

## **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE**

At a meeting of the Community Development Co-ordinating Committee held in Dalmuir Community Centre, Duntocher Road, Clydebank on Monday 14 April 2003 at 10.30 a.m.

**Present:** Councillors Daniel McCafferty, Mary Campbell, Mary Collins, and Margaret McGregor; and Murdoch Cameron, Community Council Forum; Ms Patricia Rice, Community Representative for South Clydebank Area Committee and James Elder-Woodward, Community Representative for Vale of Leven Area Committee.

**Attending:** Eric Walker, Director of Corporate Services; Liz Cochrane, Principal Policy Officer; and Dave Low, Administrative Assistant.

**Apologies:** Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillor James Bolland; Rena Orr, Community Representative for North Clydebank Area Committee; Harry Johnston, Community Representative for Dumbarton Area Committee; and James Foulis, Community Council Forum.

**Councillor Daniel McCafferty in the Chair**

### **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 17 February 2003 were submitted for information.

The Committee noted that under the item headed 'Fourth and Fifth Meetings of the Area Committees', North Clydebank Area Committee had made the original recommendation on the resignation of community representatives and not the Vale of Leven Area Committee as stated in the minutes.

Thereafter, the Committee heard Liz Cochrane give an update on (a) involving young people in Area Committees and (b) Area Committee training needs.

The Committee agreed that the matter of training needs be continued to the next meeting of the Community Development Co-ordinating Committee and otherwise noted the Minutes.

### **MEETINGS OF THE AREA COMMITTEES**

A report by the Director of Corporate Services was submitted on the sixth meetings of the Area Committees, giving a synopsis of the recommendations made by each Area Committee and attaching, as an appendix, the Minutes of those meetings. A copy of the synopsis for the sixth round of meetings is attached to this Minute (Appendix 1).

Having heard Councillor McCafferty, the Committee noted that the responses of individual Area Committees varied in relation to particular items and in these circumstances agreed overall recommendations to Council as follows:-

### **Organisation of Area Committee Meetings**

- (i) that, in terms of holding meetings on a monthly basis rather than the present bi-monthly basis, there is provision in the Standing Orders to allow the Convener to adjourn the meeting, the time, date and venue to be determined by the Convener;

### **Resignation of Community Representative**

- (ii) that the majority consensus in favour of co-option be noted;
- (iii) that Council investigate the issue of co-option, including the introduction of the necessary procedures for co-option together with possible changes to Standing Orders;

### **Draft Protocol for Community Representative/Member/Officer Relations**

- (iv) to note that all the Area Committees agreed the draft protocol and had confirmed that it be applied to all Community Representatives, both voting and non-voting;
- (v) that a copy of the protocol be sent to all Community Representatives for their information; and

### **Knowes Housing Association – Feu Superiors**

- (vi) that a report be submitted to the next round of Area Committee meetings by the Head of Housing Services on the various fees charged by Housing Associations throughout West Dunbartonshire.

## **VALEDICTORY**

Being the last meeting of the Committee before the election, Councillor McCafferty thanked those present for their hard work in continuing the development of Area Committees and made special mention to those Councillors who would not be standing at the forthcoming elections, Councillors Mary Collins, John McCutcheon and James McElhill.

On behalf of the Committee, Patricia Rice thanked Councillors Daniel McCafferty, Mary Collins, John McCutcheon and James McElhill for establishing the Area Committees and wished them good luck for the future.

The meeting concluded at 11.50 a.m.