CHAIR

Councillor Lucas (Vice-Convenor) presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

The Chief Committee Services Officer and Administrative Officer, Department of Administration; the Director of Environmental Services (Liaison Director); Local Officer, Chief Executive's Department; Head of Sport and Recreation, Department of Leisure Services and Divisional Manager, Department of Planning and Development.

ALSO ATTENDING

Superintendent Tom Buchan and Chief Inspector David Stephen, Strathclyde Police.

OBITUARY - COUNCILLOR ERIC BURNS

1. Prior to the commencement of business Councillor Lucas intimated that it would be appropriate at this, the first meeting of the Airdrie Area Committee following the death of Councillor Eric Burns, to record not only the Committee's condolences to Councillor Burns' family but, also, Members' appreciation of the work carried out by Councillor Burns as a Member of the former Monklands District Council and North Lanarkshire Council and as Convenor of this Committee.

In memory of Councillor Eric Burns the meeting commenced with one minute's silence.

AIRDRIE AREA COMMITTEE - MINUTE

2. There was submitted the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 16 June 1998.

Decided: that the terms of the Minute be noted.

RETIREMENT OF DAVID McLAREN, CHIEF INSPECTOR, STRATHCLYDE POLICE

3. Arising out of discussions in the immediately preceding item, the Committee noted the retirement of David McLaren, Chief Inspector, Strathclyde Police, extended their thanks to him for his contribution to the Area Committee and wished him every happiness in his retirement. The Committee thereafter welcomed Chief Inspector David Stephen, who will have operational responsibility for the Airdrie Area, to the meeting.

Decided: that the Liaison Director be authorised to send a letter of thanks to David McLaren on behalf of the Members of this Committee.

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COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES**(1) CALDERCRUIX COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

4. There were submitted the Minutes of meetings of Caldercruix Community Council held on 18 March, 15 April, 20 May and 17 June, 1998.

Decided: that the terms of the Minutes be noted.

(2) CHAPELHALL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

5. There was submitted the Minute of meeting of Chapelhall Community Council held on 26 April 1998.

Decided: that the terms of the Minute be noted.

(3) GREENGAIRS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

6. There were submitted the Minutes of meetings of Greengairs Community Council held on 22 April, 27 May, 4 and 24 June 1998.

Decided: that the terms of the Minutes be noted.

(4) MONKLAND GLEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

7. There was submitted the Minute of meeting of Monkland Glen Community Council held on 10 August 1998.

Decided: that the terms of the Minute be noted.

(5) SALSBURGH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

8. There were submitted the Minutes of meetings of Salsburgh Community Council held on 11 June, 9 and 23 July and 13 August 1998.

Decided: that the terms of the Minutes be noted.

COMMUNITY FORUMS - UPDATE

9. With reference to paragraph 8 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 16 June 1998 when it was agreed that arrangements be made for a public meeting on 25 August 1998 to formally appoint community members to serve on Airdrie and Villages Community Forum, there was submitted a report dated 1 September 1998 by the Chief Executive regarding the outcome of the public meeting (1) advising that the proposed Community Forum structure had been rejected by those attending the meeting and an alternative structure identified to include churches and religious organisations and all Community Councils within the wider Airdrie area; (2) indicating that details of amended structure could be circulated to other community organisations, local press and nominees already received to the original Community Forum, and (3) suggesting that further consultation could be undertaken on the amended structure and thereafter arrangements be made to elect members to the Community Forum.
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Decided:

- (1) that the outcome of the Community Forum public meeting held on 25 August 1998 be noted;
- (2) that the amended Community Forum structure as proposed at the public meeting be approved;
- (3) that arrangements be made to inform both community and voluntary organisations and the wider community of the amended Community Forum structure;
- (4) that, thereafter, arrangements be made for a public meeting to be held to endorse the amended structure and seek nominations to the Community Forum, and
- (5) that the Liaison Director submit a report to the next meeting of this Committee on the outcome of the public meeting.

PARTNERSHIP INITIATIVE - MILLENNIUM CELEBRATION - BOOTS PHARMACEUTICAL COMPANY

10. With reference to paragraph 13 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 16 June 1998 when it was agreed that arrangements be made for a meeting between the Liaison Director and representatives of Boots Pharmaceutical Company to discuss the level of involvement and profile for a community initiative to celebrate the Millennium, there was submitted a report dated 4 September 1998 by the Liaison Director (1) advising that a meeting had taken place with Boots Pharmaceutical Company to identify the potential scope and scale of any initiative, and (2) suggesting that a Working Group be established to identify a number of options for a community initiative.

Decided:

- (1) that the development of a partnership with Boots Pharmaceutical Company specifically for the purpose of identifying a suitable means of commemorating the Millennium be approved in principle;
- (2) that the Vice-Chair, one Member of this Committee and two representatives from the Community Forum together with the Liaison Director and one other Official meet with Boots Pharmaceutical Company to discuss viable options for the community initiative, and
- (3) that the Liaison Director submit a report to a future meeting of this Committee on the outcome of the discussions with Boots Pharmaceutical Company.

FORMER SAFEWAY PREMISES AT GRAHAM STREET, AIRDRIE - UPDATE

11. With reference to paragraph 10 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 16 June 1998 when it was agreed that meetings be held (1) with Safeway to discuss the current situation with the vacant premises at Graham Street, Airdrie and the concerns of this Committee regarding the provision of pedestrian facilities at Gartlea, Airdrie, and (2) with TSB to discuss the lease arrangements over the former Safeway premises at Graham Street, Airdrie and that the Director of Planning and Development report to the Planning and Development Committee advising that the meetings had been held with TSB and Safeway, the Liaison Director advised the Committee that contact had been made with the agents of Safeway in an attempt to progress the matter further. There followed discussion on the problem of the former Safeway premises at Graham Street, Airdrie and the related problem with the pedestrian facilities in the vicinity of the roundabout at the Safeway supermarket, Gartlea, Airdrie and concerns were raised at the lack of progress on the matter.

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Decided:

- (1) that the Vice-Convenor, Councillor Morgan and the appropriate Officials meet with Safeway to discuss the current situation with regard to the vacant premises at Graham Street, Airdrie and the concerns of this Committee regarding the provision of the pedestrian facilities at Gartlea, Airdrie;
- (2) that the Vice-Convenor, Councillor Morgan and the appropriate Officials meet with the TSB to discuss the lease arrangements over the former Safeway premises at Graham Street, Airdrie, and
- (3) that the Director of Planning and Development submit a report to the next meeting of the Planning and Development Committee advising of the concerns of this Committee and the outcome of the meetings held with the TSB and Safeway with recommendation that, if necessary, enforcement action be taken against Safeway regarding the provision of pedestrian facilities at Gartlea, Airdrie.

TWINNING: AREA COMMITTEES

12. With reference to paragraph 29 of the Minute of the meeting of the General Purposes Committee held on 26 August 1998 when it was agreed that, in instances in which it is practicable, the advice of Area Committees be obtained on twinning matters, there was submitted a report dated 11 August 1998 by the Director of Administration (1) advising of the twinning agreements entered into by North Lanarkshire Council and the relationship with Area Committees; (2) suggesting that advice be obtained from the appropriate Area Committees with regard to twinning links, and (3) detailing the twinning link with this Committee to be Campi Bisenzio and Gatchina with a friendship link being identified with Airdrie, Alberta.

Decided: that the terms of the report be noted.

CENTRAL SCOTLAND COUNTRYSIDE TRUST CONNECTING PEOPLE AND THE FOREST: COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT PLAN FINAL DRAFT MAY 1998

13. With reference to paragraph 14 of the Minute of the meeting of the Planning and Development Committee held on 19 August 1998 when it was agreed (1) that the publication of Central Scotland Countryside Trust Community Involvement Plan - Connecting People With the Forest be noted, and (2) that the importance of the role of the Council's decentralisation scheme through both the Area Committee and developing Forums in meeting the plans' aims be recognised, there was submitted a report dated 19 August 1998 by the Director of Planning and Development thereon.

Decided: that the terms of the report be noted.

BROWNSBURN DEVELOPMENT

14. There was submitted a report dated 2 September 1998 by the Liaison Director enclosing a letter from Monkland Glen Community Council highlighting concerns regarding the proposed development of the area at Brownsburn, Airdrie. The Committee Chairman invited Dr Glen of Monkland Glen Community Council to address the meeting and heard her explain the concerns of the Community Council and the Chair accepted a Petition from residents in the Brownsburn area objecting to the area being sold off at the present time. The Committee were advised of the current position with regard to the site.

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Decided:

- (1) that the Liaison Director be authorised to seek clarification of the implications of paragraph 2 of the Minute of the meeting of the Leisure Services Committee held on 23 June 1998 and that he report further to the next meeting of this Committee on the matter;
- (2) that the Petition be forwarded to the Directors of Planning and Development and Leisure Services for submission to the next meetings of the relevant Committees, and
- (3) that this Committee recommend to the Planning and Development Committee that the marketing of the Brownsburn Site on the open market be held in abeyance meantime to allow consideration of the Petition from residents in the Brownsburn District.

DECENTRALISATION: REVIEW OF PROGRESS

15. There was submitted a report dated 1 September 1998 by the Chief Executive regarding the first annual review of the Decentralisation Scheme (1) advising of the framework for consideration when reviewing the scheme; (2) indicating that a report would be placed before the Policy and Resources (Community Development) Sub-Committee at its meeting in November highlighting the views of the Area Committees on the scheme; (3) setting out the particular questions to be put to Area Committees for consideration, and (4) indicating that a bid would be made for dedicated resources for decentralisation in the coming year.

Decided:

- (1) that the arrangements for reviewing decentralisation be noted, and
- (2) that the Liaison Director be authorised to make arrangements to obtain comments from community Groups in the Airdrie Area with a view to formulating a response to the Policy and Resources (Community Development) Sub-Committee.

ATTENDANCE AT AIRDRIE AREA COMMITTEE

16. Arising out of discussions in the immediate preceding paragraph, the Committee raised their concerns that no representative from the Department of Housing was present at this Committee and, in view of the diverse nature of the issues presented, requested that a senior official from the Department of Housing be present at future meetings of this Committee.

Decided: that the Liaison Director be authorised to advise the Director of Housing of the Committee's request that a senior Official from the Department of Housing be present at future meetings of this Committee.

OPERATION OF THE INTERIM COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME WITHIN THE AIRDRIE AREA - APRIL TO JUNE 1998

17. There was submitted a report dated 1 September 1998 by the Chief Executive relative to the operation of the Interim Community Grants Scheme during the period April 1998 to June 1998 (1) identifying the Interim Community Grants Awards from April to June 1998 by recipients, funding and category of organisation and (2) intimating the purpose for which the funding was awarded.

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Decided:

- (1) that the terms of the report be noted, and
- (2) that the Liaison Director be authorised to advise the Director of Education that this Committee request a letter be sent to all Head Teachers in the area reminding them that the Department of Education has a grant scheme for educational purposes and that it was not prudent for grants to be awarded to schools from the Community Grants scheme for educational visits.

INTERIM COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME - CONSIDER APPLICATIONS

18. With reference to paragraph 15 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 16 June 1998 there was submitted a report dated 1 September 1998 by the Chief Executive detailing applications for community grants continued from that meeting, together with new applications.

Decided: that, subject to receipt of any outstanding information, the applications for community grants be dealt with as follows:

Continued Applications

Group: **St Andrews Senior Citizens Bowling Club - CG98/99-45**

Purpose of Application: to assist with the cost of bowling carpet

Grant Requested: £629.99

Decision: Continue

Group: **4th Coatbridge Girls Brigade - CG98/99-50**

Purpose of Application: to assist with the cost of accommodation and travel to Carronvale House for activity weekend

Grant Requested: £600 (cheque previously issued for £330)

Decision: Continue

Group: **Clarkston Bowling Club - CG98/99-89**

Purpose of Application: to assist with the cost of general administration

Grant Requested: £500 (cheque previously issued for £250)

Decision: Grant £25

Group: **Airdrie High Church Senior Members - CG98/99-94**

Purpose of Application: to assist with the cost of a summer outing

Grant Requested: Any award

Decision: Continue

Group: **Rochsoles Boys Club - CG98/99-139**

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Purpose of Application:	to assist with the purchase of football strips, jackets etc.
Grant Requested:	£510
Decision:	Grant £250
Group:	Monklands Cricket Club - CG98/99-91
Purpose of Application:	to assist with the cost of new equipment, participate in league, expenses and ground hire
Grant Requested:	£650 (cheque previously issued for £220)
Decision:	Continue
Group:	Rochsoles Community Resource Project - CG98/99-189
Purpose of Application:	to assist with the cost of outing
Grant Requested:	£200
Decision:	Grant £200
Group:	Caldercruix Gala Day Committee - CG98/99-189
Purpose of Application:	to assist with the cost of gala day and the purchase of equipment
Grant Requested:	£1,500
Decision:	Continue to 1999/00
Group:	Lorne Gardens Social Club - CG98/99-191
Purpose of Application:	to assist with the cost of summer outings
Grant Requested:	£600
Decision:	Continue
Group:	Petersburn United - CG98/99-196
Purpose of Application:	to assist with the cost of football strips
Grant Requested:	£1,000
Decision:	Grant £250

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Group: **Society of SVDP, St Aloysius Conference - CG98/99-197**

Purpose of Application: to assist with running costs

Grant Requested: £1,500

Decision: Grant £1,000

Group: **Airdrie Services Club - CG98/99-198**

Purpose of Application: to assist with the cost of senior members annual dinner dance

Grant Requested: £1,400

Decision: Continue

New Applications

Group: **Airdrie Citizens Advice Bureau - CG98/99-200**

Purpose of Application: to assist with cost of cleaning and cleaning materials for Anderson Street premises

Grant Requested: £996

Decision: Remit consideration of the application to the next meeting of the Policy and Resources (Community Development) Sub-Committee

Group: **St Serfs Parent Teacher Association - CG98/99-201**

Purpose of Application: to assist with the cost of an educational trip

Grant Requested: £900

Decision: Grant £500

Group: **Rochsolloch Community Club - CG98/99-217**

Purpose of Application: to assist with the cost of Christmas social evening and meal

Grant Requested: £350

Decision: Grant £350

Group: **Greengairs Parish Church Womens Guild - CG98/99-238**

Purpose of Application: to assist with the cost of Christmas treat

Grant Requested: Any award

Decision: Grant £280

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Group:	Caldercruix Community Food Coop - CG98/99-241
Purpose of Application:	to assist with the purchase of fridge freezer
Grant Requested:	£200
Decision:	Grant £200

LEISURE PLAN

19. With reference to paragraph 7 of the Minute of the meeting of the Leisure Services Committee held on 2 September 1998 when it was agreed (1) that the draft Leisure Plan be approved as the basis of a proposed public consultation exercise; (2) that the consultation timetable be approved, and (3) that the report by the Director of Leisure Services be referred to Area Committees for their interest, there was submitted a report dated 24 August 1998 by the Director of Leisure Services regarding the draft Leisure Plan (1) advising Members that the plan (a) had previously been agreed as a key task within the current Departmental Service Plan; (b) aimed to promote better co-ordination between the various organisations from the voluntary private and public sectors providing leisure services and facilities within the North Lanarkshire area; (c) incorporated the strategic framework including the Council's agreed leisure principles, and (d) covered a 10 year time span which would be the subject to regular monitoring and review; (2) proposing that the plan be approved as the basis of a comprehensive public consultation exercise, and (3) setting out a proposed timetable to be used in connection with the consultation exercise.

Decided: that the terms of the report be noted.