

DUMBARTON AREA COMMITTEE

At a Meeting of Dumbarton Area Committee held within Committee Room 2, Council Offices, Garshake Road, Dumbarton on Wednesday, 2 April 2003 at 7.10 p.m.

Present: Councillor Iain Robertson. Jack Duffy, Harry Johnston, Hugh O'Donnell, Robert Simpson, Neil McFadyen, James McAleer and Martin Hollern.

Attending: Eric Walker, Director of Corporate Services and Lorraine Beveridge, Administrative Assistant, Legal and Administrative Services.

Apologies: Apologies for absence were received from Councillors James McCallum, Linda McColl and John McCutcheon and Mr Alistair Tuach.

ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON

Before commencing with the business of the Meeting, the Committee agreed that in the absence of Councillor McCutcheon, Chair, Councillor Robertson would chair the Meeting.

Thereafter, Councillor Robertson assumed the Chair and welcomed everyone to the Meeting.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

On the motion of Mr Johnston, seconded by Mr O'Donnell, the Minutes of the Meeting of Dumbarton Area Committee held on 5 February 2003 were submitted and approved as a correct record.

In this respect, with reference to a motion submitted from Mr Duffy on the resiting of Dumbarton War Memorial and Peter Denny Statue, which was submitted to Council for consideration at its meeting of 26 March 2003, the Director of Corporate Services advised that the Council had agreed to take no action thereon.

The Committee noted the position.

OPEN FORUM WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The Committee noted that no written questions had been submitted for consideration at this meeting.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE

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

RESIGNATION OF COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES

With reference to the Minutes of Meeting of the Community Development Co-ordinating Committee held on 17 February 2003, the Committee considered a recommendation from North Clydebank Area Committee that the possibility of replacement Community Representatives being co-opted to serve on the Area Committee, rather than an election being conducted, be investigated.

After discussion and having heard Councillor Robertson in further explanation, the Committee agreed:-

- (1) to recommend to the Community Development Co-ordinating Committee that Community Representatives for Dumbarton Area Committee should continue to be chosen through an election process; and
- (2) to note that any change to the current arrangements would require an amendment to Standing Orders being submitted to Council for approval.

ORGANISATION OF AREA COMMITTEE MEETINGS

With reference to the Minutes of Meeting of the Community Development Co-ordinating Committee held on 17 February 2003, after discussion and having heard Councillor Robertson and the Director of Corporate Services in further explanation, the Committee agreed:-

- (1) 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
- (2) to note that there was provision in the 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.

DRAFT PROTOCOL FOR COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE/MEMBER/OFFICER RELATIONS

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

After discussion and having heard Councillor Robertson and the Director of Corporate Services in further explanation, the Committee agreed to approve the Draft Protocol as detailed in the Appendix to the report.

REALLOCATION OF SCOTTISH BUDGET RESOURCES – ENVIRONMENTAL GRANTS

Mr Johnston gave an update on the Environmental Grant of £5,000 awarded by the Area Committee for a 'Keep Dumbarton Tidy Campaign', with the bulk of the grant being designated to an educational campaign which would encourage children to take pride in their school's surroundings and increase awareness of the problem of litter.

In this respect Mr Johnston advised that the Department of Education and Cultural Services had confirmed that the Environmental Grant had been allocated to a 'Safe and Clean' project to be carried out within 10 schools in the Dumbarton area.

After discussion the Committee agreed to note the position and that the Department of Education and Cultural Services would keep Mr Johnston informed on future developments in relation to the aforementioned project.

FEASIBILITY OF FLOOD PLAIN ABOVE SILVERTON AREA

With reference to the Minutes of Meeting of the Dumbarton Area Committee held on 5 February 2003, a report was submitted by the Director of Commercial and Technical Services providing information on the feasibility of providing a flood plain above the Silverton Area.

After discussion and having heard the Director of Corporate Services in further explanation the Committee noted the following additional information provided by the Director of Commercial and Technical Services in relation to the feasibility of a flood plain above the Silverton Area, as follows:-

- (1) A Consulting Engineer would be commissioned in the near future to carry out an investigation and option appraisal of possible flood prevention schemes for both the Gruggies and Knowle Burns in Dumbarton.

- (2) Once a preferred scheme had been identified and accepted, the Consulting Engineer would carry out the design and evaluation work necessary to enable the submission of a Flood Prevention Order (or Orders) to the Scottish Executive for the approval of the Scottish Ministers.
- (3) The investigation and option appraisal work would consider the full lengths of the watercourses from source to the Clyde and would include consideration of a wide range of measures in order to arrive at the most cost-effective solutions including:-
 - Provision of new and/or augmentation of existing flood walls.
 - Provision of floodwater storage or overflow areas.
 - Provision of debris trapping measures, including grid system.
 - Culvert replacement and/or augmentation.
- (4) Investigation of the full lengths of the watercourses was necessary to ensure that local measures, which may appear to solve an immediate problem but thereafter create a “knock-on” effect elsewhere, should not be considered in isolation but as part of an integrated strategy for the whole watercourse.

After discussion, the Committee agreed:-

- (a) to note the actions taken to date by the Director of Commercial and Technical Services; and
- (b) to note that there had been no identification of a suitable flood plain or other form of control at this time.

**SANDPOINT MARINA, WOODYARD ROAD, DUMBARTON
OFFER OF ACCOMMODATION TO DUMBARTON MOTOR BOAT
AND SAILING CLUB AND ASSOCIATED WATER SPORTS GROUP
(DMB&SC)**

With reference to the Minutes of Meeting of the Dumbarton Area Committee held on 5 February 2003, a report was submitted by the Director of Economic, Planning and Environmental Services clarifying the offer of accommodation made by Mr and Mrs P. Doherty to DMB&SC at Sandpoint Marina, Woodyard Road, Dumbarton.

After discussion and having heard Councillor Robertson in further explanation, the Committee agreed:-

- (1) to note that Mr and Mrs Doherty had complied with the terms of their lease in respect of the offer of accommodation required to be made to DMB&SC at Sandpoint Marina, Woodyard Road, Dumbarton; and
- (2) to otherwise note the contents of the report.

NOTICE OF MOTION

A Motion was submitted from Mr McFadyen in the following terms:-

Would the Committee consider and discuss the building of a grid system at the entrance of Gruggies Burn at the A82. I think this would alleviate the flooding problem downstream.

Thereafter Mr McFadyen was heard in support of his Motion but failed to find a seconder.

After discussion and having heard Councillor Robertson, the Committee agreed that the Motion had been dealt with in the additional information provided by the Director of Commercial and Technical Services in the previous Agenda item under the heading 'Feasibility of Flood Plain above Silverton Area'.

DUMBARTON COMMON GOOD APPLICATION

With reference to the Minutes of Meeting of the Finance Working Group held on 11 March 2003, there was submitted an excerpt Minute together with a schedule requesting comment from the Committee on a grant application received from St. Patrick's Church Centenary Fund Committee.

After discussion and having heard the Director of Corporate Services in further explanation and in answer to Members' questions, the Committee agreed to recommend to the Finance Working Group that a grant of £9,500 be awarded to St. Patrick's Church Centenary Fund Committee from the Dumbarton Common Good Fund.

DUMBARTON COMMON GOOD FUND

In terms of remit from a Meeting of the Council held on 26 March 2003, there was submitted an excerpt Minute together with a report by the Director of Corporate Service requesting comment on a draft budget in relation to the Dumbarton Common Good Fund for 2003/2004.

After discussion and having heard the Director of Corporate Services in further explanation and in answer to Members' questions, the Committee agreed:-

- (1) to register its concern with the Finance Working Group, on the number of organisations who should by this time be self-funding but who continue to receive funding through the Dumbarton Common Good Fund; and

- (2) to recommend to the Finance Working Group that the Director of Corporate Services investigate, for future years, the possibility of organisations which provide a service and currently receive a grant, having a Services Level Agreement.

The Meeting closed at 7.50 p.m.