

Community Education Centre, Clark Street, Airdrie, 27 October 1998 at 7 pm.

A Meeting of the AIRDRIE AREA COMMITTEE

PRESENT

Councillor Lucas, Convener; Councillors Curley, Devine, Logue, J. McGuigan, Russell and Sullivan.

CHAIR

Councillor Lucas (Convener) presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

The Director of Environmental Services (Liaison Director), Administrative Officer, Department of Administration; Local Officer, Chief Executive's Department; District Manager (Central), Department of Housing; Head of Sport and Recreation, Client Manager and Marketing and Tourism Manager, Department of Leisure Services and Divisional Manager, Department of Planning and Development.

APOLOGIES

Councillor Morgan, Vice-Convener; Councillors Cox and Stocks.

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

AIRDRIE AREA COMMITTEE - MINUTE

1. There was submitted Minute of the meeting of the Airdrie Area Committee held on 8 September 1998.

Decided: that the terms of the Minute be noted.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES

(1) CALDERCRUIX COMMUNITY COUNCIL

2. There were submitted Minutes of meetings of Caldercruix Community Council held on 17 June and 29 August 1998.

Decided: that the terms of the Minutes be noted.

(2) CHAPELHALL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

3. There were submitted Minutes of meetings of Chapelhall Community Council held on 26 August and 30 September 1998.

Decided: that the terms of the Minutes be noted.

(3) GARTLEA COMMUNITY COUNCIL

4. There was submitted Minute of meeting of Gartlea Community Council held on 16 September 1998.

Decided: that the terms of the Minute be noted.

(4) MONKLAND GLEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

5. There were submitted Minutes of meetings of Monkland Glen Community Council held on 10 August and 7 September 1998.

Decided: that the terms of the Minutes be noted.

(5) SALSBURGH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

6. There were submitted Minutes of meetings of Salsburgh Community Council held on 13 August and 10 September 1998.

Decided: that the terms of the Minutes be noted.

LEISURE PLAN

7. With reference to paragraph 19 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 8 September 1998 when the draft Leisure Plan was noted, the Head of Sport and Recreation and Marketing and Tourism Manager of the Department of Leisure Services gave a presentation to the Committee on the Leisure Plan (1) indicating the importance of the service being customer designed and led; (2) highlighting that particularly with competing resources the service provided must be relevant and prioritised, and (3) reminding the Committee of the public consultation exercise to be undertaken on the Plan.

Decided:

- (1) that the presentation by the Department of Leisure Services be noted, and
- (2) that the Director of Leisure Services submit a report to the meeting of this Committee to be held on 2 February 1999 on the outcome of the consultation exercise for the Airdrie area.

DECENTRALISATION: REVIEW OF PROGRESS

8. With reference to paragraph 15 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee when it was agreed that the arrangements for reviewing the decentralisation scheme be noted and that the Liaison Director make arrangements to obtain comments from community groups in the Airdrie Area with a view to formulating a response to the Policy and Resources (Community Development) Sub-Committee, there was re-submitted a report dated 1 September 1998 by the Chief Executive regarding the first annual review of the decentralisation scheme (1) advising of the framework for consideration when reviewing the scheme; (2) indicating that a report would be placed before the Policy and Resources (Community Development) Sub-Committee at its meeting in November highlighting the views of the Area Committees on the scheme; (3) setting out the particular questions to be put to Area Committees for consideration, and (4) indicating that a bid would be made for dedicated resources for decentralisation in the coming year.

Decided: that consideration be continued to the next meeting of this Committee and the Policy and Resources (Community Development) Sub-Committee be advised that a response would be delayed pending information on the future financial position for decentralisation.

COMMUNITY FORUM - UPDATE

9. With reference to paragraph 9 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 8 September 1998 when it was agreed, *inter alia*, that following the community and voluntary organisations and the wider community being advised of the amended Community Forum structure, a public meeting be held to endorse the amended structure and seek nominations to the Community Forum, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated 23 October 1998 by the Chief Executive on the outcome of the public meeting (1) advising of the background to the Community Forum; (2) setting out the revised Community Forum structure, and (3) detailing in Appendix 2 to the report appointments made to the Community Forum.

Decided: that the election of representatives to Airdrie and Villages Community Forum as detailed in Appendix 2 to the report be noted.

AIRDRIE TOWN CENTRE - ISSUES WITH SAFEWAY PLC

10. With reference to paragraph 11 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 8 September 1998 when it was agreed (1) that a meeting be held with Safeway to discuss the current situation with regard to the vacant premises at Graham Street, Airdrie and the concerns of this Committee regarding the provision of the pedestrian facilities at Gartlea, Airdrie; (2) that a meeting be held with the TSB to discuss the lease arrangements over the former Safeway premises at Graham Street, Airdrie, and (3) that the Planning and Development Committee be advised of the concerns of this Committee and the outcome of the meetings held with the TSB and Safeway with a recommendation that, if necessary, enforcement action be taken against Safeway regarding the provision of pedestrian facilities at Gartlea, Airdrie, there was submitted a joint report dated 27 October 1998 by the Directors of Planning and Development and Environmental Services regarding the outcome of the negotiations between the Council and representatives of Safeway (1) reminding the Committee of the decision of the Planning and Development Committee at its meeting held on 8 April 1998 (a) that the matter be pursued direct with Railtrack on the basis of Safeway being liable for costs as detailed within the Minute of Agreement; (b) that should this be unsuccessful the Council promote a Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO), and (c) that Court proceedings be initiated against Safeway if an executed Performance Bond was not delivered by them within twenty eight days of a formal request, and (2) advising that a meeting had taken place with representatives of Safeway when it was agreed (a) that Safeway had liability in terms of the Minute of Agreement to meet the first £150,000 of the cost of the provision of a footbridge and footway and the proposed CPO, and (b) that due to difficulties outwith their control Safeway were unable to initiate the construction of any footbridge.

The Divisional Manager advised the Committee that with regard to the vacant premises at Graham Street, Airdrie, Safeway and the TSB were attempting to come to an agreement whereby Safeway and the Council had a direct relationship over the vacant premises rather than going through the TSB but that before any arrangements were concluded, the Council had requested as a condition that they be informed of the name of any new occupier.

Decided:

- (1) that the outcome of the meeting with Safeway regarding the footbridge at Gartlea, Airdrie be noted;

- (2) that the Director of Planning and Development submit a report to the Planning and Development Committee proposing that, in consultation with the Head of Legal Services, he pursue negotiations with Railtrack and Safeway with a view to the Council undertaking the necessary works in terms of the conditions agreed by that Committee on 8 April 1998;
- (3) that a report be submitted to the next meeting of this Committee by the Director of Planning and Development on the progress made, and
- (4) that the Directors of Planning and Development and Administration, be congratulated on the efforts made in resolving the issue of the vacant premises at Graham Street, Airdrie.

BROWNSBURN DEVELOPMENT

11. With reference to paragraph 14 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 8 September 1998 when it was agreed (1) that clarification be sought on the implications of the decision of the Leisure Services Committee on 23 June 1998 regarding the marketing of the Brownsburn development; (2) that the Petition from residents in the Brownsburn area objecting to the area being sold off at present, be forwarded to the appropriate Directors for submission to the relevant Committees, and (3) that a recommendation be made to the Planning and Development Committee that the marketing of the Brownsburn Site on the open market be held in abeyance meantime to allow consideration of the Petition from residents in the Brownsburn district, the Divisional Manager advised the Committee that prior to entering a marketing exercise for the development it was the intention to consult fully with the community on the type of facility which was required. Also the Convener accepted a further Petition from residents in the Brownsburn area objecting to the area being sold off at the present time.

Decided:

- (1) that the further Petition be forwarded to the Director of Planning and Development for submission to the next meeting of the Planning and Development Committee, and
- (2) that the intention to consult with the community prior to the marketing of the site be noted.

INTERIM COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME - CONSIDER APPLICATIONS

12. With reference to paragraph 18 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 8 September 1998 and paragraph 8 of the Minute of meeting of Coatbridge Area Committee held on 15 September, 1998, there was submitted a report dated 21 October 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:	Monklands Youth Rugby Club - CG98/99-269
Purpose of Application:	To assist with the cost of catering for rugby tournament.
Grant Requested:	£300
Decision:	Grant £100

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Group: **St. Andrews Senior Citizens Bowling Club - CG98/99-45**

Purpose of Application: To assist with the cost of bowling carpet.

Grant Requested: £629.99

Decision: Grant £300

Group: **4th Coatbridge Girls Brigade - CG98/99-50**

Purpose of Application: To assist with the cost of accommodation and travel to Carronvale House for activity weekend.

Grant Requested: £600 (Cheque previously issued for £330)

Decision: Nil Grant

Group: **Airdrie High Church Senior Members - CG98/99-94**

Purpose of Application: To assist with the cost of a summer outing.

Grant Requested: Any Award

Decision: Grant £200

Group: **Monklands Cricket Club - CG98/99-91**

Purpose of Application: To assist with the cost of new equipment, participate in league, expenses and ground hire.

Grant Requested: £650 (Cheque previously issued for £220)

Decision: Nil Grant

Group: **Lorne Gardens Social Club - CG98/99-191**

Purpose of Application: To assist with the cost of summer outings.

Grant Requested: £600

Decision: that the withdrawal of the application be noted.

Group: **Airdrie Services Club - CG98/99-198**

Purpose of Application: To assist with the cost of senior members annual dinner dance.

Grant Requested: £1,400

Decision: Grant £330

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NEW APPLICATIONS

Group: Holy Trinity and All Saints Coatdyke SVDP - CG98/99-293

Purpose of Application: To assist with the cost of Christmas Treat.

Grant Requested: £600

Decision: Grant £300

Group: Greengairs Senior Citizens - CG98/99-307

Purpose of Application: To assist with the cost of Christmas treat.

Grant Requested: £400

Decision: Grant £300

Group: Whinhall Monday Club - CG98/99-308

Purpose of Application: To assist with the cost of Christmas dinner and Summer outing.

Grant Requested: £60

Decision: Grant £60

Group: St. Serfs Caring Group - CG98/99-309

Purpose of Application: To assist with the cost of outings and Christmas treats/dinners for young people and elderly.

Grant Requested: £800

Decision: Grant £600

Group: Springfield Over 60s Club - CG98/99-310

Purpose of Application: To assist with the cost of Christmas treat.

Grant Requested: £500

Decision: Grant £250

Group: 4th Airdrie Coy The Boys Brigade - CG98/99-311

Purpose of Application: To assist with the cost of equipment, tuition/courses ie swimming development, life saving, archery, gymnastics and fencing.

Grant Requested: £500

Decision: Grant £200

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Group:	Craigneuk and Old Petersburn Tenants and Residents Association - CG98/99-312
Purpose of Application:	To assist with start up costs, equipment, hall hire and junior disco.
Grant Requested:	£500
Decision:	Grant £500
Group:	Rawyards Nursing Home Residents - CG98/99-313
Purpose of Application:	To assist with the cost of outings.
Grant Requested:	£300
Decision:	Nil Grant
Group:	Dunrobin Gardens Social Club - CG98/99-314
Purpose of Application:	To assist with the cost of Christmas dinner and entertainment.
Grant Requested:	£120
Decision:	Grant £120
Group:	Lilybank Senior Citizens Indoor Bowling Club - CG98/99- 315
Purpose of Application:	To assist with the cost of equipment.
Grant Requested:	£200
Decision:	Grant £150
Group:	Petersburn After School Care - CG98/99-316
Purpose of Application:	To assist with the cost of games console and games.
Grant Requested:	£500
Decision:	Remit to the Department of Education for consideration
Group:	St. Serfs Pre 5 Nursery Parents Group - CG98/99-317
Purpose of Application:	To assist with the cost of fun day.
Grant Requested:	Any award
Decision:	Grant £250

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Group: **Airdrie Helping Hands - CG98/99-318**

Purpose of Application: To assist with running costs.

Grant Requested: £600

Decision: Grant £480

Group: **Plains Leisure Cycling Club - CG98/99-319**

Purpose of Application: To assist with the cost of equipment eg safety helmets, first aid kit, repairs outfits and replacement tyre tubes.

Grant Requested: £100

Decision: Grant £100

Group: **Rochsolloch Primary School Board - CG98/99-320**

Purpose of Application: To assist with the purchase of sports equipment.

Grant Requested: £300

Decision: Grant £300

Group: **Rugratz Pre 5s - CG98/99-362**

Purpose of Application: To assist with the cost of panto at Christmas.

Grant Requested: £400

Decision: Grant £150

Group: **Glenmavis Old Peoples Welfare Committee - CG98/99-363**

Purpose of Application: To assist with the cost of Christmas treat.

Grant Requested: £400

Decision: Grant £300

Group: **Calderbank Sequence Dance Club - CG98/99-364**

Purpose of Application: To assist with the cost of Christmas dinner dance.

Grant Requested: £200

Decision: Grant £150

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Group:	Calderbank Amateur Football Club - CG98/99-365
Purpose of Application:	To assist with the purchase of training suits, balls, corner flags and reserve suits.
Grant Requested:	£536
Decision:	Grant £400
Group:	Calderbank Church Guild - CG98/99-366
Purpose of Application:	To assist with the cost of Christmas party.
Grant Requested:	£300
Decision:	Grant £300
Group:	Fir View Senior Citizens - CG98/99-367
Purpose of Application:	To assist with Christmas activities and transport.
Grant Requested:	£400
Decision:	Grant £400
Group:	Gartlea Over 60s Bowling Club - CG98/99-368
Purpose of Application:	To assist with the cost of Christmas dinner and dance.
Grant Requested:	£350
Decision:	Grant £350
Group:	Salsburgh Afternoon Club - CG98/99-369
Purpose of Application:	To assist with the cost of Christmas dinner.
Grant Requested:	Any award
Decision:	Grant £80
Group:	Longriggend Community Council - CG98/99-370
Purpose of Application:	To assist with the cost of village Christmas party and temporary hall refurbishment.
Grant Requested:	£200
Decision:	Grant £200

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Group: Lilybank Wednesday Afternoon Sequence Dance Club - CG98/99-371

Purpose of Application: To assist with the cost of Christmas meal.

Grant Requested: £300

Decision: Grant £100

Group: New Wellwynd Church Senior Circle - CG98/99-372

Purpose of Application: To assist with the cost of Christmas treat.

Grant Requested: £250

Decision: Grant £250

WELLWYND HALL, AIRDRIE

13. There was submitted a letter dated 21 October 1998 by Councillor Logue expressing concern at the condition of Wellwynd Hall, Airdrie and requesting information on proposals for the development of the site. The Head of Sport and Recreation advised the Committee that the matter had been placed before the Leisure Services Committee at the meeting held on 10 June 1998 when it was agreed that the Department of Leisure Services explore the proposal to convert the Wellwynd Church into a Museum to be linked with the adjacent Weavers Cottage Museum or a Youth Arts Centre.

Decided: that this Committee recommend to the Leisure Services Committee

- (1) that all avenues to develop Wellwynd Hall, Airdrie, including disposing of the building on the open market, be explored to prevent any further deterioration to the building, and
- (2) that consideration be given to the organ in the building being moved to another location.