

AGENDA ITEM No. 1(b)
AIRDRIE AREA - 9 December 1997

Airdrie, 9 December 1997 at 7 pm.

A Meeting of the **AIRDRIE AREA COMMITTEE**

PRESENT

Councillor E. Burns, Convener; Councillor Lucas, Vice-Convener; Councillors Cox, Curley, Logue, J. McGuigan, Russell and Stocks.

CHAIR

Councillor E. Burns (Convener) presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

The Director of Environmental Services (Liaison Director); the Chief Committee Services Officer and Senior Administrative Officer, Department of Administration; Local Officer, Department of the Chief Executive; Education Officer (Contracts/Provisions); Policy and Support Services Manager, Department of Environmental Services; Head of Revenue Services; District Housing Manager (Central); Head of Leisure Support Services; Transportation Manager, Department of Planning and Development, and Principal Social Work Officer (Child Care).

ALSO ATTENDING

David McLennan, Town Centre Manager and David McLaren, Chief Inspector, Strathclyde Police.

APOLOGY

Councillors Morgan and Sullivan.

THE ROLE AND PRACTICES OF THE LOCAL POLICE DIVISION

1. Chief Inspector McLaren of Section 'N' Division of Strathclyde Police was heard in relation to the role and practices of the local Police Division and responded to questions.

Decided: that the terms of the presentation be noted.

PEDESTRIAN FACILITIES IN THE VICINITY OF THE ROUNDABOUT AT SAFEWAY SUPERMARKET, GARTLEA, AIRDRIE

2. With reference to paragraph 5 of the Minute of the meeting of this Area Committee held on 28 October 1997, there was submitted a report dated 9 December 1997 by the Director of Planning and Development regarding the findings of two surveys of pedestrian and vehicular movements which had recently been undertaken in the vicinity of the retail park at Hogg Street crossing Gartlea Road to the roundabout at the Safeway Supermarket and of the roundabout crossing Weavers Road, Gartlea, Airdrie (1) advising that the findings of the surveys had shown that although there was justification for the location of a pelican crossing at Weavers Road, there was none for the provision of such a facility at Gartlea Road; (2) proposing that provision be made in the current capital programme for the development of a pelican crossing at Weavers Road; (3)

intimating that the owners of Safeway Supermarket had been asked to progress an agreement which they had entered into with the previous authority to fund the development of a footbridge over the railway line in the vicinity of Gartlea Road up to £150,000, and (4) further advising that negotiations would be entered into with the owners of the existing bridge at Gartlea Road to seek a structural survey of the bridge and if strengthening works were required that consideration could then be given to widening and strengthening the bridge pending the construction of a separate footbridge.

Decided:

- (1) that the terms of the report be noted;
- (2) that it be recommended that the Planning and Development (Transportation and Development) Sub-Committee consider the proposal for the provision of a pelican crossing on the A89 Weavers Road, Airdrie, and
- (3) that the Director of Planning and Development be requested to prepare a further report for submission to the Area Committee on car parking facilities in Airdrie, and on the status and future development of the red blaes area to the south of the railway line in the vicinity of Gartlea Road/Hogg Street, Airdrie.

DRAFT COMMUNITY CARE PLAN

3. The Principal Officer (Community Care) was heard in relation to the aim and objectives of the draft Community Care Plan (1) indicating that it had been prepared in association with Lanarkshire Health Board and Scottish Homes, and (2) advising of the public consultation exercise which was being carried out.

Decided: that the terms of the presentation be noted.

VENUES FOR MEETINGS

4. With reference to paragraph 1 of the Minute of the meeting of this Area Committee held on 28 October 1997, there was submitted a report dated 20 November 1997 by the Liaison Director regarding potential venues for future meetings of the Area Committee.

Decided:

- (1) that future meetings of the Area Committee be held in the Community Education Centre in Clark Street, Airdrie, until a public meeting had been held to discuss the establishment of Community Forums;
- (2) that the Schedule of Meetings for the Airdrie Area Committee be confirmed, and
- (3) that the terms of the report be otherwise noted.

DISCRETIONARY RELIEF OF RATES FOR LICENSED CLUBS

5. With reference to paragraph 13 of the Minute of the meeting of the Council held on 6 November 1997 when it had been agreed to continue a report by the Director of Finance on discretionary relief of rates for licensed clubs pending the submission of the report to the Area Committees for their views, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated 21 October 1997 by the Director of Finance thereon.

Decided:

- (1) that the terms of the report be noted, and
- (2) that the Director of Finance prepare a further report on those organisations, clubs and individuals that would gain or lose by the implementation of the proposals set out in the report.

REVIEW OF INTERIM COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME

6. With reference to paragraph 10 of the Minute of the meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee held on 9 December, 1997 when the Committee agreed, *inter alia*, that a comprehensive review of the Interim Community Grant Scheme be undertaken and that the Area Committees consider the issues identified in the review framework and to make recommendations on the future operation of the Scheme, there was submitted a report dated 19 November 1997 by the Chief Executive thereon.

Decided:

- (1) that the terms of the report be noted, and
- (2) that it be recommended to the Policy and Resources (Community Development) Sub-Committee that, when reviewing the Interim Community Grants Scheme, the Area Committee, in addition to the comments made at its an earlier meeting on 28 October 1997, would wish considered the following suggestions:
 - (a) that any organisation that is funded by a Service Committee should not be eligible for grant assistance for the same purposes under the Scheme;
 - (b) that any organisation which has a bar in its facility should not be eligible for grant assistance under the Scheme, and
 - (c) that organisations which apply for assistance under the Scheme should be required to produce an annual expenditure statement as well as a recent bank statement.

INTERIM COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME - CONSIDER APPLICATIONS

7. With reference to paragraph 7 of the Minute of the meeting of this Area Committee held on 28 October 1997, there was submitted a report dated 1 December 1997 by the Chief Executive detailing applications for Community Grants continued from that meeting together with new applications.

Decided: that the applications for Community Grants be dealt with as follows subject to receipt of any outstanding information:

CONTINUED APPLICATIONS

Group: Coatdyke 3 Score Club - CG97/98-393

Purpose of Application: To assist with cost of Christmas Dinner

Grant Requested: £200

Decision: Grant of £100

Group: St Margaret's High School Senior Citizens Club - CG/97/98-397

Purpose of Application: To assist with cost of Christmas Dinner and Outing

Grant Requested: £350 (cheque previously issued for £180)

Decision: Grant of £60

Group: Thursday Afternoon Club - CG97/98-399

Purpose of Application: To assist with the cost of Christmas Dinner and Outing

Grant Requested: £500

Decision: Grant of £250

Group: Trinity Carpet Bowling Club - CG97/98-400

Purpose of Application: To assist with cost of Club Dinner and Outing

Grant Requested: £300 (cheque previously issued for £100)

Decision: Grant of £150

Group: Arthritis Care - CG/97/98-490 (a)

Purpose of Application: To assist with the cost of Christmas Dinner and Entertainment

Grant Requested: £200 (cheque previously issued for £20)

Decision: Grant of £80

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Group: Flowerhill Senior Citizens Club - CG97/98-503

Purpose of Application: To assist with the cost of Christmas Dinner

Grant Requested: £400 (cheque previously issued £100)

Decision: Grant of £100

Group: Wellwynd Playgroup, Coatbridge - CG97/98-512

Purpose of Application: To assist with the purchase of equipment

Grant Requested: £250 (cheque previously issued for £30)

Decision: Grant of £60

Group: St Columba's Church Playgroup - CG97/98-525

Purpose of Application: To assist with the cost of Christmas Outing

Grant Requested: £250 (cheque previously issued for £75)

Decision: Grant of £75

Group: Christians in Action - CG97/98-354

Purpose of Application: To assist with cost of Christmas Food Service to Elderly and Homeless

Grant Requested: £577 (cheque previously issued for £190)

Decision: Grant of £200

Group: Airdrie Town Centre Action Group: - CG97/98-541(a)

Purpose of Application: To augment Christmas decorations in Airdrie Town Centre

Grant Requested: £1,400

Decision: Defer to 1998/99

Group: Airdrie Town Centre Action Group: - CG97/98-541(b)

Purpose of Application: To carry out survey and appraisal of existing lights/decorations to allow cost effective improvements for 1998

Grant Requested: £100

Decision: Grant of £40

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Group: Calderbank Senior Citizens Social Club - CG97/98-543

Purpose of Application: To assist with the cost of Christmas Dinner

Grant Requested: £110

Decision: Grant of £30

Group: Calderbank Fir View Senior Citizens - CG97/98-549

Purpose of Application: To assist with cost of Christmas Dinner and entertainment

Grant Requested: £200

Decision: Grant of £200

Group: Lilybank Luncheon Club - CG97/98-550

Purpose of Application: To assist with cost of Christmas Dinner and purchase of bingo machine and crockery

Grant Requested: £600 (cheque previously issued for £300)

Decision: Grant of £100

Group: Lilybank Monday Club - CG97/98-551

Purpose of Application: To assist with cost of Christmas treat

Grant Requested: £100 (cheque previously issued for £50)

Decision: Grant of £10

Group: Airdrie Bowling Club (Junior Section) - CG97/98-247

Purpose of Application: To assist with the cost of bowls and shoes

Grant Requested: £588.65 (cheque previously issued for £200)

Decision: No grant

Group: Bushhill AFC - CG97/98-314

Purpose of Application: To assist with the purchase of equipment

Grant Requested: £1,044.75 (cheque previously issued for £200)

Decision: Grant of £100, subject to equipment purchased being retained in Club

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- Group:** Clarkston Parish Church - CG97/98-317
- Purpose of Application:** To assist with the cost of organising an Open Day including hall let
- Grant Requested:** £516 (cheque previously issued for £50)
- Decision:** Grant of £250
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- Group:** Springfield Stitchers - CG97/98-319
- Purpose of Application:** To assist with the purchase of equipment
- Grant Requested:** £400 (cheque previously issued for £100)
- Decision:** No grant
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- Group:** St Serf's Primary School PTA - CG97/98-390
- Purpose of Application:** To assist with costs of ceremony for anniversary of school
- Grant Requested:** £600 (cheque previously issued for £250)
- Decision:** Grant of £100
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- Group:** Monklands Anxiety Support Group: - CG97/98-396
- Purpose of Application:** To assist with the purchase of equipment (e.g. books, videos, tapes, relaxation mats etc.)
- Grant Requested:** £300
- Decision:** No grant
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- Group:** Corpus Christi Primary School Board - CG97/98-422
- Purpose of Application:** To assist with the cost of painting games on playground
- Grant Requested:** £350
- Decision:** Grant of £350
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- Group:** The Boys Brigade 4th Airdrie Company - CG97/98-430
- Purpose of Application:** To assist with the cost of materials and sports equipment
- Grant Requested:** £1,000 (cheque previously issued for £200)
- Decision:** No Grant
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Group: Northburn Tenants and Residents Association - CG97/98-431

Purpose of Application: To assist with the cost of administration to establish Safe Play Area and purchase of equipment for Youth Club

Grant Requested: £1,333.14

Decision: Continued for further information

NEW APPLICATIONS

Group: Jackson Church Playgroup - CG97/98-484

Purpose of Application: To assist with the cost of new toys and games

Grant Requested: £250

Decision: Grant of £200

Group: Plains OAP Knitting Club - CG97/98-485

Purpose of Application: To assist with the purchase of a lockable storage cupboard, wool, thread, needles, hooks and ribbon

Grant Requested: £300

Decision: Grant of £100

Group: Petersburn United Under 11s - CG97/98-486

Purpose of Application: To assist with winter tracksuits and equipment

Grant Requested: £700

Decision: Grant of £400

Group: Airdrie Colts Youth Club - CG97/98-513

Purpose of Application: To assist with the cost of equipment and running costs

Grant Requested: £300

Decision: Grant of £150

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Group: Friday Outreach - CG97/98-523
Purpose of Application: To assist with the cost of a Christmas event for the volunteers
Grant Requested: £78
Decision: Grant of £70

Group: Glenhall Thistle FC - CG97/98-524
Purpose of Application: To assist with the cost of strips, socks, shirts and shorts
Grant Requested: £210
Decision: Grant of £210

Group: Milton Court Tenants Association - CG97/98-580
Purpose of Application: To assist with the cost of parcels and hampers for the elderly
Grant Requested: £500
Decision: Grant of £300

Group: Chapelhall Over 60s Social Club - CG97/98-581
Purpose of Application: To assist with the purchase of an indoor bowls carpet
Grant Requested: £150
Decision: Grant of £150

Group: Four Isles Management Committee - CG97/98-583
Purpose of Application: To assist with the cost of a Christmas Party and a dance
Grant Requested: £400
Decision: Grant of £250

Group: Greengairs Lunch Club - CG97/98-584
Purpose of Application: To assist with the cost of Christmas Dinner
Grant Requested: £60
Decision: Grant of £50

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Group: Wake Up and Smell the Coffee - CG97/98-585

Purpose of Application: To assist with the cost of equipment and resources

Grant Requested: £200

Decision: Grant of £50

Group: Rawyards Nursing Home Residents Fund Group: - CG97/98-586

Purpose of Application: To assist with the cost of panto, Christmas Dinner and transport

Grant Requested: £300

Decision: Grant of £150

Group: New Wellwynd Church Senior Circle - CG97/98-592

Purpose of Application: To assist with the cost of Christmas party and present

Grant Requested: £250

Decision: Grant of £250

Group: Lilybank Dog Obedience - CG97/98-593

Purpose of Application: To assist with the purchase of mats, rosettes, trophies and assist with dog breeders insurance

Grant Requested: Any award

Decision: Grant of £100

Group: Devonview Nursery Advisory Group: - CG97/98-611

Purpose of Application: To assist with the purchase of curtains for Community Room

Grant Requested: £500

Decision: No grant

Group: Calderbank Church of Scotland Guild - CG97/98-642

Purpose of Application: To assist with the cost of Christmas party

Grant Requested: £150

Decision: Grant of £150

LATE APPLICATIONS

- Group: Springfield Management Committee - CG97/98-643
- Purpose of Application: To assist with the cost of social evening and entertainment dinner dance
- Grant Requested: £700
- Decision: Grant of £200
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- Group: North Airdrie Senior Citizens Christmas Lunch Club - CG97/98-644
- Purpose of Application: To assist with the cost of Christmas Lunch and entertainment
- Grant Requested: £400
- Decision: Grant of £300
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- Group: Lilybank Senior Citizens (Carpet Bowling Club) - CG97/98-645
- Purpose of Application: To assist with the cost of hall expenses, catering and Christmas dinner
- Grant Requested: £200
- Decision: Grant of £200
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- Group: Four Isles Stitches - CG97/98-646
- Purpose of Application: To assist with the cost of Christmas Lunch
- Grant Requested: £80
- Decision: Grant of £80

AREA PROFILES - WAY FORWARD

8. With reference to paragraph 14 of the Minute of the meeting of the Policy and Resources (Community Development) Sub-Committee held on 26 November 1997 when, *inter alia*, the aims and objectives of Area Profiles and the proposed timescale of June 1998 for their production were approved, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated 1 December 1997 by the Chief Executive providing guidance on the aims, objectives and content of Area Profiles and the arrangements for co-ordinating statistical service based information, and advising that further guidance detailing a standard format for specific elements of the Profiles would be issued.

Decided:

- (1) that the aims, objectives, arrangements and timescale for production of Area Profiles, as set out in the report by the Chief Executive, be noted;
- (2) that the indicative content of Area Profiles, as set out in the Annex to the report, be approved;
- (3) that the Liaison Director plan the task of gathering information for the profile with the Area Team, and
- (4) that the terms of the report be otherwise noted.

FUNDING COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

9. With reference to paragraph 13 of the Minute of the meeting of the Policy and Resources (Community Development) Sub-Committee held on 26 November 1997 when, inter alia, it had been agreed that (1) £19,250 from the Chief Executive's Payments to Agencies and Other Bodies (Community Development) Budget be allocated to support community involvement in decentralised areas for the period to 31 March 1998, and (2) authority for approving expenditure from each of the nine notional area budgets be delegated to the Assistant Chief Executive (Operations) and that access to those budgets be at the request of the relevant Liaison Director, there was submitted a report dated 2 December 1997 by the Chief Executive regarding the resources available for the establishment of Community Forums and related activities in the current financial year.

Decided:

- (1) that the terms of the report be noted, and
- (2) that the allocation of resources in the sum of £2,500 for the support of community involvement in the area of Airdrie for the current financial year be noted.

The Convener being of the opinion that the following item of business was relevant, competent and urgent authorised its consideration.

SERVICE PLANS 1998/99

10. With reference to paragraph 13 of the Minute of the meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee held on 9 December 1997 when the Committee had agreed, inter alia, that consideration of the report and the Executive Summaries of the Service Plans be remitted to the Area Committees for their interest, there were submitted the report by the Chief Executive and the Executive Summaries.

Decided:

- (1) that the terms of the report be noted, and
 - (2) that consideration of the Executive Summaries of the Service Plans be continued to a future meeting of the Area Committee.
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