

AGENDA ITEM No. 3

AIRDRIE & VILLAGES COMMUNITY FORUM

Monday 17 February 2003

Airdrie Community Education Centre

In Attendance: Peter Chapman
William H Hynd
James Rintoul
Owen McAvoy (Chair)
E Nelson
Tom McFarlane
Nancy McFarlane
Helen McColl
Dr Anne Glen

Present: Graham Johnstone (NLC)
Margaret Cameron (NLC)

Distribution: Barbara Philliben (NLC)

ITEM	MINUTE	ACTION
1.	Apologies for Absence No apologies submitted.	
2.	Approval of Minutes Minute of meeting held on 16 December 2002 approved by WH and seconded by PC.	
2.	Matters Arising from the Minutes	
2.1	Reminded members that future meetings will commence at 7.30 p.m.	
3.	Reports to Forum	
3.1	GJ informed the forum that he had e-mailed Martin Dickson in connection with charges for the hire of community facilities. The forum would be a category 2 which would be a charge of £1.60 per hr.	
4.	Correspondence	
4.1	OM wrote to CE in connection with reports not being sent to the forum. CE forwarded letter to DOA, John O'Hagan who replied. OM read out reply.	

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4.2	Public notice was given of meeting concerning EducationPPP/Community facilities so anyone could attend.	
4.3	TMcF sent in observations regarding the PPP, will bring correspondence to next meeting.	
4.4	OM stated that any member can submit letters on behalf of the forum providing they submit copies to the members.	
4.5	TMcF to get update from Planning & Environment on the progress in connection with the new public toilets in Airdrie.	
4.6	Bank balance as at 31 January 2003 was £270.57.	
4.7	Make the most of Community Planning – Training Event. GJ informed the forum that community planning was becoming more locally based and the two pilot areas at present are Airdrie and Bellshill. He thought it would be advantageous for members to attend. Nominees were H McColl and Dr A Glen. To make enquiries if NLC will pay for course and other expenses.	
4.8	Budget Consultation – Area Committee	
	4.8.1 Safety and security issues at Airdrie @Home Centre. Phase 2 is commencing. Forum will have to change their venue. Decided to book room 5 in the Sir John Wilson Town Hall and if acceptable will book the future meetings in that venue. MC to speak to BP.	
	4.8.2 Lack of police presence. PC reported that chief inspector Easton was not aware of reports that had been made. Apparently not getting feedback but will investigate. OM informed forum that when making a report to the police ask for a report number and then it must be entered in the occurrence register. OM also stated that there were no written reports on statistics for crime in Airdrie.	
4.9	Ravenscraig town centre development going ahead.	
4.10	OM provided a non technical survey of GM Waste Management. Informed forum is wished to complain would require to see full statement.. AG suggested accessing website. OM also suggested accessing various gazettes.	

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5. Any other business

- 5.1 TMcF stated that he was having difficulty downloading community grant information.
- 5.2 JR asked that the forum should register their concerns on the closure of Boots factory. AG to write to NLC, Helen Liddell MP, Karen Whitefield MSP, Lanarkshire Enterprise and others on this subject.
- 5.3 TMcF stated that can download minutes from the MARS system but not reports.
- 5.4 OM reminded members that expenses and nomination forms to be submitted at next meeting.
- 5.5 Area Committee 18 March 2003 – Questions
- i) Concerns over Boots closure
 - ii) That officials in attendance at meetings should have their names next to their job titles on the agenda paper.
- 5.6 JR informed forum that the Scottish Executive has endorsed the rail line from Airdrie to Edinburgh, to be in operation by 2007.

6. Date of Next Meeting

14 April 2003, AGM, at 7.30p.m.