

To: Airdrie Area Committee	Subject: Airdrie and Villages Community Forum
From: Chief Executive	
Date: 23 October 1998	Ref: CE/012.023/005C

1.0 Purpose

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide a summary of the main discussion and outcomes of the recent public meeting convened by Airdrie Area Committee for the purpose of appointing the Community Forum members.

2.0 Public Meeting to Appoint Community Forum Participants

- 2.1 The public meeting to formally appoint the members of Airdrie and Villages Community Forum was held in Airdrie Community Education Centre on Tuesday 20 October 1998. The meeting was attended by 35 local people with 12 community groups and voluntary organisations represented. A list of participants is attached as Appendix One to this report.
- 2.2 Notification of the meeting was sent to all those community groups on the current Area Committee mailing list, Community Councils and those individuals who had attended previous consultation meetings and expressed an interest in being kept informed. In addition, posters advertising the meeting and Nomination Forms for those seeking selection were available from Community Education Centres, Housing Offices and Leisure facilities.
- 2.3 The meeting was chaired by the Area Committee Convener. The Convener welcomed participants to the meeting and in his introduction he explained that this was a further public meeting convened after local people objected to the original Community Forum proposal. The Convener described that the original Community Forum structure was previously discussed by local people at a public meeting held on 25 August 1998 where concern was expressed that the proposed Forum was too restrictive and did not allow sufficient representation for the diversity of interests within Airdrie and the surrounding areas. There was also some criticism that the meeting had been inadequately advertised. Accordingly, the Community Forum structure was amended to include membership by all Community Councils within Airdrie and the surrounding areas, and also representation by Churches and Religious Groups. In concluding his introduction the Convener emphasised the Area Committee's commitment to work in partnership with the Community Forum.

3.0 Community Forum Structure

- 3.1 The revised Community Forum structure provides places for some 30 representatives drawn from the following categories:-

Community Councils

Cairnhill/Coatdyke
 Caldercruix
 Chapelhall
 Clarkston
 Gartlea
 Greengairs
 Longriggend
 Monkland Glen
 Plains
 Salsburgh

Village Areas

Calderbank
 Caldercruix
 Chapelhall/Gartness
 Glenmavis
 Greengairs and Wattston
 Longriggend
 Plains
 Salsburgh

Community and Voluntary Organisations

Pre 5 Groups and Children
 Young People
 Elderly People
 Disabled People and those with Special Needs
 Community Development Organisations
 Self Help and Support Groups
 Hobby and Special Interest Groups
 Churches and Religious Groups

*4 Local Individual Representatives***4.0 Appointments to the Community Forum**

- 4.1 The closing date for the submission of Nomination Forms by those people seeking possible selection to the Community Forum was 19 October 1998.
- 4.2 The meeting noted that individual Community Councils and village areas were responsible for appointing or selecting their own representatives, whilst the community organisation and local individual representatives would be selected by those in attendance at the public meeting.
- 4.3 The undernoted representatives were appointed to represent village areas and Community Councils as detailed:-

VillageForum Representative

Caldercruix
 Plains
 Greengairs
 Calderbank

Mr J Rintoul
 Mr J Gallacher
 Ms E Watt
 Mr I Johnstone

Community CouncilForum Representative

Cairnhill/Coatdyke
 Clarkston
 Gartlea
 Monkland Glen

Mr W Lawrie
 Ms L Buchanan
 Mr T Macfarlane
 Dr A Glen

- 4.4 The meeting noted that a number of single unopposed nominations had been submitted in terms of selection to the Forum on behalf of particular categories of special interest community organisations and it was duly agreed that (i) Ms E Rolink should be elected as the Forum representative on behalf of Elderly People, and (ii) Mr J Armstrong should be elected as the representative on behalf of Disabled People and those with Special Needs.
- 4.5 The special interest categories of community organisation where more than one nominee had been proposed for possible selection to the Community Forum were:-

- (i) Community Development Organisations;
- (ii) Churches and Religious Groups;
- (iii) Young People; and
- (iv) Pre 5 Groups and Children

Participants at the meeting were given the opportunity to join a special interest workshop where a suitable selection procedure could be discussed and a Forum representative duly elected.

4.6 The Churches and Religious Organisations' workshop elected Ms A McGleish as its representative, whilst the Community Development Organisations' workshop elected Ms Andrew as its representative.

4.7 The workshop participants in the Children and Pre 5's workshop and Young People's workshop, having sought guidance from the Liaison Director, each requested permission from those in attendance at the meeting to elect two representatives given the diversity and breadth of experience of individual nominees. The public meeting agreed in principle to this request subject to the Community Forum considering and deciding upon the matter at its first meeting.

4.8 The meeting then considered the appointment of local individual Forum members to represent the general interests of Airdrie area. A total of six nominations had been received in respect of the four available places. The meeting noted that four of the six nominees were in attendance at the public meeting whilst the remaining two nominees had submitted apologies. It was suggested and agreed that those nominees in attendance at the meeting, and detailed below, be duly elected as the local individual representatives.

Mr R Davidson
Mr J Davidson
Mr E Nelson
Mr J Maley

4.9 The meeting noted that a number of places on the Community Forum remained vacant and it was agreed that these should be filled at a later date by the Forum through further consultation.

4.10 A full list of the representatives elected to the Community Forum together with a note of the remaining vacant categories is attached as Appendix Two to this report.

5.0 Conclusion

5.1 The meeting closed with those elected to the Community Forum remaining to discuss a number of operational matters including the date and venue for the first Forum meeting.

6.0 Recommendation

6.1 Airdrie Area Committee is requested to:-

- (i) note the election of representatives to Airdrie and Villages Community Forum as detailed in Appendix Two;
- (ii) suggest to the Community Forum that in the categories of Pre 5 and Childrens' representative and Young Peoples' representative, those four nominees seeking selection be duly elected and invited to serve on the Forum given the breadth of their experiences; and
- (iii) otherwise note the contents of this report.


Chief Executive

Airdrie and Villages Community Forum

List of Participants Attending Public MeetingHeld in Airdrie Community Education Centre on 20 October 1998

<i>Name</i>	<i>Organisation (where applicable)</i>
Mrs Donovan	Greengairs Community Council
Mr P Markie	Airdrie District Orange Lodge
Mr P McMullen	St Andrews Church, Whinhall
Ms S Conn	Gartlea Community Council
Mr A Blaney	Gartlea Community Council
Mr T McFarlane	Gartlea Community Council
Mrs A McFarlane	Gartlea Community Council
Mr E Nelson	
Ms B McIntyre	Cairnhill/Coatdyke Community Council
Mr D Moyes	Broomknoll Church Senior Citizens
Mrs H Fay	St Andrews Garden Pensioners Club
Mrs H Brady	St Andrews Garden Pensioners Club
Ms N Pettigrew	
Mr W B Lawrie	Cairnhill/Coatdyke Community Council
Dr A Glen	Monkland Glen Community Council
Ms L Buchanan	Clarkston Community Council
Ms M Macpherson	Cairnhill/Coatdyke Community Council
Mrs G Pennie	
Mr J Pennie	
Ms A McGleish	
Ms S Andrew	
Mr J Armstrong	
Mr J Rintoul	Caldercruix Community Council
Mrs I Richards	
Mr T Richards	
Mr O McAvoy	Salsburgh Community Council
Mr W Queen	Salsburgh Community Council
Mr J Maley	
Mr J Chapman	
Mr T Pollock	Clarkston Community Council
Mr J Davidson	
Ms J Davidson	
Mr R Davidson	
Mr T Hutton	North Airdrie Credit Union
Mr J Downie	
<i>Apologies</i>	
Councillor P Sullivan	North Lanarkshire Council
Ms E Booth	
Mr J Turnbull	
Ms E Watt	
<i>Also in attendance</i>	
Councillor H Lucas	Convener, Airdrie Area Committee
Mr B Biagini	Her Majesty's Inspectorate
Mr M Hutton	Liaison Director, North Lanarkshire Council
Mr P Kelly	North Lanarkshire Council
Mr P Whelan	North Lanarkshire Council
Mr J Gormley	North Lanarkshire Council
Ms K Nicoll	North Lanarkshire Council
Miss J Lees	North Lanarkshire Council

**Elections to Airdrie and Villages Community Forum
at Public Meeting of 20 October 1998 and Remaining Vacancies**

<i>Category</i>	<i>Forum Representation</i>
A <i>Villages/Rural Areas</i>	
Greengairs and Wattston	Ms E Watt
Calderbank	Mr I Johnstone
Plains	Mr J Gallacher
Caldercruix	Mr J Rintoul
Longriggend	To be appointed
Salsburgh	To be appointed
Chapelhall and Gartness	To be appointed
Glenmavis	To be appointed
B <i>Community/Voluntary Organisation</i>	
Pre 5's and Children	Ms M Macpherson and Mr J Pennie*
Young People	Ms N Pettigrew and Mr T Pollock*
Elderly People	Ms E Rolink
Disabled People and those with Special Needs	Mr J Armstrong
Churches and Religious Groups	Ms A McGleish
Community Development Organisations	Ms S Andrew
Hobby and Special Interest Groups	To be selected
Self Help and Support Groups	To be selected
C <i>Community Councils</i>	
Cairnhill/Coatdyke	Mr W Lawrie
Caldercruix	To be appointed
Chapelhall	To be appointed
Clarkston	Ms L Buchanan
Gartlea	Mr T McFarlane
Greengairs	To be appointed
Longriggend	To be appointed
Monkland Glen	Dr A Glen
Plains	To be appointed
Salsburgh	To be appointed
<i>Local Individual Representatives</i>	Mr J Davidson
	Mr R Davidson
	Mr E Nelson
	Mr J Maley

* Subject to confirmation by Airdrie and Villages Community Forum