
Community Education Building, Clark Street, Airdrie, 19 March 2002 at 7 pm.

A Meeting of the AIRDRIE AREA COMMITTEE

PRESENT

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

CHAIR

Councillor Devine (Convener) presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

The Head of Central Services and Administrative Officer, Department of Administration; Production Services Manager (Area Team Leader); Director of Community Services, Service Development and Review Manager and Principal Officer (Development), Department of Community Services; Head of Design Services, Department of Housing and Property Services; Team Leader, Traffic and Transportation and Team Leader, Development Projects, Department of Planning and Environment.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Dr. I. Ann Glen and John Maley, Airdrie and Village Community Forum.

AIRDRIE AREA COMMITTEE - MINUTES

1. There were submitted the Minutes of the meeting of Airdrie Area Committee held on 22 January 2002 and Minute of Joint Meeting of Airdrie and Coatbridge Area Committees held on 25 January 2002.

Decided: that the terms of the Minutes be noted.

The Convener in exercise of his powers under Standing Order No. 14 authorised consideration of the following item in order that it could be dealt with timeously and exercised his discretion to alter the Order of Business in order to consider the item at this point in the agenda.

TEMPORARY TRANSFER OF CHILDREN'S WARD FROM MONKLANDS DISTRICT GENERAL HOSPITAL TO WISHAW GENERAL HOSPITAL

2. With reference to paragraph 1 of the Minute of the joint special meeting of Airdrie and Coatbridge Area Committees when, *inter alia*, the assurances given by Mr. Martin Hill, Chief Executive, Lanarkshire Trust and Mr. Ian Laidlaw, Chairman, NHS Lanarkshire Trust in relation to the temporary transfer of the children's ward from Monklands District General Hospital to Wishaw General Hospital and in relation to future provision of the services were noted, the Convener advised the Committee that a letter had been received from Mr. Hill stating that, for the foreseeable future, a paediatric medical inpatient service would not be restored to Monklands Hospital.

Councillor J. McGuigan, seconded by Councillor Morris, moved that the Committee call upon Mr. Hill fully to honour the commitment he gave at the joint meeting and fully restore the children's ward at Monklands District General Hospital as from 2 April 2002, which failing that Mr. Hill and Mr. Laidlaw should consider their position in the Trust.

Decided:

- (1) that the terms of the motion be unanimously accepted;
- (2) that the Director of Administration respond to Mr. Hill, Chief Executive, Lanarkshire Trust accordingly, and
- (3) that consideration of the matter be continued to a future meeting of the Area Committee with, if appropriate, a special meeting being called.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES

3. There were submitted the Minutes of the meetings of Clarkston Community Council held on 13 June and 25 November 2001, Greengairs Community Council held on 28 November 2001, 23 January and 14 February 2002, Plains Community Council held on 8 January and 12 February 2002 and Salsburgh Community Council held on 10 January and 14 February 2002.

Decided: that the terms of the Minutes be noted.

AIRDRIE AND VILLAGES COMMUNITY FORUM - MINUTE

4. There was submitted the Minute of meeting of Airdrie and Villages Community Forum held on 17 December 2001.

Decided: that the terms of the Minute be noted.

BUS SERVICE - AIRDRIE TO BATHGATE RAIL LINK

5. With reference to paragraph 9 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 11 September 2001 when progress in relation to the Airdrie to Bathgate bus/rail link and timetable of services proposed by Strathclyde Passenger Transport was noted, there was submitted a report dated 19 March 2002 by the Director of Planning and Environment on the provision of a rail link bus service between Airdrie and Bathgate (1) advising that final confirmation of a funding bid to the strategic rail authority was awaited; (2) indicating that Strathclyde Passenger Transport had intimated a possible start date for the service of April 2002, subject to funding; (3) indicating that a works instruction for the construction of a bus lay-by at Weaver Road, Airdrie had been issued to the Contractor with the work anticipated to be completed by the end of April 2002, and (4) informing that an Order was to be placed for the bus shelters along the route.

Decided:

- (1) that the commencement of the rail link bus service between Airdrie and Bathgate be monitored, and
- (2) that the terms of the report be otherwise noted.

PROVISION OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCES IN (1) COATS HOUSE, AIRDRIE, AND (2) AIRDRIE TOWN CENTRE

6. With reference to paragraph 7 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 22 January 2002 when, *inter alia*, it was agreed that an investigation take place into the possibility of the provision of public toilet facilities within the First Stop Shop premises in Coats House, Airdrie, and with

reference to paragraph 7 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 22 January 2002 when, inter alia, it was agreed that the Director of Community Services report on the outcome of the review of options regarding the provision of public toilet facilities within Airdrie Town Centre, there were submitted (1) a report dated 27 February 2002 by the Director of Housing and Property Services regarding the possibility of introducing public toilets to Coats House, Airdrie (a) advising that the tender for the alteration of the premises at Coats House in relation to the First Stop Shop on the first floor had been awarded to Morrison Property Care; (b) intimating that public toilet provision had not been included in the design for the alterations to accommodate the requirements of the Social Work Department or for the provision of the First Stop Shop; (c) indicating that there was insufficient floor area to incorporate a public toilet, and (d) informing that any alterations to the existing building would require landlords consent, and (2) a report dated 6 March 2002 by the Director of Community Services on possible options for the provision of a public convenience within Airdrie Town Centre (a) advising that Gartlea Bus Station and Anderson Street public conveniences had been closed as part of an efficiency saving; (b) indicating that an automated public toilet remained in Graham Street, Airdrie; (c) outlining the provision of Council managed public conveniences in other North Lanarkshire towns with a population approximately the same size as Airdrie, and (d) setting out possible options in relation to the provision of a public convenience in Airdrie which would be subject to the identification of revenue and/or capital funding (A) at Gartlea Road public convenience where a substantial sum would be required to bring the premises up to a reasonable standard and which was some distance from the main shopping area; (B) at Anderson Street where there was limited space to allow use as a dual facility for ladies and gents but where there was an option to retain the existing building and install a fully automated facility by either purchase or lease arrangements with an annual maintenance contract with the suppliers, and (C) at Graham Street, Airdrie where a new location for the existing automatic unit was required as part of Airdrie Town Centre improvements the plans for which were scheduled for completion during April/May 2002.

The Committee agreed that further information be provided on (1) the issue of public access to toilet facilities in Council owned buildings, and (b) the provision of staffed fee paying toilet facilities within Airdrie Town Centre.

Councillor Morris, seconded by Councillor Stocks, moved that the issue of the provision of public conveniences in Airdrie Town Centre be included in the public consultation exercise being undertaken in relation to Phase 2 of the Airdrie Town Centre improvements. There was no contrary proposition.

Decided:

- (1) that the Director of Community Services submit reports to a future meeting of the Committee on (a) the issue of public access to toilet facilities in Council owned buildings, and (b) the provision of staffed fee paying toilet facilities within Airdrie Town Centre;
- (2) that it be recommended to the Planning and Environment Committee that the issue of the provision of public conveniences in Airdrie Town Centre be included in the public consultation exercise being undertaken in relation to Phase 2 of the Airdrie Town Centre improvements, and
- (3) that the terms of the reports be otherwise noted.

LAND AT AIRDRIE BUS DEPOT, AIRDRIE

7. With reference to paragraph 3 of the Minute of the meeting of the Policy and Resources (Property) Sub-Committee held on 19 February 2002 and paragraph 11 of the Minute of the meeting of the Planning and Environment Committee held on 23 January 2002 when, inter alia, an area of land extending to approximately 305 sq.m, adjacent to the former Airdrie Bus Depot was declared surplus to requirements and authorisation was given to dispose of the area of land, there were submitted (1) a report dated 30 January 2002 by the Director of Housing and Property Services, and (2) a report dated 23 January 2002 by the Director of Planning and Environment thereon.

Decided: that the terms of the reports be noted.

FLYPOSTING

8. With reference to paragraph 7 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 12 September 2000 when, *inter alia*, the position regarding unauthorised flypostings within Airdrie Town Centre was noted, there was submitted a report dated 5 March 2002 by the Director of Planning and Environment regarding establishing a flyposting station in Airdrie Town Centre (1) reiterating that concern had been expressed regarding the level of flyposting on properties in Airdrie Town Centre; (2) indicating that potential solutions to the problem had been investigated by the Department of Planning and Environment including contacting the users of flyposting and seeking co-operation in any new initiative; (3) advising that a flyposting pillar had proved successful in other Centres encountering similar problems; (4) intimating that the production of a design for the completion of the improvement of the Graham Street Streetscape was in the final stages with a public consultation exercise on the design of the second phase due in the near future; (5) informing that the opportunity had been taken to identify a position in the pedestrianised area of Graham Street where a flyposting pillar could be incorporated into the Streetscape as part of the overall design concept; (6) outlining the envisaged design of the pillar and the use to be made of the space, and (7) proposing that the Council would retain responsibility for regular maintenance and cleaning of the pillar and ensuring that the content of posters was acceptable.

Decided: that the terms of the report be noted.

INTERNET - COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE AGENDAS AND MINUTES

9. With reference to paragraph 10 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 11 September 2001 when, *inter alia*, it was noted that the publication of Minutes and Agendas of the Council on the internet would go live in January 2002, there was submitted a report dated 13 March 2002 by the Director of Administration in relation to the publication on the internet of North Lanarkshire Council agendas, reports and minutes (1) advising that the MARS (Minutes, Agenda, Reports System) had been successfully piloted on the Council's Intranet and was on course for adaptation for publication on the internet; (2) intimating that a number of unexpected difficulties had been encountered by the Council's Contractors; (3) indicating that it was anticipated that the work would be completed to permit all current North Lanarkshire Council and Committee Minutes, Agendas and reports to be published on the internet by the end of April 2002, and (4) intimating that all past North Lanarkshire minutes, agendas and reports and some of the material from former District Councils would also be published on the internet in the future.

Decided:

- (1) that the Director of Administration consult with Community Councils on the access to the internet and thereafter submit a report to this Committee on the outcome of the consultation, and
- (2) that the terms of the report be otherwise noted.

AIRDRIE AND VILLAGES COMMUNITY FORUM - FUNDING

10. The Service Development and Review Manager advised the Committee (1) that the Council was required to set in place monitoring arrangements when making payments directly to Community Forums; (2) that information had been requested from the Community Forums in relation to the funding, and (3) that it would be the intention of the Director of Community Services to continue with the present arrangements for the financial year 2002/2003 and undertake a review at the end of 2002 on the monitoring arrangements.

The Airdrie and Villages Community Forum indicated to the Committee that they had not responded to the Director of Community Services in relation to the funding until various issues had been clarified.

Decided:

- (1) that the Director of Community Services submit a report to a future meeting of the Committee clarifying the budget position in relation to Airdrie Area Committee, and
- (2) that the Director of Community Services correspond with Airdrie and Villages Community Forum regarding the monitoring arrangements in relation to the Community Forum expenses.

COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME - CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATIONS

11. With reference to paragraph 13 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 22 January 2002, there was submitted a report dated 8 March 2002 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 detailed in the annex to these Minutes.

PRESENTATION BY THE DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

12. The Director of Community Services gave a presentation and responded to questions regarding the services provided by his Department.

Decided: that the terms of the presentation be noted.

ANNEX

COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATIONS

(1) APPLICATIONS SPECIFIC TO AIRDRIE AREA COMMITTEE

(a) CONTINUED APPLICATIONS

Group/Grant Requested	Purpose of Application	Decision
Airdrie Academy School Board, Airdrie (AIR:CG01/02-540) - £900 (previously awarded £250)	To assist with costs of taking pupils to Glasgow Science Centre	Grant £525
Airdrie Girls Jucos, Airdrie (AIR:CG01/02-541) - £200	To assist with costs of outings and purchase of craft materials	Nil grant
Springfield Stitchers, Airdrie (AIR:CG01/02-543) - £500 (previously awarded £225)	To assist with purchase of arts and crafts	Nil grant
Caritus Club, Airdrie (AIR:CG01/02-578) - £500 (previously awarded £400)	To assist with costs of annual pensioners dinner	Nil grant
Airdrie Athletics Boys Club, Airdrie (AIR:CG01/02-581) - £400 (previously awarded £280)	To assist with running costs and purchase of sports equipment	Nil grant

(b) NEW APPLICATIONS

Group/Grant Requested	Purpose of Application	Decision
Broomknoll Church of Scotland Guild, Airdrie (AIR:CG01/02-582) - £250	To assist with costs of summer outing	Grant £55 and continue
Springfield Over 60's Club, Airdrie (AIR:CG01/02-583) - £400	To assist with costs of dinner dance	Continue
Springfield Carpet Bowling Club, Airdrie (AIR:CG01/02-584) - £400	To assist with costs of annual presentation dinner dance	Continue
Family and Friends of St Andrews School, Airdrie (AIR:CG01/02-585) - £750	To assist with costs of outdoor play equipment	Grant £300 and continue
Petersburn United AFC, Airdrie (AIR:CG01/02-586) - £2000	To assist with costs of taking part in tournament in Preston	Grant £390
Honeytree Nursery, Salsburgh (AIR:CG01/02-707) - £450	To assist with purchase of storage units	Continue
Chapelhall Regeneration Group, Chapelhall (AIR:CG01/02-708) - £350	To assist with day to day administrative costs	Grant £305 and continue

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Rochsoles Over 50's Afternoon Club, Airdrie (AIR:CG01/02-709) - £400	To assist with costs of Easter lunch and entertainment	Grant £300
St Serf's Childrens Liturgy Group, Airdrie (AIR:CG01/02-710) - £200	To assist with costs of materials and resources	Grant £100 and continue
New Generation Girls Group, Craigneuk and Old Petersburn (AIR:CG01/02-711) - £300	To assist with costs of days outing and dinner when hosting children from Chernobyl	Grant £200
Coatdyke Congregational Over 60's Club, Airdrie (AIR:CG01/02-712) - £350	To assist with costs of outing to Ayr	Grant £35 and continue
Glenmavis Pre-Fives, Glenmavis (AIR:CG01/02-713) - £1015.80	To assist with purchase of equipment	Grant £1,003.50
Rochsolloch Community Club, Airdrie (AIR:CG01/02-714) - £400	To assist with costs of summer outing	Continue
Firview Senior Citizens Association, Calderbank (AIR:CG01/02-715) - £500	To assist with costs of outing, dinner and entertainment	Grant £500
St Serf's Primary Parent/Teacher Association, Airdrie (AIR:CG01/02-716) - £900	To assist with costs of trip to France	Grant £300 and continue
Calderbank Parish Church, Airdrie (AIR:CG01/02-717) - £2000	To assist with costs of installing disabled facilities including ramps and toilet	Grant £500
Airdrie High Church Senior Members, Airdrie (AIR:CG01/02-718) - £250	To assist with costs of outing and high tea	Grant £200 and continue
Plains Senior Citizens, Plains (AIR:CG01/02-719) - £500	To assist with costs of buses for outing	Continue
Gartlea Over 60's Bowling Club (AIR:CG01/02-733) - £400	To assist with costs of transport	Continue
16th Airdrie Brownie Pack, Airdrie (AIR:CG01/02-761) - £200	To assist with costs of hall lets	Grant £200
Holehills Residents Association, Airdrie (AIR:CG01/02-762) - £200	To assist with costs of treat for children at Easter	Grant £125
Rochsoles Youth Group, Airdrie (AIR:CG01/02-764) - £120	To assist with purchase of microphones and CD's	Grant £110
Rochsoles Community Resource Project, Airdrie (AIR:CG01/02-765) - £250	To assist with costs of redecorating project base	Grant £235

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Group/Grant Requested	Purpose of Application	Decision
North Airdrie Womens Craft Group, Airdrie (AIR:CG01/02-766) - £150	To assist with costs of servicing and maintaining sewing machines	Grant £145
Calderbank PTA, Airdrie (AIR:CG01/02-767) - £500.37	To assist with costs of hall lets and purchase of playground games	Grant £500

(2) APPLICATIONS COVERING MORE THAN ONE AREA COMMITTEE BOUNDARY

(a) CONTINUED APPLICATIONS

Group/Grant Requested	Purpose of Application	Decision
C.A.B.I.A. (Counselling And Benefits In Action), Airdrie (ALL:CG01/02-287) - £700 (previously awarded £160)	To assist with purchase of photocopier and computer	Grant £25
C.A.B.I.A. (Counselling And Benefits In Action), Airdrie (ALL:CG01/02-390) - £200 (previously awarded £185)	To assist with volunteers christmas dinner	Nil grant
Kilsyth Music Society, Kilsyth (ALL:CG01/02-392) - £1000 (previously awarded £20)	To assist with presenting an amateur production, hire of theatre, musicians and costumes	Nil grant
Motherwell Town Centre Forum, Motherwell (ALL:CG01/02-459) - £2000 (previously awarded £1950)	To assist with cost of additional christmas lights for Town Centre	Nil grant
Coatbridge Indoor Bowling Seniors Section, Coatbridge (ALL:CG01/02-544) - £250 (previously awarded £55)	To assist with meal costs and prize money	Grant £40
Coatbridge Historical Research Group, Coatbridge (ALL:CG01/02-546) - £600 (previously awarded £550)	To assist with reading material, historical books and stationery	Nil grant
Lanarkshire Darts Association, Airdrie (ALL:CG01/02-548) - £2000 (previously awarded £245)	To assist with transport, coaching, purchase of electrical equipment and new shirts	Grant £255
C.A.B.I.A. (Counselling And Benefits In Action), Airdrie (ALL:CG01/02-549) - £300 (previously awarded £45)	To assist with inhouse benefit training refresher courses	Grant £25
Petersburn Arts Group, Airdrie (ALL:CG01/02-551) - £1000 (previously awarded £20)	To assist with lecturers/speakers, transport and administration costs	Grant £25

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Monklands Rainbow Association, Coatbridge (ALL:CG01/02-552) - £2000 (previously awarded £76)	To assist with staff costs, materials, hire of hall and publicity	Grant £25
Jack and Jill Support Group, Bellshill (ALL:CG01/02-553) - £1500 (previously awarded £650)	To assist with cost of taking families away for support weekend	Nil grant

(b) NEW APPLICATIONS

Group/Grant Requested	Purpose of Application	Decision
Motherwell & District Womens Aid, Forgewood (ALL:CG01/02-591) - £1000	To assist with cost of publicity campaign	Grant £130 and continue
Newarthill Community Council, Newarthill (ALL:CG01/02-592) - £600	To assist with upkeep of mini bus repairs and running costs	Continue
Cruse Bereavement Care Scotland (Lanarkshire Branch), Hamilton (ALL:CG01/02-593) - £2000	To assist with cost of further training programmes, support of volunteers and refurbishment of attic to create additional rooms	Continue
Abronhill United Under 18's Football Club, Cumbernauld (ALL:CG01/02-594) - £600	To assist with purchase of football strips and match & training balls	Continue
ALMA, Motherwell (ALL:CG01/02-595) - £2000	To assist with cost of fares to pilgrimage	Continue
Motherwell Heritage Society, Motherwell (ALL:CG01/02-597) - £750	To assist with cost of survey of Cambusnethan Graveyard, outings to sites and recording & cataloguing documents	Continue
Airdrie & Coatbridge Vets Golf Club, Coatbridge (ALL:CG01/02-598) - £1240	To assist with cost of members fees to Coatbridge Municipal Golf Club	Grant £150 and continue
CABIA (Counselling And Benefits In Action), Airdrie (ALL:CG01/02-600) - £465	To assist with cost of survey to promote and identify benefits and counselling	Grant £25 and continue
Arthritis Care Wishaw & District Branch, Wishaw (ALL:CG01/02-601) - £1980	To assist with hire of mini bus with tail lift for members to attend aqua exercise classes	Continue
Motherwell Symphonic Band, Motherwell (ALL:CG01/02-647) - £2000	To assist with transport and accommodation to Manchester	Continue

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Group/Grant Requested	Purpose of Application	Decision
Eastfield and Harthill Flute Orchestra, Eastfield (ALL:CG01/02-649) - £1998.39	To assist with purchase of piccolo, music stands and photocopier	Continue
Flowerhill Senior Citizens Club, Airdrie (ALL:CG01/02-651) - £200	To assist with cost of annual outing	Grant £25 and continue
The Creative Arts Group, Airdrie (ALL:CG01/02-689) - £2000	To assist with cost of tutors, cost of hall hire and materials	Grant £25 and continue
Lanarkshire Furniture Initiative, Wishaw (ALL:CG01/02-695) - £2000	To assist with annual running costs, insurance and servicing of furniture van	Continue
Cleland Church Choir, Cleland (ALL:CG01/02-696) - £150	To assist with purchase of amplifier for keyboard	Continue
Newarthill Amateur Boxing and Fitness Club, Newarthill (ALL:CG01/02-706) - £2000	To assist with cost of repairing showers and shower room	Continue
The Boys' Brigade Lanarkshire District Fellowship, Coatbridge (ALL:CG01/02-721) - £450	To assist with costs for organising Queens Badge Presentation	Continue
The Monklands Heritage Society, Airdrie (ALL:CG01/02-722) - £2000	To assist with cost of annual rent and purchase of display equipment	Grant £25 and continue
Lanarkshire Family History Society, Motherwell (ALL:CG01/02-723) - £2000	To assist with cost of 'open days' and purchase of equipment	Grant £40 and continue
Cameo Gymnastic Club, Coatbridge (ALL:CG01/02-751) - £2000	To assist with cost of sending senior children to train with top British coaches	Continue
Scottish National Cinema Museum and Academy of Vision, Sound and Image, Coatbridge (ALL:CG01/02-769) - £2000	To assist with start up costs to set up project	Continue