

Airdrie, 3 February 1998 at 7.30 pm.

An Adjourned Meeting of the **AIRDRIE AREA COMMITTEE**

**PRESENT**

Councillor Lucas, Vice-Convenor; Councillors Cox, Logue, Morgan, Russell, Stocks and Sullivan.

**CHAIR**

Councillor Lucas (Vice-Convenor) presided.

**IN ATTENDANCE**

The Head of Central Services; Director of Environmental Services (Liaison Director); Policy Planning Manager and Local Officer, Chief Executive's Department; Treasury Manager; and Divisional Manager and Transport Manager, Planning and Development Department.

**ALSO ATTENDING**

David McLaren, Chief Inspector, Strathclyde Police.

**APOLOGIES**

Councillors E. Burns and Curley.

**The Convenor exercised his discretion to vary the Order of Business as hereinafter minuted.**

**TOWN TWINNING**

1. With reference to paragraph 7 of the Minute of the meeting of the Council held on 18 December 1997, when it was agreed that a report by the Working Party on Twinning be issued to the Area Committees for their views, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated 13 October 1997 (1) intimating that the Council had agreed to set up a Working Party to examine the whole issue of twinning; (2) advising of the background to the twinning arrangements and exchange links operated by the former authorities in North Lanarkshire, and (3) detailing proposals for the future development of Town Twinning.

**Decided:**

- (1) that the recommendations within the report by the Working Party be approved, and
- (2) that clarification be sought regarding the role and financial contribution of Local Enterprise Companies towards the activities of twinning.

**DISCRETIONARY RELIEF OF RATES FOR LICENSED CLUBS**

2. With reference to paragraph 5 of the Minute of the meeting of this Area Committee held on 9 December 1997, when proposals for the application of a new formula on discretionary relief of rates for licensed clubs were noted pending the submission of a further report on those organisations, clubs and individuals in the Airdrie area that would gain or lose by the implementation of the proposals, there was submitted a report dated 26 January 1998 by the Director of Finance thereon.

**Decided:**

- (1) that the terms of the report by the Director of Finance be noted;
- (2) that support be given to the introduction of the revised formula for calculating the relief of rates for licensed clubs, and
- (3) that a comprehensive list of all clubs operating in the area be issued to Members of the Area Committee.

**SERVICE PLANS 1998/99**

3. With reference to paragraph 10 of the Minute of the meeting of this Area Committee held on 9 December 1997 when a report by the Chief Executive together with Executive Summaries of all Service Plans for 1998/99 had been tabled and the Committee had agreed that consideration of the matter be continued, there was submitted a report dated 28 January 1998 by the Liaison Director inviting views on the documents.

**Decided:** that the terms of the report and the Executive Summaries of the Service Plans for 1998/99 be noted.

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

4. With reference to paragraph 2 of the Minute of meeting of this Area Committee held on 9 December 1997, the Transport Manager gave an oral report on progress on the provision of a pelican crossing on the A89 Weavers Road, Airdrie, (1) advising that it was anticipated that the pelican crossing would be installed by the end of the current financial year, and (2) intimating that the owner of Safeway Supermarket had been further contacted to progress an agreement which had been 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 to acquire the requisite land from Railtrack within three years to facilitate the development of the footbridge.

**Decided:**

- (1) that the terms of the report be noted;
- (2) that the Director of Administration be requested to prepare a report on the agreement which had been entered into by the owners of Safeway Supermarket with the previous authority for the development of a footbridge at Gartlea Road, Airdrie.

FORMER PREMISES OF SAFEWAY AT STIRLING STREET, AIRDRIE

5. Arising out of the discussion in the immediately preceding item, the Area Committee requested a report by the Director of Planning and Development on the status of, and the potential for the future use of the former premises of Safeway at Stirling Street, Airdrie for submission to the Area Committee.

INTERIM COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME - APPLICATIONS

6. With reference to paragraph 7 of the Minute of the meeting of this Area Committee held on 9 December 1997, there was submitted a report dated 28 February 1998 by the Chief Executive detailing applications for community grants continued from that meeting together with new applications.

**Decided:** that, subject to receipt of any outstanding information, the applications for community grants be dealt with as follows:-

CONTINUED APPLICATIONS

**Group:** Northburn Tenants' and Residents' Association - CG97/98-431  
**Purpose of Application:** To assist with the cost of administration to establish a safe play area and purchase equipment for the Youth Club.  
**Grant Requested:** £1,333.14  
**Decision:** Continued for further information

NEW APPLICATIONS

**Group:** Monklands Camcorder Club - CG97/98-676  
**Purpose of Application:** To assist with the cost of replacing equipment and purchase of film.  
**Grant Requested:** £300  
**Decision:** Grant £100

**Group:** St. John's Senior Citizens Club, Airdrie - CG97/98-677  
**Purpose of Application:** To assist with the cost of Christmas treat.  
**Grant Requested:** £450  
**Decision:** Grant £385

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- Group:** Community Users, Petersburn School - CG97/98-678
- Purpose of Application:** To assist with the cost of renewing equipment and materials in two schools in the area.
- Grant Requested:** £250
- Decision:** Grant £50 and continue for further information
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- Group:** Salsburgh Afternoon Club - CG97/98-679
- Purpose of Application:** To assist with the cost of a Christmas meal.
- Grant Requested:** Not known
- Decision:** Grant £50
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- Group:** Caldercruix Nature and Countryside Park Area - CG97/98-680
- Purpose of Application:** To assist with running costs and to purchase office equipment.
- Grant Requested:** £400
- Decision:** Grant £200 and continue to 1998/99
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- Group:** Tollbrae Primary School Board - CG97/98-727
- Purpose of Application:** To assist with the purchase of goal nets for after school.
- Grant Requested:** £238
- Decision:** Grant £238
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- Group:** Inglefield Court Social Club - CG97/98-749
- Purpose of Application:** To assist with the cost of Christmas dinner.
- Grant Requested:** Not known
- Decision:** Grant £150
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- Group:** Caldercruix Senior Citizens Christmas Club - CG97/98-750
- Purpose of Application:** To assist with the cost of a Christmas lunch initiative for the village.
- Grant Requested:** £400
- Decision:** Grant £200 and continue to 1998/99
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**Group:** Northburn Community Park Development Committee - CG97/98-771

**Purpose of Application:** To assist with the cost of refurbishing and replacing plaque marble and removal of graffiti at the memorial.

**Grant Requested:** £400

**Decision:** Grant £400

**Group:** Calderbank Parish Church Women's Guild - CG97/98-772

**Purpose of Application:** To assist with the purchase of a new cooker.

**Grant Requested:** £1,000

**Decision:** Grant £900

**Group:** Cairnhill/Coatdyke Youth Club - CG97/98-773

**Purpose of Application:** To assist with the renewal of games and arts materials.

**Grant Requested:** £500

**Decision:** Grant £500

### AIRDRIE AREA COMMUNITY FORUMS - PUBLIC MEETING

7. With reference to paragraph 2 of the Minute of the meeting of this Area Committee held on 28 October 1997, there was submitted a report dated 28 January 1998 by the Liaison Director (1) proposing that a Public Meeting be held in the Sir John Wilson Town Hall, Airdrie on 3 March 1998 at 7 pm to obtain local views on the establishment of a Community Forum(s) within the Airdrie area, (2) outlining the proposed format for the meeting and the arrangements to publicise it, and (3) recommending that all known community and voluntary groups within the area be invited to be represented at the meeting.

**Decided:** that the proposal to hold a Public Meeting at Sir John Wilson Town Hall, Airdrie, on 3 March 1998 at 7 pm and the associated arrangements be approved.

### CAR PARKING FACILITIES IN AIRDRIE

8. With reference to paragraph 2 of the Minute of the meeting of this Area Committee held on 9 December 1997, when, inter alia, the Director of Planning and Development had been requested to prepare a report on car parking facilities in Airdrie, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated 3 February 1998 by the Director of Planning and Development (1) advising that following a survey of on and off street parking facilities in the area and taking account of the guidance set out in the structure plan on the provision of parking levels a shortfall of approximately 350 spaces had been identified, but on comparing the actual parking provision with local needs there was no justification for immediate action to increase the overall level of parking; (2) indicating that an

audit of existing car parking conditions had identified the potential for improvement of existing car parks, and (3) outlining measures taken and future proposals to secure the improvement of car parks in the area.

**Decided:**

- (1) that the results of the survey of car parking facilities in the Airdrie area be noted, and
- (2) that the measures taken and the future proposals to secure the improvement of car parks in the area, as set out in the report, be noted.