

**Airdrie, 10 April 2001 at 7 pm.**

**A Meeting of the AIRDRIE AREA COMMITTEE**

**PRESENT**

Councillor Devine, Convener; Councillors Brady, Cox, Curley, Stocks and Sullivan.

**CHAIR**

Councillor Devine (Convener) presided.

**IN ATTENDANCE**

The Director of Administration, Head of Central Services, Administrative Services Officer and Administrative Officer, Department of Administration; Head of Revenue Services (Area Team Leader); Service Development and Review Manager and Administrative Assistant, Department of Community Services; Production Services Manager, Department of Finance; Area Housing Manager, Department of Housing and Property Services; Divisional Manager and Team Manager, Department of Planning and Environment.

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE**

Chief Inspector David Stephen, Strathclyde Police; Tom McFarlane and John Maley, Airdrie and Villages Community Forum.

**APOLOGIES**

Councillors Cameron, Donnelly, J. McGuigan and Morris.

**AIRDRIE AREA COMMITTEE - MINUTE**

1. There was submitted the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 20 March 2001.

**Decided:** that the terms of the Minute be noted.

**AIRDRIE AND VILLAGES COMMUNITY FORUM - MINUTES**

2. There was submitted a report dated 4 April 2001 by the Director of Community Services enclosing Minutes of meetings of Airdrie and Villages Community Forum held on 15 January and 5 March 2001.

**Decided:** that the terms of the report and Minutes be noted.

**BATHGATE TO AIRDRIE BUS SERVICE**

3. There was submitted a report dated 27 March 2001 by the Director of Planning and Environment regarding the introduction of a bus service from Airdrie to Bathgate (1) advising of proposals to introduce a scheduled bus service between Airdrie and Bathgate which would connect with the rail links to Edinburgh, and (2) indicating that the service would run for a trial period of three years commencing 23 September 2001.

**Decided:** that the terms of the report be noted.

**AIRDRIE AREA - POLICING**

4. Chief Inspector Stephen (1) outlined the policing incidents in Airdrie and the surrounding villages and the resources required, referring particularly to the Safer Street Campaign; (2) explained the approach to young offenders and the use made of the Police Youth Protection Scheme; (3) advised that all incidents were recorded allowing patterns of disorder to be identified and resources to be targeted more effectively; (4) intimated the importance of pro-active policing and effective police management in bringing crime statistics in the Division downwards, and (5) highlighted the importance of liaison between Strathclyde Police and other agencies to resolve ongoing problems.

**Decided:** that the policing within Airdrie and the surrounding villages be noted.

**GARTLEA COMMUNITY CENTRE, AIRDRIE - REPLACEMENT**

5. There was submitted a report dated 3 April 2001 by the Director of Community Services regarding the replacement of Gartlea Community Centre, Airdrie (1) advising that Gartlea Community Centre had been destroyed by fire in December 2000; (2) indicating that an insurance claim was being pursued by the Director of Community Services; (3) intimating that a replacement facility would be located within the area, and (4) outlining the community consultation exercise to be undertaken in relation to the new facility.

**Decided:** that the terms of the report 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**

6. There were submitted the Minutes of the meetings of Gartlea Community Council held on 20 February and 20 March 2001 and Plains Community Council held on 13 March 2001.

**Decided:** that the terms of the Minutes be noted.

**TENANTS' INFORMATION SERVICE**

7. There was submitted a Tenants' Information Service leaflet by the Director of Housing and Property Services on the future of North Lanarkshire Council housing (1) advising of an options appraisal being undertaken on the future ownership of Council housing; (2) outlining the processes to be undertaken; (3) indicating that a Tenants Panel had been formed to collate tenants' views and that more tenants were required to join the panel, and (4) intimating that the Tenants Information Service had been appointed to provide independent information and advice about the options appraisal to the Tenants Panel.

**Decided:**

- (1) that the terms of the leaflet be noted, and  
(2) that the leaflet be published as widely as possible to keep tenants informed about the current position with North Lanarkshire Council housing.

**GARTLEA ROAD FOOTWAY, AIRDRIE**

8. With reference to paragraph 5 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 5 December 2000 when, *inter alia*, it was agreed that a report be submitted to a future meeting of this Committee on the results of the road bridge assessment, there was submitted a report dated 29 March 2001 by the Director of Planning and Environment on the progress of Gartlea Road footway, Airdrie (1) advising that the Planning and Environment Committee at its meeting on 13 December 2000 had noted that the roadbridge had failed its assessment for 40 tonne highway loading and had requested costs for widening the bridge to accommodate suitable road and footway widths for comparison with the provision of a footbridge at the location; (2) detailing the costs obtained for two options, and (3) indicating that a report would be submitted to a future meeting of the Planning and Environment Committee with a view to seeking authorisation to proceed with negotiations with Railtrack in order to strengthen and widen the existing bridge deck during the financial year 2003/2004.

**Decided:** that the terms of the report be noted.

**AIRDRIE TOWN CENTRE ACTION PLAN - PROGRESS REPORT**

9. With reference to paragraph 7 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 5 December 2000, when the progress on the of Airdrie Town Centre pedestrian project was noted, there was submitted a report dated 3 April 2001 by the Director of Planning and Environment regarding the progress of the Airdrie Town Centre Action Plan (1) advising that the Airdrie Town Centre Phase 1 Scheme had been completed; (2) outlining proposals for Phase 2 of the Scheme, and (3) indicating that Abbey Holford Rowe Associates may be retained as consultants to implement the subsequent phases of the Airdrie Town Centre Action Plan and be required to produce detailed proposals for the Airdrie Town Centre Phase 2 Scheme followed by a consultation exercise and tendering exercise. The Divisional Manager explained (a) the current position in relation to the pedestrianised area which had been excluded from Phase 1 of the Scheme; (b) that the car park at Hallcraig Street, Airdrie had been the subject of title problems had been included in the Capital Programme and would be commenced in the near future, and (c) the consultation exercise undertaken on the Airdrie Town Centre Action Plan.

**Decided:** that the terms of the report be noted.

**AIRDRIE HOUSING OFFICE - UPDATE ON ACCOMMODATION SITUATION**

10. With reference to paragraph 4 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 24 October 2000 when, *inter alia*, the concerns of the Committee on the need to improve service delivery in housing services was noted, the Area Housing Manager advised the Committee (1) that the relocation of the Airdrie Housing Office to Coates House, Airdrie had not been viable; (2) that a core team of staff from the Airdrie Housing Office would be relocated to Coates House, Airdrie, alongside the Social Work Department, to staff a First Stop Shop, and (3) that the remaining staff would stay at the Office in Broomknoll Street, Airdrie which would be closed to the public.

In that connection, Councillor Sullivan indicated that it would have been useful to have received comment on the implications for the Department of Social Work.

**Decided:**

- (1) that the relocation of staff to Coates House, Airdrie to staff a First Stop Shop be noted, and
- (2) that a representative of the Department of Social Work be invited to future meetings of this Committee.

**COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME - CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATIONS**

11. With reference to paragraph 10 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 5 December 2000, there was submitted a report dated 28 March 2001 by the Director of Community Services detailing applications covering more than one Area Committee boundary, together with continued applications and new applications specific to this Committee.

**Decided:** that, subject to receipt of any outstanding information and the grants not exceeding the amount requested by the applicant, the applications for community grants be dealt with as follows:-

**(1) APPLICATIONS SPECIFIC TO AIRDRIE AREA COMMITTEE**

**(a) CONTINUED APPLICATIONS**

<b>Group/Grant Requested</b>	<b>Purpose of Application</b>	<b>Decision</b>
Glenmavis Autumn Club, Airdrie (AIR:CG00/01-349) - £1,390 (previously awarded £250)	To assist with costs of taking members on trips to theatre throughout the year, transport costs, payments to various speakers and Christmas party.	Nil Grant
Airdrie Helping Hands, Airdrie (AIR:CG00/01-352) - £500 (previously awarded £150)	To assist with costs of providing food for homeless, security and cleaning.	Grant £120
Airdrie Self Help Group for the Visually Impaired, Airdrie (AIR:CG00/01-362) - £300 (previously awarded £210)	To assist with costs of transporting members to and from East Kilbride Shopping Centre, lunch costs for members and guides and Christmas party.	Grant £50
New Wellwynd Senior Circle, Airdrie (AIR:CG00/01-367) - £250 (previously awarded £130)	To assist with costs of meal and entertainment.	Grant £40
St. Serf's PTA, Airdrie (AIR:CG00/01-369) - £300 (previously awarded £100)	To assist with costs of educational visit.	Grant £50
High Church Senior Members, Airdrie (AIR:CG00/01-455) - £200 (previously awarded £100)	To assist with costs of Christmas dinner for senior citizens and transport costs.	Grant £100
3 <sup>rd</sup> Airdrie Brownie Guides, Airdrie (AIR:CG00/01-466) - £500 (previously awarded £250)	To assist with costs of sports equipment, arts and crafts materials and reference books.	Grant £100
The Afternoon Club, Airdrie (AIR:CG00/01-467) - £1,000 (previously awarded £150)	To assist with costs of Christmas lunch, entertainment and transport.	Grant £100
Rochsolloch Community Club, Airdrie (AIR:CG00/01-468) - £300 (previously awarded £100)	To assist with the cost of Christmas meal for senior citizens.	Grant £200

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<b>Group/Grant Requested</b>	<b>Purpose of Application</b>	<b>Decision</b>
Family and Friends of St. Andrew's Primary, Airdrie (AIR:CG00/01-491) - £600 (previously awarded £400)	To assist with costs of an Easter theme day, sports, activities and games, farm visit for children.	Grant £200
Cairnhill Community Council, Airdrie (AIR:CG00/01-521) - £1,000	To assist with purchase of computer.	Grant £500
4 <sup>th</sup> Airdrie Guides, Airdrie (AIR:CG00/01-579) - £400 (previously awarded £100)	To assist with costs of replacing equipment, craft materials, games etc., lost in fire.	Grant £200
St. Vincent De Paul Club, Airdrie (AIR:CG00/01-580) - £500 (previously awarded £250)	To assist with costs for meal, transport and soft drinks.	Nil Grant
Sandra McKay Out of School Care, Airdrie (AIR:CG00/01-582) - £1,860 (previously awarded £175)	To assist with costs of training, stationery, telephone and auditor fees.	Nil Grant
Sandra McKay Pre-5 Centre, Airdrie (AIR:CG00/01-583) - £2,000 (previously awarded £25)	To assist with costs of child care workers salary.	Grant £30
2 <sup>nd</sup> Airdrie Rainbow Guides, Airdrie (AIR:CG00/01-628) - £500 (previously awarded £75)	To assist with purchasing games and craft equipment.	Grant £50
The Afternoon Club, Airdrie (AIR:CG00/01-629) - £200 (previously awarded £55)	To assist with cost of Burns Day lunch and entertainment.	Nil Grant
Delletts Angling Club, Airdrie (AIR:CG00/01-654) - £350	To assist with costs of permits, refreshments, travel costs and bait.	Grant £200
Jackson Senior Citizens Club, Airdrie (AIR:CG00/01-686) - £600	To assist with costs of outing to Moffat and Dumfries.	Nil Grant
14 <sup>th</sup> Airdrie (St. David's) Scout Group, Airdrie (AIR:CG00/01-687) - £2,000 (previously awarded £50)	To assist with purchasing fabric to have kilts made for formal occasions.	Nil Grant
Cairnhill Senior Citizens Group, Airdrie (AIR:CG00/01-688) - £300	To assist with costs of summer outing.	Grant £300
Monkland Glen Community Council, Airdrie (AIR:CG00/01-689) - £400 (previously awarded £181)	To assist with costs of re-installing historic finger post at junction of Calderbank and Cairnhill Road.	Grant £125
Chapelhall Primary School and St. Aloysius School Board, Airdrie (AIR:CG00/01-690) - £800	To assist with purchasing play items.	Grant £800

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**(b) NEW APPLICATIONS**

<b>Group/Grant Requested</b>	<b>Purpose of Application</b>	<b>Decision</b>
Baillie's Lane Over 60s Old Tyme Dancing and Recreation Club, Airdrie (AIR:CG01/02-5) - £500	To assist with costs of outing.	Grant £180 and continue
Chapelhall Senior Citizens, Chapelhall (AIR:CG01/02-6) - £2,000	To assist with costs of outings.	Grant £500
Gartlea Gardens Social Club, Airdrie (AIR:CG01/02-7) - Unknown	To assist with costs of outing and meal.	Grant £400
Forrestfield Gardens Social Club, Airdrie (AIR:CG01/02-8) - £300	To assist with costs of Christmas dinner and entertainment.	Continue
Four Isles Management Committee, Airdrie (AIR:CG01/02-9) - £600	To assist with costs of bus run and meal.	Grant £30 and continue
Dunrobin Gardens Social Club, Airdrie (AIR:CG01/02-10) - £250	To assist with costs of transport for summer outing.	Continue
Gartlea Over 60s Bowling Club, Airdrie (AIR:CG01/02-11) - £300	To assist with costs of bus outing.	Grant £300

**(2) APPLICATIONS COVERING MORE THAN ONE AREA COMMITTEE BOUNDARY**

**(a) CONTINUED APPLICATIONS**

<b>Group/Grant Requested</b>	<b>Purpose of Application</b>	<b>Decision</b>
Monklands Rainbow Association, Airdrie (ALL:CG00/01-339) - £1,486.51 (previously awarded £50)	To assist with purchase of arts and crafts materials.	Nil Grant
C.A.B.I.A. Counselling and Benefits in Action, Airdrie (ALL:CG00/01-341) - £500 (previously awarded £450)	To assist with cost of outing.	Grant £50
Monklands Club for the Blind, Coatbridge (ALL:CG00/01-342) - £600 (previously awarded £450)	To assist with costs of Christmas dinner and outing to pantomime or show.	Grant £50
Strathcarron Hospice Charity Shop, Kilsyth (ALL:CG00/01-344) - £2,000 (previously awarded £610)	To assist with cost of rent.	Nil Grant
One Way Group, Bellshill (ALL:CG00/01-345) - £2,000 (previously awarded £125)	To assist with purchase of recording equipment, tapes and CDs.	Nil Grant
Jack and Jill Support Group, Bellshill (ALL:CG00/01-488) - £2,000 (previously awarded £480)	To assist with cost of taking families away to holiday centre.	Nil Grant

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Kilsyth Music Society, Airdrie (ALL:CG00/01-489) - £2,000 (previously awarded £50)	To assist with cost of production.	Nil Grant
New Venture Youth Club, Coatbridge (ALL:CG00/01-508) - £350	To assist with costs of children's Christmas party.	Nil Grant
Scottish European Boxing Hall of Fame Steering Committee, North Lanarkshire (ALL:CG00/01-551) - £1,420 (previously awarded £200)	To assist with start up costs, stationery, telephone, hall lets.	Grant £50
Coatbridge Indoor Bowling Club Senior Section, Coatbridge (ALL:CG00/01-552) - £250 (previously awarded £50)	To assist with costs of closing social event and prizes for competitions.	Grant £60
Dyslexia Scotwest, Glasgow (ALL:CG00/01-553) - £2,000 (previously awarded £280)	To assist with costs of help and support service and awareness raising.	Grant £50
Cleland Church of Scotland Choir, Cleland (ALL:CG00/01-555) - Unknown (previously awarded £175)	To assist with general running costs.	Nil Grant
West End United Youth Football Club, Coatbridge (ALL:CG00/01-606) - £400	To assist with purchase of football strips and training equipment.	Nil Grant
Motherwell and District Women's Aid, Motherwell (ALL:CG00/01-609) - £1,500 (previously awarded £673)	To assist with costs of developing a landscape refuge garden.	Grant £30
Calder Pre-5 Playgroup (ALL:CG00/01-610) - £500	To assist with costs of advertising playgroup.	Nil Grant
Coatbridge Historical Research Group, Coatbridge (ALL:CG00/01-695) - £2,000	To assist with purchasing equipment, old historic documents, exhibitions.	Nil Grant
Wishaw Girls Football Club, Wishaw (ALL:CG00/01-697) - £1,500 (previously awarded £350)	To assist with purchase of equipment and admin costs.	Nil Grant
Middle Church Senior Citizens Club, Coatbridge (ALL:CG00/01-698) - £350	To assist with the cost of two buses and evening meal.	Nil Grant
Royal Marines Association, Lanarkshire Branch (ALL:CG00/01-699) - £300 (previously awarded £100)	To assist with hire of coaches, general secretarial expenses and postage.	Nil Grant

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Gartcosh Scottish Women's Rural Institute, Gartcosh (ALL:CG00/01-700) - £100 (previously awarded £72)	To assist with cost of bus.	Nil Grant
Senior Eco Warriors, Bellshill (ALL:CG00/01-701) - £570 (previously awarded £50)	To assist with transport, catering and expenses.	Nil Grant
Airdrie and District Angling Club: Youth Section, Airdrie (ALL:CG00/01-703) - £370	To assist with cost of fishing instruction equipment and transport.	Grant £70
Katie O'Brien Project, Coatbridge (ALL:CG00/01-715) - £200 (previously awarded £70)	To assist with costs of fundraising night.	Grant £35

### **(b) NEW APPLICATIONS**

<b>Group/Grant Requested</b>	<b>Purpose of Application</b>	<b>Decision</b>
Flowerhill Senior Citizens Club, Airdrie (ALL:CG01/02-1) - £300	To assist with costs of outing.	Continue
Menopause Research and Information Service, Motherwell (ALL:CG01/02-4) - £1,500	To assist with costs of advertising and printing of information packs and leaflets.	Continue

### **PRESENTATION BY DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION**

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