

NORTH CLYDEBANK AREA COMMITTEE

At a meeting of the North Clydebank Area Committee held in the Assembly Hall, Edinbarnet Primary School, Faifley Road, Clydebank on 3 April 2003 at 7.00 p.m.

Present: Councillors Mary Collins and Ian McDonald; Robert Davidson, Rena Orr, Ann McGowan and Sheila Cope.

Attending: Dan Henderson, Director of Economic, Planning and Environmental Services and Craig Stewart, Administrative Assistant.

Apologies: Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Mary Theresa Doherty and Gillian Jump.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the Meeting of the North Clydebank Area Committee held on 6 February 2003 were submitted and approved as a correct record.

OPEN FORUM – WRITTEN QUESTIONS

Parking and Obstruction in Area around East Thomson Street, Clydebank

The Committee considered a letter which had been received from Mr Colin Bryson, 37 Kirkoswald Drive, Clydebank concerning the issue of parking and obstruction in the area around East Thomson Street, Clydebank.

Having heard the Director of Economic, Planning and Environmental Services and after discussion, it was agreed that a reply be sent to Mr Bryson on the basis of a draft response that had been prepared by the Director of Commercial and Technical Services on this matter.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE

The Minutes of Meeting of the Community Development Co-ordinating Committee held on 17 February 2003 were submitted, for information, and noted.

ORGANISATION OF AREA COMMITTEE MEETINGS

With reference to the Minutes of Meeting of the Community Development Co-ordinating Committee held on 17 February 2003, the Committee agreed:-

- (a) to note a recommendation from the Vale of Leven Area Committee that, in light of the volume of business, the Vale of Leven Area Committee be permitted to meet once a month; and
- (b) to note that there is provision in the Council's Standing Orders to allow the Convener to adjourn the meeting and to call a Special Meeting, the time, date and venue to be determined by the Convener.

It was also agreed that there be no change in the frequency of the Meetings of the North Clydebank Area Committee as it was considered the present arrangements were operating satisfactorily.

DRAFT PROTOCOL FOR COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE/ELECTED MEMBER/OFFICER RELATIONS

A report was submitted by the Chief Executive presenting a draft protocol for community representative/elected Member/officer relations.

It was noted:-

- (a) that the protocol was intended to help clarify the role and responsibilities of community representatives; and
- (b) that the protocol applied specifically to those community representatives with voting rights and community representatives when acting as substitutes.

The Committee agreed:-

- (1) the terms of the protocol, on the basis outlined in the Appendix to the report; and
- (2) that a copy of the protocol be sent to Community Representatives for their information.

ROMAN FORT, GOLDENHILL PARK

With reference to the Minutes of the Meeting of the Area Committee held on 6 February 2003, the Committee was provided with an update on the current position of the project by the Director of Economic, Planning and Environmental Services.

In this connection, it was noted:-

- (a) that following a decision taken by the Assembly Meeting of Council held on 12 February 2003, it was agreed that Commercial and Technical Services (C&TS) would be the Lead Department in progressing the agreed actions to improve signage and information on the Antonine Wall within Goldenhill Park;
- (b) that a meeting had taken place on 19 March 2003 in which all interested parties had been invited and, accordingly, representatives from C&TS, Economic, Planning and Environmental Services (E,P&ES), Historic Scotland and Clydebank History Society (CHS) were in attendance;
- (c) that a new directional sign relating to the site and its subject would be erected and C&TS would be consulted for advice and asked to provide estimated costs in this regard;
- (d) that a new interpretative board would be purchased and erected at the site with the relevant information being provided by the appropriate bodies;
- (e) that a reviewed grass cutting regime would be implemented within the park that would delineate the line of the Antonine Wall. Information on the exact line of the wall would be confirmed by CHS and Historic Scotland on receipt of a suitable map which would be provided by the Development Officer in E,P&ES;
- (f) that Greenspace is to be asked to assist in the development of the project; and
- (g) that a follow up meeting would be arranged once CHS and Historic Scotland had been given the opportunity to provide feedback in respect of this matter.

The Committee took the opportunity to thank the officers involved for expediting this matter.

ROCKBANK PLACE, HARDGATE, CLYDEBANK

With reference to the Minutes of the Meeting of the Area Committee held on 6 February 2003, the Director of Economic, Planning and Environmental Services provided the Committee with an update on the current position. In addition, the Director provided the Committee with a historical perspective on this matter.

After discussion, it was agreed:-

- (a) to note that the Director of Economic, Planning and Environmental Services had written to all of the shopkeepers at Rockbank Place, on behalf of the Committee, advising of the Committee's strong concerns in relation to the condition of the parking and access/egress areas at the rear of Rockbank Place;

- (b) to note that only two replies had been received, to date, from the shopkeepers referred to at (a) above, and it appeared that there was some reluctance in terms of contributing monies to allow for the upgrading of the car park area in question; and
- (c) to note that the Director of Economic, Planning and Environmental Services had written twice to Mrs Anne White in order to clarify certain matters with her but no reply had yet been received.

APPLICATION FOR LOCAL GRANT

Details of an application for local grant were submitted for consideration. The Clerk advised that the issue of the allocation of funding to the Area Committees from the local grants budget for the 2003/2004 financial year had not yet been resolved and that a report on this matter, which had been considered by Council, had been referred to the Finance Working Group for further consideration.

After discussion, the Area Committee agreed to approve the undernoted application:-

<u>Ref. No.</u>	<u>Name of Organisation</u>	<u>Grant Approved</u>
02/04	2nd Duntocher Boy's Brigade Company	£1,000

OPEN FORUM – VERBAL QUESTIONS/ISSUES

(a) Faifley Bowling Club, Clydebank

Mr Davidson enquired whether there had been any update on estimated costs for the provision of off street parking near to Faifley Bowling Club at Abbeylands Road, Faifley. Having heard the Director of Economic, Planning and Environmental Services, it was noted that no further information had been received but he would arrange to contact the Director of Commercial and Technical Services in order to ascertain the current position in relation thereto.

(b) Knowes Housing Association – Feu Superiors

Mr Davidson raised the issue of charges being levied by the above Housing Association in terms of the new Housing Act. In this connection, the Committee heard details of the situation experienced by a householder in Mealkirk Street, Faifley and Mr Davidson also elaborated on the terms of a booklet entitled "Guide to Home Owners" that had been issued by Knowes Housing Association together with supplementary information in this respect.

After discussion, it was agreed:-

- (a) to recommend to the Community Development Co-ordinating Committee that the issue of feu superiority in terms of charges being levied by different housing associations, across the authority, be referred to all Area Committees, for discussion, in order that a comprehensive picture could be obtained on this matter; and
- (b) to note that the Chair, Councillor Collins, would contact the Law Centre with regard to obtaining advice on the legal position of the householder residing in Mealkirk Street, Faifley.

VALEDICTORY

Councillor Collins advised the Committee that she would not be standing for election in the forthcoming Local Government Elections and she took the opportunity to thank all the Members and officers of the Committee for their assistance and co-operation during her time as Chair.

The Committee passed on its thanks to Councillor Collins for her dedication and commitment to the Area Committee since its inception and wished her well in the future.

The Meeting closed at 8.25 p.m.