

Community Education Building, Clark Street, Airdrie, 12 September 2000 at 7 pm.

A Meeting of the **AIRDRIE AREA COMMITTEE**

PRESENT

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

CHAIR

Councillor Devine (Convener) presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

The Chief Committee Services Officer and Administrative Officer, Department of Administration; Head of Revenue Services (Acting Liaison Director); Principal Officer (Development), Department of Community Services; Area Housing Manager, Department of Housing and Property Services and Divisional Manager and Team Manager, Department of Planning and Environment.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Martin Millar, Strathclyde Fire Brigade; Chief Inspector David Stephen and Inspector Kenneth Easton, Strathclyde Police; David McLennan, Town Centre Initiatives; Councillor Walter McLennan, Chris Carbury and George Heaney, Strathclyde Passenger Transport.

APOLOGIES

Councillor Morgan.

The Convener exercised his discretion to vary the order of business as hereinafter Minuted.

BUS SERVICES, AIRDRIE

1. With reference to paragraph 8 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 20 June 2000 when it was agreed, *inter alia*, that a representative from the Strathclyde Passenger Transport (SPT) and the Traffic Commissioner be invited to this Committee, there was submitted a report dated 12 September 2000 by the Director of Planning and Environment advising of the outcome of a meeting between the Traffic Commissioner, SPT and the Council regarding the provision of bus services in Airdrie.

Councillor Walter McLennan, Vice-Chair of SPT and George Heaney, SPT orally presented a report regarding the provision of bus services in Airdrie and the remit of the SPT, particularly highlighting the introduction of a Transport Bill.

Decided: that the intention of SPT to meet with representatives of the Council prior to the new contract being drawn up in July 2001 for bus services in the Airdrie area to try and maximise the service available be noted.

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2. There was submitted the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 20 June 2000.

Decided: that the terms of the Minute be noted.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES - SALSBURGH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

3. There was submitted the Minute of the meeting of Salsburgh Community Council held on 10 August 2000.

Decided: that the terms of the Minute 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.

MINUTES OF MEETINGS OF COMMUNITY COUNCILS

4. There were submitted the Minutes of the meetings of Cairnhill Community Council held on 18 July 2000, Gartlea Community Council held on 5 July 2000, Monkland Glen Community Council held on 4 July 2000, Plains Community Council held on 1 August 2000 and Salsburgh Community Council held on 6 July 2000.

Decided: that the terms of the Minutes be noted.

COMMUNITY FORUM - LIAISON ARRANGEMENTS

5. With reference to (1) paragraph 8 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 9 May 2000 when it was agreed, inter alia, that the Community Forum be consulted on the options available for liaison arrangements between this Committee and the Community Forum, and (2) a request by Airdrie and Villages Community Forum to discuss the continuation of public participation arrangements at this Committee and attendance of members of this Committee at Community Forum meetings, there was submitted a report dated 1 September 2000 by the Director of Community Services thereon (1) advising of the liaison arrangements in place for Community Forums across the decentralised areas; (2) intimating the preference of Airdrie and Villages Community Forum for the continuation of the previous arrangements of public consultation; (3) indicating that the Community Forums had been invited to nominate two representatives to the Area Committee, and (4) informing of the invitation to elected members to attend meetings of the Community Forum.

Decided:

- (1) that an invitation be extended to the Airdrie and Villages Community Forum to nominate two representatives from its membership to the Area Committee, and
- (2) the invitation to elected Members to attend meetings of the Community Forum be noted.

WEBSITE

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6. The Airdrie and Villages Community Forum enquired as to the possibility of placing agenda and minutes of Airdrie Area Committee and Airdrie and Villages Community Forum on the website. The Acting Liaison Director advised the Committee that investigations were being undertaken towards the Council utilising the website for this purpose in the future.

Decided: that the efforts being made to utilise the website be noted.

FLYPOSTING

7. With reference to (1) paragraph 10 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 9 May 2000 when the action of the Director of Planning and Environment in initiating enforcement action in respect of unauthorised advertising adjacent to Safeway Car Park and elsewhere in Airdrie had been noted, and (2) a request from Airdrie and Villages Community Forum for an update on flyposting and the general appearance of the town of Airdrie, there was submitted a report dated 12 September 2000 by the Director of Planning and Environment (1) advising of a request to remove a number of unauthorised flypostings from Airdrie Town Centre, and (2) indicating that if no action is undertaken the matter would be referred to the Planning and Environment Committee with a view to taking enforcement action.

Decided: that the terms of the report be noted.

AIRDRIE MARKET

8. Following a request by Airdrie and Villages Community Forum to discuss the relocation of the market, there was submitted a report dated 12 September 2000 by the Director of Planning and Environment regarding the provision of a market within Airdrie (1) advising that following the expiry of the lease to the market operator of the former market site at Manse Place the site was being developed; (2) intimating that a number of requests had been received for the continuation of a market in Airdrie, and (3) indicating that the Department of Planning and Environment in conjunction with Town Centre Initiatives had been considering a number of elements associated with the operation of the market before considering a suitable location.

Decided: that the terms of the report be noted.

Councillor Stocks declared an interest in the following item of business and took no part in its consideration.

AIRDRIE TOWN CENTRE - FORMER SAFEWAY STORE AT 19/27 GRAHAM STREET, AIRDRIE

9. With reference to paragraph 11 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 9 May 2000 when, *inter alia*, it was noted that the site of the commercial development at 19/27 Graham Street, Airdrie be disposed of in favour of the TSB Pension Fund, the Divisional Manager advised the Committee that three planning applications had been approved for the premises but that none of the units had been occupied.

Decided: that the current position be noted.

MONKLANDS HOSPITAL - CAR PARKING/TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT

10. With reference to paragraph 6 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 20 June 2000 when the presentation by Beth Clark, Director of Facilities, Monklands Hospital had been noted, the Divisional Manager advised the Committee that Monklands Hospital Trust had indicated their intention to employ a traffic consultant to produce a strategy for the hospital on the car parking and traffic management problems and discuss future proposals with the Department of Planning and Environment.

Decided: that the current position be noted.

ESTATE BASED INITIATIVES

11. With reference to paragraph 10 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 20 June 2000 when consideration of a report by the Acting Director of Housing and Property Services regarding the Estate Based Initiative projects identified by the Airdrie Area Housing Office had been continued, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated 4 September 2000 by the Director of Housing and Property Services thereon (1) outlining the background to Estate Based Initiative projects and the provision for the financial year 2000/2001, and (2) setting out in the Appendix to the report suggested projects to be funded during the financial year 2000/2001.

Decided: that the Committee recommend to the Housing and Property Services Committee

- (1) that the projects as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report by the Director of Housing and Property Services be approved;
- (2) that the Director of Housing and Property Services be authorised to undertake the projects as appropriate in accordance with the financial provisions available for the financial year 2000/2001, and
- (3) that any remaining projects be carried forward to financial year 2001/2002 for consideration.

NORTH LANARKSHIRE FORWARD

12. There was submitted a letter dated 15 May 2000 from North Lanarkshire Forward Limited (1) advising that North Lanarkshire Forward had enhanced its Development and Community Grants Schemes; (2) informing that 100% funding of up to £5,000 was available for community groups to carry out environmental projects; (3) intimating the availability of large grants for projects which met North Lanarkshire Forward's specific priorities of waste management, site regeneration and improvements near landfill sites, and (4) indicating that an officer from North Lanarkshire Forward would be willing to provide a presentation in that connection.

Decided: that North Lanarkshire Forward be invited to attend the next meeting of this Committee.

COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME BUDGET 2000/2001

13. With reference to paragraph 7 of the Minute of the meeting of the Community Services (Community Development) Sub-Committee of 25 August 1999 when *inter alia*, it was noted that a review of the operation of the Community Grants Scheme would be undertaken by the Director of Community Services, there was submitted a report dated 23 August 2000 by the Director of Community Services (1) advising of the current arrangements in dealing with applications for community grants; (2) intimating that the payment of grants would be made through the Bank Automated Clearing System (BACS); (3) proposing that to improve the efficiency of the Scheme, applications presented

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to two consecutive meetings of the Area Committee which did not attract a recommendation to fund would receive no further consideration and the applicant would be advised of a nil award, and (4) detailing applications covering more than one Area Committee boundary, together with continued applications and new applications specific to this Committee.

Decided:

- (1) that applications presented to two consecutive meetings of the Area Committee which did not attract a recommendation to fund would receive no further consideration;
- (2) that the introduction of BACS as a method of grant payment be noted, and
- (3) that, subject to (a) receipt of any outstanding information, and (b) the grant not exceeding the amount requested by the applicant, the applications for community grants be dealt with as follows:-

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CONTINUED APPLICATIONS

| Group/Grant Requested | Purpose of Application | Decision |
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| Greengairs Initiative, Greengairs (CG99/00-881) - £1,000 | To assist with start-up costs. | Grant £200 |
| Coatdyke Congregational Church over 60s Club, Coatdyke (CG99/00-882) - £250 | To assist with costs of outing. | Nil Grant |
| Gartlea Gardens Group, Gartlea (CG00/01-21) - £500 | To assist with costs of outing. | Grant £300 |
| Chapelside Carpet Bowls, Chapelside (CG00/01-22) - Unknown | To assist with costs of annual outing. | Nil Grant |
| Caldercraig Bowling Club – Seniors Section, Airdrie (CG00/01-90) - £200 (previously awarded £150) | To assist with costs of meal. | Nil Grant |
| St. Margaret's High School Senior Citizens Club, Airdrie (CG00/01-91) - £280 (previously awarded £190) | To assist with costs of outing. | Grant £90 |
| St. Serf Caring Group, Airdrie (CG00/01-129) - £700 (previously awarded £100) | To assist with costs of outing and social evening with meal. | Nil Grant |
| Airdrie Academy School Board, Airdrie (CG00/01-144) - £500 (previously awarded £270) | To assist with purchase of outdoor equipment for Duke of Edinburgh Scheme. | Grant £100 |
| Rochsoles Community Resource Project, Airdrie (CG00/01-145) - £400 (previously awarded £175) | To assist with costs of North Airdrie Community Conference. | Nil Grant |
| Forrestfield Gardens Social Club, Caldercruix (CG00/01-146) - £620 | To assist with costs of trips and purchase of bingo machine. | Grant £125 |

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NEW APPLICATIONS

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| Milton Court Tenant Association, Airdrie (CG00/01-181) - £750 | To assist with costs of an outing. | Continue |
| Glenmavis Old Peoples Welfare Committee, Glenmavis (CG00/01-182) - £400 | To assist with costs of summer outing. | Grant £300 |
| Devonview Out of School Care, Airdrie (CG00/01-183) - £900 | To assist with costs of letting charges. | Grant £250 and continue |
| Longriggend Village Association, Longriggend (CG00/01-184) - £200 | To assist with costs of country western evening. | Grant £200 |
| Over 60s Monday Club, Airdrie (CG00/01-185) - £400 | To assist with costs of outing and meal. | Grant £75 and continue |
| Honeytree Nursery, Salsburgh (CG00/01-197) - £300 | To assist with purchase of a sound system. | Grant £300 |
| Helping Hands Group, St. Aloysius, Chapelhall (CG00/01-198) - £200 | To assist with costs of providing evening meals in Centre. | Grant £200 |
| Rochsoles Community Resource Project, Airdrie (CG00/01-207) - £200 | To assist with costs of educational day trip. | Grant £150 |
| Airdrie Service Club, Airdrie (CG00/01-208) – Unknown | To assist with costs of senior citizens Christmas treat. | Grant £100 and continue |
| 8 th Airdrie Brownie Guides, Calderbank (CG00/01-215) - £500 | To assist with purchase of art materials, sports equipment and reference books. | Grant £300 |
| John Smith Club, Airdrie (CG00/01-223) - £650 | To assist with costs of outing and Christmas meal and pantomime. | Grant £300 |

APPLICATIONS COVERING MORE THAN ONE AREA COMMITTEE BOUNDARY

CONTINUED APPLICATIONS

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| Monklands Carers Respite Group, Monklands (ALL:00/01-35) - £1,342 (previously awarded £992) | To assist with yearly hall hire and activity programme costs, including Christmas event. | Nil Grant |
| Caledonian Award Scheme, Lanarkshire (ALL:00/01-37) - £1,000 (previously awarded £185) | To assist with general running costs of Awards Scheme for disabled young people. | Grant £40 |

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| Airdrie Victoria Shotokai 2000, Airdrie (ALL:00/01-41) - £821 (previously awarded £75) | To assist with purchase of equipment. | Nil Grant |
| Westend Lady Bowlers, Coatbridge (ALL:00/01-46) - £250 (previously awarded £225) | To assist with purchase of trophy and end of year social event. | Nil Grant |
| Airdrie Flower Club – Floral Art Group, Airdrie (ALL:00/01-49) - £500 | To assist with general running costs and purchase of materials. | Grant £45 |
| Strathclyde Fire Brigade Pipe Band, Lanarkshire (ALL:CG00/01-103) - £2,000 (previously awarded £325) | To assist with purchase of replacement equipment. | Grant £25 |
| St. James' OAP Sequence Dancing, Coatbridge (ALL:CG00/01-105) - £600 (previously awarded £300) | To assist with cost of outing. | Nil Grant |
| Whinhall Women's Group, Airdrie (ALL:CG00/01-109) - £300 (previously awarded £25) | To assist with general running costs. | Grant £25 |
| Guide Association, Cumbernauld (ALL:CG00/01-119) - £1,100 (previously awarded £150) | To assist with costs of Stomp 2000, a millennium celebration. | Grant £20 |
| Lanarkshire Keyboard Club, Wishaw (ALL:CG00/01-127) - £600 | To assist with purchase of audio equipment. | Grant £20 |
| Airdrie Boys Club, Airdrie (ALL:CG00/01-140) - £2,000 | To assist with purchase of training and playing equipment. | Grant £480 |
| St. Mary's Church Senior Citizens Club, Motherwell (ALL:CG00/01-143) - £600 (previously awarded £200) | To assist with cost of Christmas dinner. | Grant £20 |

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| Newarthill Amateur Boxing and Fitness Club (ALL:00/01-172) - £1,500 | To assist with cost of refurbishing building and purchasing equipment. | Continue |
| Parkinson's Self Help Group, Monklands (ALL:00/01-173) - £600 | To assist with cost of outing to Loch Katrine. | It was noted that the application has been fully funded through recommendations received at other Area Committees |

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| Scaffold Amputee Support Group, Lanarkshire (ALL:00/01-174) - £1,000 | To assist with transportation costs for members and cost of outing. | Grant £50 and continue |
| Airdrie and District Angling Club (ALL:00/01-176) - £2,000 | To assist disabled anglers access Hillend Reservoir. | Grant £125 and continue |
| Coatbridge Historical Research Group (ALL:00/01-177) - £2,000 | To assist with start-up costs. | Nil Award |
| Ethnic Junior Education Group, Lanarkshire (ALL:00/01-178) - £2,000 | To assist with weekend educational outing to millennium dome. | Grant £75 and continue |
| A & C Walking Club, Monklands (ALL:00/01-180) - £1,600 | To assist with cost of walking weekend. | Grant £75 and continue |
| Group Around Self Harm (GASH) (ALL:00/01-209) - £500 | To assist with cost of hosting conference. | Grant £90 and continue |
| Kilsyth Close Harmony Group (ALL:00/01-231) - £1,100 | To assist with purchase of keyboard, sheet music and hall let and transport costs. | Continue |
| Middle Church Senior Citizens Club, Coatbridge (ALL:00/01-232) - £500 | To assist with cost of Christmas lunch and gift. | Continue |
| Holy Trinity and All Saints SVDP, Coatbridge (ALL:00/01-234) - £600 | To assist with cost of Christmas dinner. | Grant £300 |
| Wellwynd Heritage Group (ALL:00/01-241) - £1,784 | To assist with cost of feasibility study and start-up costs. | Grant £400 and continue |

Councillor Stocks requested that the Convener accept as an urgent item the change of use of Airdrie Community Education Centre, Clark Street, Airdrie to a Youth Centre in view of the number of members of the public who were in attendance at the meeting and who wished this item to be raised. The Convener, being of the opinion that the item of business was of an urgent nature authorised its consideration to allow the Council's position to be given to the members of the public.

AIRDRIE COMMUNITY EDUCATION CENTRE

14. The Acting Liaison Director advised the Committee that at the meeting of the Community Services Committee held on 13 June 2000 it was agreed inter alia that the Airdrie Community Education Centre be developed as a dedicated centre for youth work and existing user groups be relocated to other local facilities and that this Committee did not have the powers to overturn that decision.

Councillor Curley, seconded by Councillor J. McGuigan, moved that the Convener of the Community Services Committee and appropriate officials meet with the former users of Airdrie Community Education Centre to discuss the use of the Airdrie Community Education Centre further.

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Decided: that the Convener of the Community Services Committee and appropriate officers meet with the former users of Airdrie Community Education Centre to discuss the use of the Airdrie Community Education Centre further.