

NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL

Area Committee Report

To: NORTH AREA COMMITTEE		Subject: Small Communities Projects
From: DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT		
Date: 26 th January 2006	DPT/16/00/10/KG	

1. Purpose of Report

1.1 The purpose of this report is to advise Committee of the progress made on projects relating to the Small Communities Programme within the Northern Area.

2. Background

2.1 The Area Committee of 10th November 2005 was advised that the works for the Northern Area Small Communities Programme were to begin in January 2006 and that the contract period is 8 weeks, with the works on the sites being phased.

3. 2005/06 Projects

3.1 An update of all projects put forward to date is outlined on the attached Appendix. The Area Committee previously approved projects to achieve the £60,000 spend for this financial year 2005/6. The remaining projects will continue to be progressed and details reported to future Area Committees. Suitable incoming proposals will also be reported to future Area Committees for approval.

3.2 The Council appointed J.H. Civil Engineering Ltd on the 21st November 2005 to carry out the works for the Northern Area Small Communities Programme. Work on the various sites will commence by the end of January 2006 with completion scheduled by the end of March 2006 in line with the contract period.

4 Recommendations

a) It is recommended that the Committee notes progress made on delivering Small Communities Projects in the Northern Area.



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APPENDIX: SMALL COMMUNITIES PROJECTS

Category	Site Location/Name	Progress Update
1	Abronhill – square at Neighbourhood Shopping Centre	Initial contact has been established with Abronhill High School. It is intended that an artist will be appointed next financial year to assist with the development and delivery of the project. The aim of the project is to create a public art feature within the square to complement previous improvements in conjunction with Abronhill Regeneration Forum.
1	Abronhill – Larch Road, adjacent to the community centre (incorporating Planters Project)	The appointed contractor will deliver the improvements at Larch Road and both phases of the Pine Road area planters project this financial year, which will include removal of all the concrete planters identified. A larger scale of improvements will therefore be delivered than was first anticipated. A £2,000 contribution received from the Cumbernauld and Kilsyth Housing Office will aid delivery of the project.
1	Anderson Crescent, Queenzieburn	The appointed contractor will carry out improvement works at the sites identified by the community at Anderson Crescent, Queenzieburn this financial year.
1	Barke Road, Seafar	This site has been incorporated into the Cumbernauld Northern Approaches Project, due to its close proximity to another site within the project brief. The project will address the environmental quality of a number of small sites on the approach to Cumbernauld Town Centre and will be delivered this financial year.
1	Square at the Library, Condorrat	Improvement works at this important community space will be implemented by the appointed contractor this financial year.
2	Meadowside Road, Queenzieburn	The details of this project will continue to be worked up in conjunction with the local community, with a view to delivery next financial year.
2	Blackwood, Cumbernauld	The details of this project are currently being progressed with a view to implementation in year 06/07. The project will involve footpath, drainage and landscape improvements.
2	Stepps Public Park	The details of this project are currently being progressed with a view to implementation in year 06/07. The project will aim to upgrade and enhance existing facilities as requested by the local community.
3	Moodiesburn, Blackwoods Crescent	This project will be considered for inclusion within a programme of improvement works on Neighbourhood Centres across North Lanarkshire.

3	The Gully, Carbrain	Due to the scale of this project, other funding sources will be involved in implementing improvements to this area. A consultant has been appointed to develop proposals for the area in conjunction with representatives of North Lanarkshire Council Departments and partner organisations.
3	Croy Miner's Welfare, Croy	The details of this project continue to be progressed. The proposal relates to a highly visible site at the entrance to the Antonine Walkway. Land ownership difficulties are currently holding up the progress of the project. There is also a need to work closely with the Forestry Commission and Historic Scotland in order to develop a suitable solution for the site in question.
Proposal for 2006/07	Taggart Road/Barbegs, Croy	A proposal has been received from Croy Community Council relating to the reinstatement of a pathway running between Taggart Road and Constarry Road, Croy. Initial investigations are being undertaken to assess the suitability and feasibility of this proposal.
Proposal for 2006/07	Kilsyth Garrell Avenue	A proposal has been received from local residents regarding improvements to a Right of Way by Garrell Avenue, Kilsyth. Initial investigations are being undertaken to assess the suitability of this proposal.
Proposal for 2006/07	Condorrat War Memorial	A proposal has been received from Condorrat Community Council relating to the creation of a new war memorial for the village. Initial investigations to assess the scope of the proposal and the suitability of potential input from the Small Communities Fund are being undertaken.

Category 1 projects to be implemented through the money available from the Small Communities Budget.

Category 2 projects which require additional finance and resources from a range of partners which to date has not been secured.

Category 3 projects more appropriately led and delivered from other funding sources or organisations.