

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 6 February 2003 at 7.00 p.m.

Present: Councillors Ian McDonald and *John Syme; Robert Davidson, Jeanette Jennings, Rena Orr, Sheila Cope and *Mary Theresa Doherty.

* Arrived later in meeting.

Attending: Dan Henderson, Director of Economic, Planning and Environmental Services; Gillian Jump, Section Head (Finance/Treasury); and Craig Stewart, Administrative Assistant.

Apologies: Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor Mary Collins and Ann McGowan.

APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR

In the absence of Councillor Collins, it was agreed that Councillor McDonald take the Chair.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the Meeting of the North Clydebank Area Committee held on 5 December 2002 were submitted and approved as a correct record.

OPEN FORUM – WRITTEN QUESTIONS/ISSUES

(1) Roman Fort, Goldenhill Park

The Committee considered a letter which had been received from Mr Sam Gibson, Chairman of Clydebank Local History Society who put forward proposals on ways of publicising the Roman Fort, Goldenhill Park.

It was noted that Mr Gibson was in the public gallery and at the request of the Chair, Mr Gibson was heard in relation to the proposal.

A report by the Director of Economic, Planning and Environmental Services in respect of the proposal by Clydebank Local History Society was then circulated at the meeting.

After discussion, it was agreed:-

- (a) to note the proposals of Clydebank Local History Society concerning Goldenhill Park; and
- (b) that appropriate officers of the Council, including officers with responsibility for Goldenhill Park, would arrange to meet with representatives of Clydebank Local History Society and representatives of Historic Scotland and Greenspace to explore the proposals in more detail.

(2) Rockbank Place, Hardgate, Clydebank

The Committee considered a letter which had been received from Mrs Anne White on the condition of the road, car park, paths and walls at Rockbank Place, Hardgate, Clydebank.

A report by the Director of Economic, Planning and Environmental Services providing information on the matter was circulated at the meeting. The report explained that responsibility for maintenance and repairs lies with private owners and not the Council.

During consideration of this item, Mrs White entered the meeting and sat in the public gallery. At the request of the Chair, Mrs White was heard in relation to her concerns at this location.

After hearing the Chair and the Director of Economic, Planning and Environmental Services in elaboration and in answer to Members' questions, it was agreed:-

- (a) to note that although the Council was not responsible for maintenance and repair of the areas concerned, officers were prepared to participate in and work with any project initiated by the property owners with a view to seeking improvement;
- (b) that the Director of Economic, Planning and Environmental Services be authorised to write to all of the shopkeepers at Rockbank Place, on behalf of the Committee, advising them of the Committee's strong concerns at the condition of the parking and access/egress areas at the rear of Rockbank Place;
- (c) to note that the replies received from the shopkeepers referred to at (b) above would be submitted to the next meeting of the Committee for consideration; and

- (d) to note that the Director of Economic, Planning and Environmental Services would arrange for a Building Control officer to visit Mrs White on site in order to discuss her concerns in relation to the condition of the walls at this location.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE

The Minutes of Meeting of the Community Development Co-ordinating Committee held on 9 December 2002 were submitted, for information, and noted.

AREA COMMITTEE TRAINING – AWARDING LOCAL GRANTS

A report was submitted by the Chief Executive providing feedback on the recent training which had been carried out on awarding local grants.

After discussion, it was agreed:-

- (a) to note the report and to recommend that a further report should be made to the Community Development Co-ordinating Committee to request decisions on the ideas raised by Area Committees for future training; it being noted that the report should also address how to improve the uptake of training by members of the Committees; and
- (b) that Community Representatives should contact the Clerk in relation to any training needs.

BUDGET CONSULTATION 2003/2004 – LOCAL PRIORITIES FOR SPENDING

The Committee was reminded that at the last round of meetings of the Area Committees, Community Representatives had been asked to outline priorities for local spending in relation to the Council's 2003/2004 Budget.

It was agreed to note:-

- (a) that three Community Representatives had responded to this request, all from Dumbarton Area Committee, and their responses had been sent to all Councillors for consideration when setting the budget;
- (b) that the four Directors who are assigned to Area Committees had been sent copies of the responses, with issues relevant to their Departments highlighted; and

- (c) that the Local Authority Police Liaison Officer had also received a copy of the points raised on community safety and policing.

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE STRATEGIC COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP

With reference to the Minutes of the Meeting of the Area Committee held on 5 December 2002, the Committee was reminded that it had been agreed that the matter of nominating a replacement for Ms Greenwood as the Area Committee's representative on one of the Working Groups of the West Dunbartonshire Strategic Community Safety Partnership would be considered at this meeting of the Committee.

After consideration, it was agreed that Ms Mary Theresa Doherty be nominated as the Area Committee's representative on one of the Working Groups of the Partnership.

DATE AND VENUE FOR NEXT MEETING

The Committee noted that the next meeting of the Area Committee would be held on Thursday, 3 April 2003 at 7.00 p.m. in Edinbarnet Primary School, Faifley, 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, 20 March 2003.

OPEN FORUM – VERBAL QUESTIONS/ISSUES

Faifley Bowling Club, Clydebank

Mr Davidson referred to the possibility of creating a pathway to Faifley Bowling Club and stated that it had been costed at about £60,000. He suggested possible use of disused tennis courts for access and parking. After discussion, it was agreed that the Director of Economic, Planning and Environmental Services would contact the Director of Commercial and Technical Services to ascertain whether works could be carried out at a lower cost than previously estimated.

Rockbank Place, Hardgate, Clydebank

With reference to discussions which had taken place earlier in the business of the meeting, Mrs White again raised the matter of what could be done to alleviate her concerns at this location. After discussion and having heard the Chair and the Director of Economic, Planning and Environmental Services, the Committee noted the action that would take place on this issue on the basis of what was previously agreed.

The Meeting closed at 7.55 p.m.