

AGENDA ITEM No. ...1. (8)...
CUMBERNAULD AREA – 5 February 1999

Cumbernauld, 5 February 1999 at 2 pm.

A Meeting of the **CUMBERNAULD AREA COMMITTEE**

PRESENT

Councillor Chadha, Convener; Councillor Macleod, Vice-Convener; Councillors Beekman, Carmichael, Grant, McCulloch, McElroy, McGlashan, McKenna, G. Murray, M. Murray and S.V. Murray.

CHAIR

Councillor Chadha (Convener) presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

The Committee Services Officer; Local Officer, Chief Executive's Department; Cleansing Manager, Department of Environmental Services; Head of Housing Strategy and Resources and Cumbernauld Area Housing Manager; Department of Housing and Area Manager, Department of Social Work.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Marion Paterson, Cumbernauld Area Community Forum and Superintendent Buchan and Sergeant Bird, Strathclyde Police.

MINUTE OF MEETING OF CUMBERNAULD AREA COMMITTEE HELD ON 15 DECEMBER 1998

1. There was submitted the Minute of the meeting of the Cumbernauld Area Committee held on 15 December 1998.

Decided: that the Minute be noted.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES

2. Under reference to paragraph 3 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 15 December 1998, there were submitted Minutes of meetings of the following Community Councils, viz:-

- (a) Balloch/Eastfield Community Council - 6 January 1999
- (b) Blackwood/Craiglinn Community Council - 6 November 1998
- (c) Kildrum Community Council - 25 November 1998
- (d) Village and Castlecary Community Council - 10 December 1998
- (e) Westfield Community Council - 11 November and 9 December 1998

Decided: that the Minutes be noted.

The Convener exercised his discretion to vary the order of business as hereinafter Minuted.

NEW HOUSING PARTNERSHIPS

3. There was submitted a report (docketed) by the Cumbernauld Housing Partnership Working Group (1) explaining that the Working Group had been established to develop a strategy for the future of the former Cumbernauld Development Corporation houses which had been acquired by Scottish Homes as a landlord of "last resort"; (2) containing the finalised strategy which provided a clear statement about what it proposed happen to Scottish Homes houses in Cumbernauld; (3) advising that the strategy also defined the local aims and objectives and would be used as a framework for the future transfer of these properties; (4) pointing out that the strategy covered all of the Scottish Homes houses managed from its Cumbernauld Area Office, and (5) setting out the Working Group's conclusions and the key issues emerging from the strategy which required to be addressed.

Decided: that the report be noted.

WHEELED BINS - RESULT OF PUBLIC CONSULTATION

4. Under reference to paragraph 15 of the Minute of the meeting of the Environmental Services Committee held on 19 January 1999, there was submitted a report dated 6 January 1999 by the Director of Environmental Services (1) outlining the findings of the survey which had been undertaken following the introduction of the wheeled bin refuse collection system; (2) advising that of the 7,750 questionnaires issued only 22% were returned, and (3) containing his observations on the analysis of these responses.

Councillor Beekman, seconded by Councillor Macleod moved (a) that the terms of the report be noted, and (b) that proposals that the Director of Environmental Services be instructed to (A) keep the current system under review and take any action considered appropriate to improve the system, and (B) investigate alternative methods of collection where the wheeled bin facility is impractical, be otherwise referred to the Environmental Services Committee for further consideration.

Councillor G. Murray, seconded by Councillor McGlashan, moved as an amendment, that while wheeled bins are suitable for certain areas, they are not appropriate for all areas of Cumbernauld and that a further more detailed survey be carried out into the level of satisfaction with the wheeled bin collection system.

On a vote being taken, four Members voted for the amendment and six Members voted for the motion. The motion was accordingly declared carried.

Decided:

- (1) that the terms of the report be noted, and
- (2) that proposals that the Director of Environmental Services be instructed to (a) keep the current system under review and take any action considered appropriate to improve the system, and (b) investigate alternative methods of collection where the wheeled bin facility is impractical, be otherwise referred to the Environmental Services Committee for further consideration.

SERVICE PLANS

5. Under reference to paragraph 25 of the Minute of the meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee held on 2 February 1999, there was submitted a report dated 19 January 1999 by the Chief Executive (1) advising of the completion by Council departments of service plans for 1999-2000; (2) outlining the role of the service plans in the Council's corporate planning process, and (3) enclosing a summary of each of the departmental service plans.

Decided: that the report be noted.

REMIT FROM POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE HELD ON 8 DECEMBER 1998 - COMMUNITY SAFETY

6. Under reference to paragraph 21 of the Minute of the meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee held on 8 December 1998, there was submitted a report dated 27 November 1998 by the Chief Executive (1) advising of the development of the Community Safety Strategy for North Lanarkshire highlighting the commitment to tackle the priority issues of home safety, transport safety, domestic violence, opportunities for young people, and drug and alcohol abuse; (2) highlighting the importance of the role of the Area Committees and the continuing partnership approach to heighten the profile of Community Safety Issues, and (3) recommending (a) that Area Committees be requested to consider the Community Safety Strategy issues and seek the views of the Community Forum, and (b) that Strathclyde Police and Strathclyde Fire Brigade be invited to attend Area Committees as appropriate.

Decided:

- (1) that Strathclyde Police and Strathclyde Fire Brigade be requested to give a presentation on Community Safety at the next two meetings of the Area Committee respectively, and
- (2) that the report be otherwise noted.

ESTABLISHMENT OF CUMBERNAULD DISABILITIES ISSUES FORUM

7. Under reference to paragraph 6 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 15 December 1998, there was submitted a report dated 28 January 1999 by the Director of Administration (1) informing Members of the current position with regard to the establishment of the Cumbernauld Disabilities Issues Forum; (2) advising that the Steering Group had met on 14 January 1999 and agreed that the inaugural meeting of the Forum be held on 11 February 1999, and (3) indicating that the main topics of discussion would be the proposed redevelopment of Cumbernauld Town Centre, Employment Opportunities for Disabled People and Transport Issues. The Committee Services Officer then advised orally that the meeting of the Forum on 11 February 1999 was to be held in Muirfield Community Centre, commencing at 7.30 pm.

Decided: that the establishment of the Cumbernauld Disabilities Issues Forum be noted.

NEW SOCIAL EDUCATION CENTRE

8. There was submitted a report (tabled) dated 5 February 1999 by the Director of Social Work (1) advising the Area Committee on progress, to date, with regard to the relocation of three existing units to the Social Education Centre at Wardpark, Cumbernauld; (2) outlining the preparation programme which had provided a smooth transition for users and staff, and (3) summarising the future development plans.

Decided: that the report be noted.

CUMBERNAULD AND KILSYTH UNEMPLOYED WORKERS' CENTRE - ADDITIONAL FUNDING REQUEST 1998/99

9. Under reference to paragraph 27 of the Minute of the meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee held on 8 December 1998, there was submitted a report dated 27 November 1998 by the Chief Executive advising of a request for additional revenue funding for financial year 1998/99 which had been submitted by Cumbernauld and Kilsyth Unemployed Workers Centre to meet the costs of the anticipated shortfall in the financial year with the projected deficit of £1,030 at the end of December 1998 and accumulative deficit of £10,330 by the end of March 1999.

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Councillor McElroy then orally advised that, as an emergency measure, the Muirfield Community Education Centre in Brown Road, Cumbernauld, is currently providing a call centre facility on a temporary basis and that the Cumbernauld and Kilsyth Unemployed Workers Centre would be permanently relocated in the Link Centre, Cumbernauld.

Decided: that the report be noted.

CUMBERNAULD AND KILSYTH CITIZENS' ADVICE BUREAU - FUNDING REQUEST

10. Under reference to paragraph 28 of the Minute of the meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee held on 8 December 1998, there was submitted a report dated 27 November 1998 by the Chief Executive advising of the request which had been submitted by Cumbernauld and Kilsyth Citizens Advice Bureau for additional revenue funding for the current financial year and in particular advising of an anticipated projected shortfall of some £5,000 in the current financial year.

Decided: that the report be noted.

CUMBERNAULD COMMUNITY FORUM - MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 19 JANUARY 1999

11. There was submitted the Minute of the meeting of the Cumbernauld Community Forum held on 19 January 1999.

Decided: that the terms of the Minute be noted.

COMMUNITY FORUM - UPDATE

12. The Committee was advised of the current position with regard to the Cumbernauld Community Forum by the Secretary, Marion Paterson who indicated (1) that progress was being made with regard to the formulation of the Forum's draft constitution; (2) that the next meeting of the Forum was to be held on 2 March 1999; (3) that proposals on the redevelopment of the town centre had been intimated to the Forum as part of a presentation by Officials from the Department of Planning and Development during which it had become apparent that one of the main priority issues was community safety, and (4) that the Forum was in the process of organising an initiative on road safety.

Decided: that the report be noted.

IDENTIFICATION OF PROPOSED FAIRGROUND SITES WITHIN CUMBERNAULD AREA - UPDATE

13. With reference to paragraph 4 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 15 December 1998, the Convener advised that the report by the Liaison Director on appropriate locations for fairground sites within the Cumbernauld area would be presented to a future meeting of the Committee.

Decided: that consideration be further continued pending the report by the Liaison Director previously called for.

MILLENNIUM - UPDATE

14. Under reference to paragraph 7 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 5 May 1998 Councillor V. Murray advised the Committee of three recent meetings with interested groups which he had held in relation to Millennium celebrations and summarised the various draft proposals and the progress, to date.

Decided: that the report be noted.

Councillor McCulloch, having declared a non-pecuniary interest in the Interim Community Grant application CUM/CG/99/675, referred to in the following item of business, took no part in the consideration or determination of the application.

COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME

15. Under reference to paragraph 7 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 15 December 1998, there was submitted a report dated 29 January 1999 by the Chief Executive, together with an Appendix (tabled) 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 as:-

Continued Applications

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| Group: | Hilltop Group - CUM/CG/99/272 |
| Purpose of Application: | To assist with the purchase of new equipment. |
| Grant Requested: | £1,500 (award from pervious meeting £100) |
| Decision: | That a further grant of £750 be awarded from Top Sliced element of the Community Grants Scheme. |
| Group: | Langhill and Redhill Neighbourhood Watch - CUM/CG/99/425 |
| Purpose of Application: | To assist with the erection of signage and security lights. |
| Grant Requested: | £500 |
| Decision: | That a grant of £500 be awarded. |

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Group: Cumbernauld Gaelic Playgroup (Rainbow Playgroup/Croileagan Bogha Frois) - CUM/CG/99/456

Purpose of Application: To assist with start-up costs including publicity materials, arts and craft materials, equipment and staff fees.

Grant Requested: £1,500

Decision: That a grant of £800 be awarded from the Top Sliced element of the Community Grant Scheme, and that the application be otherwise continued pending the consideration by individual Councillors of making a top up grant.

NEW APPLICATIONS

Group: Stonylee Road Residents' Association - CUM/CG/99/634

Purpose of Application: To assist with start-up costs.

Grant Requested: £500

Decision: That a grant of £400 be awarded.

Group: Sacred Heart Church Social Group - CUM/CG/99/635

Purpose of Application: To assist with costs of lunch and social event for Group members.

Grant Requested: £400

Decision: That a grant of £315 be awarded.

Group: Castlecary Community Residents' Association - CUM/CG/99/636

Purpose of Application: To assist with cost of landscaping memorial garden.

Grant Requested: £300

Decision: That a grant of £300 be awarded.

Group: Carbrain United Boys' Club - CUM/CG/99/637

Purpose of Application: To assist with costs of attending and participating in Easter Tournament.

Grant Requested: £1,500

Decision: That a grant of £1,200 be awarded.

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Group:	Condorrat Complex Social Club - CUM/CG/99/638
Purpose of Application:	To assist with general running costs.
Grant Requested:	£500
Decision:	That a grant of £300 be awarded.
Group:	Condorrat Complex Indoor Bowling Club - CUM/CG/99/648
Purpose of Application:	To assist with purchase of equipment.
Grant Requested:	£300
Decision:	That a grant of £200 be awarded.
Group:	Condorrat Lunch Club - CUM/CG/99/649
Purpose of Application:	To assist with the cost of hosting Easter and Christmas social events.
Grant Requested:	£300
Decision:	That a grant of £200 be awarded.
Group:	Condorrat Amateur Boxing Club - CUM/CG/99/673
Purpose of Application:	To assist with the purchase of boxing equipment.
Grant Requested:	£1,500
Decision:	That a grant of £800 be awarded from the Top Sliced element of the Community Grants Scheme.
Group:	Lomond Senior Citizens' Club - CUM/CG/99/674
Purpose of Application:	To assist with activities programme costs for Autumn and Christmas 1999.
Grant Requested:	£500
Decision:	That a grant of £250 be awarded.
Group:	Watch Us Grow - CUM/CG/99/675
Purpose of Application:	To assist with cost of establishment of "horticultural experience" for people with special needs and mental health problems.
Grant Requested:	£1,500
Decision:	That a grant of £800 be awarded from the Top Sliced element of the Community Grants Scheme.

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Group: Cumbernauld 13th Scout Group - CUM/CG/99/710

Purpose of Application: To assist with cost of purchase of equipment for camping trips.

Grant Requested: £200

Decision: That a grant of £200 be awarded.