

NORTH CLYDEBANK AREA COMMITTEE

At a meeting of the North Clydebank Area Committee held in Edinbarnet Primary School, Faifley Road, Clydebank on Thursday, 3 October 2002 at 7.00 p.m.

Present: Councillors Mary Collins and Ian McDonald; Ann Greenwood, Jeanette Jennings, Ann McGowan, Rena Orr and Mary Theresa Doherty.

Attending: Dan Henderson, Director of Economic, Planning and Environmental Services; Bob Fleming, Section Head (Traffic), Commercial and Technical Services; Gillian Jump, Section Head (Finance/Treasury); Anne Clegg, Research Officer, Corporate Policy; and Craig Stewart, Administrative Assistant.

Apologies: Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Provost Alistair Macdonald, Councillor John Syme, Robert Davidson and Sheila Cope.

Councillor Mary Collins in the Chair

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of Meeting of the Area Committee held on 1 August 2002 were submitted and approved as a correct record.

OPEN FORUM – WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The Area Committee agreed to note that no written questions had been submitted for consideration at the meeting.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE

The Minutes of Meeting of the Community Development Co-ordinating Committee held on 8 August 2002 were submitted, for information, and noted.

COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES ON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE

The Committee noted that at the meeting of the Vale of Leven Area Committee held on 6 August 2002, it had been agreed to recommend to the Community Development Co-ordinating Committee that there should be Community Representatives on that Committee and that the views of the other Area Committees should be sought on this matter.

Having heard the Chair, Councillor Collins, the Area Committee agreed to endorse the recommendation that Community Representatives should serve on the Community Development Co-ordinating Committee.

PROCEDURES FOR MOTIONS, FORMAL QUESTIONS AND OPEN FORUMS

With reference to the Minutes of Meeting of the Area Committee held on 1 August 2002, a report was submitted by the Director of Corporate Services advising of the Council's decision on 28 August 2002 on options for raising motions and questions and the holding of open forums at the Area Committees.

Having heard the Director of Economic, Planning and Environmental Services and the Clerk, the Area Committee agreed that the arrangements for motions, formal questions and open forums, as outlined in the report, be noted.

DISAGGREGATION OF LOCAL GRANTS BUDGET

With reference to the Minutes of Meeting of the Area Committee held on 1 August 2002, the Committee noted that after consideration of a recommendation from the Finance Working Group, at the meeting of Council which was held on 28 August 2002 it had been agreed that:-

- (a) until such time as the recommendations of all the Area Committees on local grants have been submitted and considered, the sum of £12,500 be delegated to each Area Committee from the £50,000 allocated to them by the Council from the Reallocation of the Scottish Budget Resources to allow them to award local grants up to a maximum of £1,000; and
- (b) in order to expedite this, powers be delegated to the Community Development Co-ordinating Committee to approve a system to provide a co-ordinated approach as to how grants were to be administered, checked etc.

ADMINISTRATION OF GRANTS BY AREA COMMITTEES

A report was submitted by the Director of Corporate Services advising of the regulations and proposed administrative procedures relating to the awarding of grants to voluntary organisations. In this connection, copies of the standard Application Form and Guidance Notes were circulated to Members at the meeting.

After discussion and having heard the Chair, Councillor Collins, and the Research Officer, Corporate Policy in answer to Members' questions, the Area Committee agreed to approve the terms of the report.

REALLOCATION OF SCOTTISH BUDGET RESOURCES – ENVIRONMENTAL GRANTS

A report was submitted by the Chief Executive providing information about the money which had been allocated to Area Committees following the reallocation of Scottish Budget Resources. In this context, the report considered the criteria required for the identification of environmental expenditure at Area Committee level and suggested options for arranging distribution.

Following discussion and having heard the Chair, Councillor Collins, the Research Officer, Corporate Policy and the Director of Economic, Planning and Environmental Services, the Area Committee agreed:-

- (a) to note that current discussions related only to the availability of funds in the financial year 2002/03;
- (b) that the question of new projects, as opposed to enhancements to existing work, would be assessed on the grounds of the strength of bid submitted with account being taken of the restricted timescale of March 2003 for the works to be completed;
- (c) to endorse the broad criteria, as outlined in the report, subject to Members being able to take account of local needs and their knowledge of their respective areas;
- (d) to note that with regard to (c) above, the Director of Economic, Planning and Environmental Services would prepare a list of environmental projects that were ongoing at the current time and this list would be sent out to all Members of the Area Committee prior to the next scheduled meeting of the Committee;
- (e) to note that consideration with regard to identifying specific environmental projects be continued to a Special Meeting of the Area Committee which would be held on Thursday, 31 October 2002 at 7.00 p.m. in Edinbarnet Primary School, Faifley Road, Clydebank; and
- (f) to note that with respect to the issue of ongoing consultation, Members would require to consult within their own area as much as possible within the very limited timescale available for completion of the works.

A letter from Councillor Ian McDonald, on behalf of some of his constituents, requesting funding to enable an area of land at Jamestown Court, Clydebank to be upgraded to a suitable standard was then considered by the Area Committee.

Having heard the Chair, Councillor Collins, and following discussion, the Area Committee noted that Councillor McDonald would be arranging to submit the request in a different format, in order to enable consideration to take place at the Special Meeting of the Committee referred to at (e) above.

AREA COMMITTEES AND PLANNING APPLICATIONS

A report was submitted by the Director of Economic, Planning and Environmental Services on the main ways in which Area Committees might best become involved in Planning Applications.

Having heard the Director of Economic, Planning and Environmental Services and following discussion, the Area Committee agreed:-

- (a) to note that there was considerable scope for Area Committees to be made aware of planning applications and the circulation of the weekly list of Planning Applications would enable Members to be made aware of all Applications received by the Council;
- (b) to note that with regard to (a) above, Community Representatives could opt to receive the weekly list by e-mail or by post, as appropriate;
- (c) that in order to facilitate the efficient processing of applications, individual Area Committee Members would submit views to the Planning Section, where necessary, and appointment of a planning contact person was therefore not required; and
- (d) to note that attendance at site visitations in relation to Planning Applications was restricted to Councillors, in terms of the procedure approved by Council.

GLASGOW ROAD/FAIFLEY ROAD, CLYDEBANK – TRAFFIC SPEED

With reference to the Minutes of Meeting of the Area Committee held on 1 August 2002, it was noted that consideration of this matter had been continued to this meeting of the Committee in order that a representative of the Department of Commercial and Technical Services could be in attendance.

In this connection, copies of the correspondence in relation to the volume and speed of traffic on Glasgow Road at its junction with Faifley Road were circulated to Members for information.

Having heard the Section Head (Traffic) in elaboration and Ms. Greenwood, who had initially raised the matter, in reply, the Area Committee agreed:-

- (a) to note that a measurement of traffic speed and sight line distances would be made at the junction of Faifley Road onto the main carriageway of Glasgow Road, Faifley, Clydebank; and
- (b) that any difficulties caused by hedgerows reducing visibility at the above location could be dealt with by cutting and pruning back shrubbery.

Ms. Jennings raised a point concerning the volume of traffic proceeding through the roundabout at Hardgate from Duntocher and the difficulties/delays caused for drivers of vehicles turning out from Faifley Road, Clydebank onto the roundabout. The Section Head (Traffic) was heard in reply and it was noted that a number of improvements had been proposed as a consequence of the Faifley to Baillieston Bus Corridor which would allow for the installation of, amongst other things, part time traffic lights.

DATE AND VENUE FOR NEXT MEETING

The Committee noted that the next meeting of the Area Committee, following the Special Meeting of the Committee, would be held on Thursday, 5 December 2002 at 7.00 p.m. in the Glenhead Community Centre, Duntiglennan Road, Duntocher, Clydebank.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN MOTIONS/QUESTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION AT NEXT MEETING

The Committee noted that the deadline for submission of written motions/questions for consideration at the next meeting of the Committee was 4 p.m. on Thursday, 21 November 2002.

OPEN FORUM – VERBAL QUESTIONS/ISSUES

The Committee noted that no verbal questions/issues had been raised for discussion at the meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.18 p.m.