

Airdrie, 20 March 2001 at 7 pm.

A Meeting of the **AIRDRIE AREA COMMITTEE**

PRESENT

Councillor Devine, Convener; Councillors Brady, Cameron, Cox, Curley, Donnelly, Logue, J. McGuigan, Morgan, Stocks and Sullivan.

CHAIR

Councillor Devine (Convener) presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

The Head of Central Services and Administrative Officer, Department of Administration; Head of Revenue Services (Area Team Leader); Senior Information and Research Officer, Chief Executive's Office; Director of Education, Head of Educational Provisions and Education Officer, Budget, Department of Education; Service Development and Review Manager and Principal Officer (Development), Department of Community Services; Divisional Manager (Central Division) and Divisional Manager (Northern Division), Department of Planning and Environment.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

J. Maley and N. Pettigrew, Airdrie and Villages Community Forum

APOLOGIES

Councillor Morris

PATHWAYS TO LOCAL UNEMPLOYMENT SUPPORT (PLUS)

1. With reference to paragraph 11 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 5 December 2000 when it had been agreed that PLUS be invited to make a presentation to this Committee, Dan Hamill of PLUS was heard in relation to the job access services which could be provided for the long term unemployed throughout the Airdrie area.

Decided: that the contents of the presentation be noted.

AIRDRIE AREA COMMITTEE - MINUTES

2. There were submitted the Minutes of the meetings of this Committee held on 5 December 2000, 16 January and 27 February 2001.

Decided: that the terms of the Minutes be noted.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES

3. There were submitted the Minutes of the meetings of Greengairs Community Council held on 31 August, 21 September, 24 October, 28 November and 13 December 2000, Monkland Glen Community Council held on 23 November 2000 and 23 January 2001, Plains Community Council held

on 5 December 2000 and 9 January 2001 and Salsburgh Community Council held on 14 December 2000, and 11 January and 8 February 2001.

Decided: that the terms of the Minutes be noted.

The Convener being of the opinion that the following item of business was of an urgent nature authorised its consideration to inform Members timeously and exercised his discretion to vary the order of business.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES

4. There were submitted the Minutes of the meetings of Cairnhill Community Council held on 9 October, 13 November, 4 December 2000 and 15 January 2001 and Salsburgh Community Council held on 8 March 2001.

Decided: that the terms of the Minutes be noted.

AIRDRIE AND VILLAGES COMMUNITY FORUM - MINUTE

5. There was submitted a report dated 25 January 2001 by the Director of Community Services enclosing Minute of meeting of Airdrie and Villages Community Forum held on 20 November 2000.

Decided: that the terms of the report and Minute be noted.

AIRDRIE AND VILLAGES COMMUNITY FORUM

6. With reference to paragraph 5 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 12 September 2000 when it was agreed, inter alia, that an invitation be extended to the Airdrie and Villages Community Forum to nominate two representatives from its membership to the Area Committee, there was submitted a report dated 31 January 2001 by the Director of Community Services on the activities of the Airdrie and Villages Community Forum (1) advising of a review in membership of the Community Forum with a view to holding an Annual General Meeting; (2) intimating that the Community Forum would send two representatives to the Area Committee on a rotation basis between its members, and (3) indicating that the Community Forum was seeking funding to meet administration costs.

The Convener advised the Committee that a meeting would be held in the near future to discuss funding for Community Forums.

Decided:

- (1) that the terms of the report be noted, and
(2) that the intention of the Director of Community Services to submit a report to a future meeting of this Committee on funding for Community Forums be noted.

NORTH LANARKSHIRE RESIDENTS SURVEY 1999 - AIRDRIE AREA

7. With reference to paragraph 22 of the Minute of the meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee held on 5 December 2000 when, inter alia, the analysis of the North Lanarkshire residents survey was

remitted to the Area Committees for consideration, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated 12 February 2001 by the Chief Executive regarding the key findings from the residents survey for the Airdrie area (1) advising of the survey undertaken of residents of North Lanarkshire on the services and activities of the Council; (2) setting out an analysis of the results of the survey for Airdrie area highlighting (a) the awareness of Council services; (b) the importance of Council services; (c) the quality of Council services; (d) the priorities for improving services; (e) use of Council services; (f) contact with the Council; (g) community issues, and (h) information about the Council, and (3) providing comparative figures for North Lanarkshire.

Decided:

- (1) that the terms of the report be noted, and
- (2) that a report be submitted to a future meeting of this Committee on the priorities for the Airdrie area following the results of the residents survey.

PROVISION OF CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS 2000/2001

8. There was submitted a report dated 19 February 2001 by the Director of Planning and Environment regarding the provision of Christmas decorations 2000/2001 (1) advising that the Department of Planning and Environment had responsibility for the supply, erection, maintenance and dismantling of Christmas decorations which was presently being carried by an external contractor; (2) intimating that following storm damage in December 1998, (a) all existing Christmas decorations in Airdrie had been replaced following a successful bid under the Millennium funding, and (b) damage to the decorations had been included in the all risks insurance policy of the Council; (3) indicating that difficulties had been encountered under the contract for the works and with vandalism to the Christmas tree, and (4) informing that a detailed report on the provision of Christmas decorations in North Lanarkshire as a whole would be submitted to the Planning and Environment Committee.

Decided: that the terms of the report be noted.

AIRDRIE ACADEMY, AIRDRIE - BUILDING WORKS

9. With reference to paragraph 6 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 5 December 2000 when it was agreed, inter alia, that a report be submitted to this Committee providing an update on the building work at Airdrie Academy, Airdrie, there was submitted a report dated 19 February 2001 by the Director of Education on the progress of building works (1) advising of work being undertaken and the arrangements being made to accommodate the activities in school, and (2) indicating that the main building should be re-occupied during June/July and possibly fully operational by August 2001.

Decided: that the terms of the report be noted.

COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME 2001/2001 - APPLICATIONS FOR HOMOLOGATION

10. With reference to paragraph 10 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 5 December 2000 when it was agreed, inter alia, that any additional applications of an urgent nature be dealt with by the Director of Community Services, in conjunction with the Convener of this Committee, there was submitted a report dated 29 January 2001 thereon.

Decided: that the action taken by the Director of Community Services, in conjunction with the Convener of this Committee, be homologated as follows:-

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(1) AIRDRIE AREA COMMITTEE

Group/Grant Requested	Purpose of Application	Decision
Corpus Christi Primary School PTA, Airdrie (AIR:CG00/01-548) - £185	To assist with costs of lunch for senior citizens.	Grant £185

(2) APPLICATIONS COVERING MORE THAN ONE AREA COMMITTEE BOUNDARY

Group/Grant Requested	Purpose of Application	Decision
Monklands Club for the Blind, Coatbridge (ALL:CG00/01-342) - £600	To assist with costs of Christmas dinner and outing to pantomime or show.	Grant £100

PRESENTATION BY DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION

11. Following the conclusion of the meeting those present received a presentation from the Director of Education detailing the services provided by his Department.

Decided: that the terms of the presentation be noted.