

AGENDA ITEM NO.7a.....

NORTH LANARKSHIRE CCTV LIMITED

REPORT

To : ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE		Subject: NORTH LANARKSHIRE CCTV LTD - UPDATE
From : DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT		
Date : 20 April 2000	Ref. : JH/CCTV/Rep678 Ref:1.0.2.1	

1 Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to update and inform members of the business activity of North Lanarkshire CCTV Ltd, by providing minutes of Board meetings which have taken place this year.

2 Background

Board meetings of North Lanarkshire CCTV Ltd are held every two months and, whilst certain issues are reported to the Economic Development Committee, as they arise, it is felt that it would be advantageous if minutes of these meetings were tabled for members' information, as a matter of course.

3 Recommendation

Members are asked to note the terms of the minutes of the meetings of the Board of Directors of North Lanarkshire CCTV Ltd held on,

- (a) 18 January 2000 and
- (b) 7 March 2000



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Director of Planning and Development

28 March 2000

NORTH LANARKSHIRE CCTV LTD

**Minutes of Board of Directors meeting held on 7 March 2000 in
Committee Room 3, Civic Centre, Motherwell**

Present:	Cllr. Pat. Connelly (Chair)	North Lanarkshire Council
	Cllr. Harry Curran	“
	Cllr. J. Brooks	“
	Cllr. J. Martin	“
	Cllr. Stephen Grant	“
	Cllr. Alan Valentine	“
	Stewart Livingston	Strathclyde Police ‘N’ Division
	Chris Ormerod	Town Centre Initiatives Ltd
	Maureen McConachie	NLC Planning & Environment Dept.
	John Reilly	Coatbridge Town Centre Forum
	Angus McArthur	Crime Prevention Panel
	David Thistleton	Motherwell Town Centre Forum
	John Jamieson	NLC Finance Dept.
	John Halpin	NL CCTV Ltd
	Sheila Walker	“ (Minutes)
Apologies:	Sam Allison	Strathclyde Police ‘N’ Division
	Ian Porteous	“ HQ
	Aldo Sidonio	Airdrie Town Centre Forum

1 Introduction

The Chairman welcomed all members to the meeting, in particular Cllr. Alan Valentine to his first CCTV Board meeting. Apologies were also given for absent members.

2 Previous Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of 18 January 2000 were accepted without amendment.

3 Matters Arising

- 3.1 *Bellshill Launch* – No one from the Scottish Executive will be attending the launch of the system. The outcome of funding bids for CCTV is still unclear. John Halpin will therefore contact the Police in order to make joint arrangements for the launch.
- 3.2 *Motherwell maintenance* – Following discussion, Sensormatic have confirmed that the original agreement will remain in place.
- 3.3 *Housing Dept. & CCTV maintenance* – Discussions ongoing.
- 3.4 *Statistics* – This issue is under review by the West of Scotland CCTV User Group. It is hoped that the method of presenting statistics in future will reflect more accurately, and lend greater credence, to the work being done.
- 3.5 *Study Brief* – 4 consultants being considered so far – work on this continues.
- 3.6 *‘Flyposting’* – John Halpin has written to Planning Dept. (and the company named on the advertisements, Bar One) seeking action on this costly problem. Cllr. Brooks proposed that the Planning Committee should be provided with details, and this was agreed.

4 Financial Report

- 4.1 John Jamieson outlined the detail of the Financial Report. It was agreed that reference to "Uncommitted Resources" did not reflect the financial position accurately, and therefore will, in future, be noted under "Subject to Revenue Commitments". It was also agreed that, as from 1st April, the accounts will be reported under both 'Capital' and 'Revenue'.
- 4.2 The question of whether a list of those making voluntary contributions should be included in future reports was fully discussed. Agreement was reached that voluntary contributions should continue to be encouraged by convincing people of the positive aspects and benefits of CCTV provision. However, it was recognised that the main contributors should continue to be the Police and local government.

5 Radio Link Scheme, Airdrie

A summary of work carried out to date on the above was tabled for information. The scheme will be formally launched on 14 March, with a total membership of 20 retailers at present. Initial approaches have also been made to Coatbridge retailers to introduce the scheme there, followed by Wishaw. Radios are rented in preference to purchase, which is expensive, and maintenance problems will receive a prompt response.

6 CCTV Developments

- 6.1 John Halpin informed the Board that, similar to last year, monitoring payments received from Housing & Education Departments will require to be increased to fund the forthcoming pay award to CCTV operators, when this has been agreed. The pay claim currently being negotiated is between 3%-5%. The Board agreed to this course of action.
- 6.2 Streetscape, Airdrie - John Halpin informed the Board that the above refurbishment work in Airdrie town centre will offer the opportunity to renew CCTV cabling, thereby resolving previous problems. Similar work is also planned for Coatbridge town centre.

However, design plans indicate the removal of the column housing the CCTV camera at Baillie's Lane in Airdrie, and also at the fountain in Coatbridge. This would have serious implications on the effectiveness of CCTV cameras, with 3-4 cameras in new locations being required to provide the same coverage. Cllr. Brooks and Maureen McConachie will take this matter up.

7 Date and time of next meeting

Tuesday 9 May 2000 at 10 a.m., Civic Centre, Motherwell

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Minutes of Board of Directors meeting held on 18 January 2000 in Civic Centre, Motherwell

Present:	Cllr. Pat. Connelly (Chair)	North Lanarkshire Council
	Cllr. Harry Curran	“
	Cllr. J. Brooks	“
	Cllr. A. Burns	“
	Cllr. Stephen Grant	“
	Sam Allison	Inspector, Strathclyde Police ‘N’ Division
	Ian Porteous	CCTV Strathclyde Police HQ
	Chris Ormerod	Town Centre Initiatives Ltd
	Aldo Sidonio	Airdrie Town Centre Forum
	Maureen McConachie	NLC Planning & Environment Dept.
	John Reilly	Coatbridge Town Centre Forum
	David Thistleton	Motherwell Town Centre Forum
	John Halpin	NL CCTV Ltd
	Sheila Walker	“ (Minutes)
Apologies:	Cllr. J. Martin	North Lanarkshire Council
	Angus McArthur	Crime Prevention Panel

1 Introduction

Cllr Connelly welcomed all members to the meeting, and especially new member David Thistleton of DTZ Debenham Thorpe, representing the Motherwell Town Centre Forum.

2 Previous Minutes

These were approved with the following amendments:

- (i) To include apologies submitted by Cllr. Burns.
- (ii) Para 5 - Correct spelling to read Asst. Chief Constable G. Pearson.

3 Matters Arising:

- 3.1 *Bellshill Launch* – submissions to Challenge Fund still being considered. Probable timescale end of February. Angus McKay will attend from Scottish Executive and not Henry McLeish as previously indicated.
- 3.2 *Amendment to Articles of Association* – this has been formally carried out.
- 3.3 *Motherwell maintenance* – no further word from Sensormatic.
- 3.4 *Housing Dept. & CCTV maintenance* - Cllr. Grant has provided Gavin Whitefield with information and hopefully this will allow discussion to progress.

4 Statistics

- 4.1 John Halpin pointed out that, as indicated by the Incident Report covering the months of November & December, CCTV was substantially involved over the period.
- 4.2 John pointed out that CCTV operators cited for court appearance continues to be problematic. It was maintained that the Procurator Fiscal’s office benefits from this, without making any contribution to CCTV, while the Company bears the financial cost of paying operators’

overtime. It was explained that the Local Government conditions of employment, under which operators are employed, prohibit operators claiming pay through the court process. Cllr. Brooks suggested that both Manpower and Policy & Resources Committees should receive reports on this.

4.3 The above points will be emphasised to the Divisional Commander

4.4 Considerable discussion on the format of incident reporting followed, producing the following points:

- Figures do not indicate number of arrests/convictions as a result of CCTV. This kind of statistical evidence would make an effective case for future funding. Police stated that the tracking of incidents would be difficult and not feasible for them to undertake.
- A steering group of Strathclyde CCTV User Group is to examine the whole issue of incident reporting across the region.
- Present statistics only give a broad indication. However it is hoped that the work of the consultant will include closer examination of how we gather evidence.

5 Evaluation of Beneficiaries – Study Brief

This brief is designed to detail all available information, to indicate the correlation between problems & beneficiaries who do not contribute, directly or indirectly, to CCTV provision. Economic Development Committee's approval of a £10,000 grant will assist us to make a case for CCTV, especially in light of the 26% reduction in the Chief Constable's revenue contribution.

6 Financial Report

John Halpin explained that the present balance includes sums earmarked for future provision, and also clarified the core funders of NL CCTV. It was felt that the information contained in the report could be presented more clearly. It was agreed that regular attendance by a representative of the Finance Department was desirable and in this regard, John Halpin will write to the Director of Finance.

7 A.O.C.B.

'Flyposting' - It was stated that Town Centre Forums continue to be concerned about this problem and Cllr. Burns stated his disappointment that this is not seen as a Police priority in Coatbridge. He intends to take this matter up with the Police. It was felt that various methods could be employed to deal with this issue - including through the Licensing Committee; a joint Police/Council initiative or imposing the removal costs on the businesses concerned.

8 Date and Time of Next Meeting

Tuesday 7 March at 10 am, Civic Centre, Motherwell