

NORTH CLYDEBANK AREA COMMITTEE

At a meeting of the North Clydebank Area Committee held in the Reading Room, Glenhead Community Education Centre, Duntiglennan Road, Duntocher, Clydebank on Thursday, 5 December 2002 at 7.00 p.m.

Present: Councillors Mary Collins, Iain McDonald and John Syme; Robert Davidson, Rena Orr, Ann McGowan and *Mary Theresa Doherty.

* Arrived later in meeting.

Attending: Dan Henderson, Director of Economic, Planning and Environmental Services; Gerry McInerney, Head of Personnel; Gillian Jump, Section Head (Finance/Treasury); and David Rooney, Senior Administrative Officer.

Apology: An apology for absence was submitted on behalf of Jeanette Jennings.

Councillor Mary Collins in the Chair

RESIGNATION OF COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE

The Chair advised that a letter had been received from Ms Ann Greenwood intimating that she was resigning from her position as Community Representative on the Area Committee. It was agreed:-

- (a) that Ms Greenwood's decision to resign from the Area Committee be noted;
- (b) that Ms Rena Orr, who was the first Substitute Community Representative, would replace Ms Greenwood and assume full voting rights on the Committee with immediate effect, with Ms Mary Theresa Doherty consequently becoming the third Substitute Community Representative; and
- (c) that the possibility of replacement Community Representatives being co-opted to serve on the Area Committee, rather than an election being conducted, be investigated and referred to the Community Development Co-ordinating Committee for consideration if necessary.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Area Committee held on 3 October 2002 were submitted and approved as a correct record.

The Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Area Committee held on 31 October 2002 were submitted and approved as a correct record.

OPEN FORUM – WRITTEN QUESTIONS

It was noted that no written questions had been submitted for consideration at the meeting.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Community Development Co-ordinating Committee held on 17 October 2002 were submitted for information.

In this connection, an Excerpt from the Minutes of the meeting of Council held on 30 October 2002 was also submitted.

The Committee noted that with respect to the item in the Minutes under the heading “Reallocation of Scottish Budget Resources – Environmental Grants”, Council had agreed not to approve the recommendation that any money remaining in each Area Committee Grant budget at 31 March 2003 be carried forward to the next financial year.

INVOLVING YOUNG PEOPLE IN AREA COMMITTEES

With reference to the Minutes of the Meeting of the Community Development Co-ordinating Committee held on 17 October 2002, a report was submitted by the Chief Executive on ways of involving young people in Area Committees.

It was noted that the Community Development Co-ordinating Committee had agreed:-

- (a) that a community event be arranged to allow discussion on how young people can be involved in Area Committees;
- (b) that the costs of this event be funded from outwith the Area Committee budget; and
- (c) that the report by the Chief Executive, together with the Committee’s recommendations, be submitted to the four Area Committees.

BUSINESS CARDS AND STATIONERY FOR COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES

With reference to the Minutes of the Meeting of the Community Development Co-ordinating Committee held on 17 October 2002, consideration was given to the recommendation of the Vale of Leven Area Committee that Community Representatives be issued with a supply of business cards and stationery.

The Committee agreed that there would be merit in stationery being provided for the Community Representatives but there was no requirement for business cards to be issued.

NOTE: Ms Mary Theresa Doherty entered the meeting at this point in the proceedings.

AREA COMMITTEE REPRESENTATION ON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE

A report was submitted by the Chief Executive concerning Area Committee representation on the Community Development Co-ordinating Committee (CDCC).

After discussion, it was agreed that Ms Rena Orr be nominated as the Area Committee's representative on the CDCC.

AREA COMMITTEE TRAINING NEEDS

A report was submitted by the Chief Executive on the recent induction training provided for Community Representatives and requesting the Committee to prioritise the future training needs identified by the Community Representatives.

After discussion it was agreed that the contents of the report including the issues listed as future training needs be noted.

CONSULTATION ON LOCAL SPENDING PRIORITIES FOR 2003/2004

A report was submitted by the Chief Executive and Director of Corporate Services inviting Area Committee Community Representatives to outline local spending priorities relating to Council services, for elected members to consider in setting the 2003/2004 budget for the Council.

After discussion the Area Committee agreed:-

- (a) to note that the Community Representatives were being requested to complete and return the form which was attached as Appendix 1 to the report by 30 December 2002, in order that feedback could be obtained on local spending priorities for Council services;
- (b) to request that the deadline for return of the forms be extended into January 2003 to allow the Community Representatives to meet on their own to discuss the matter further and formulate their response; and
- (c) to note that it was intended to present options to the Area Committees early in 2003 on methods of consulting on the Council budget and to request feedback thereon.

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION SCHEME

A report was submitted by the Director of Corporate Services inviting the Area Committee to nominate a Community Representative to participate in the Judging Panel for Employee Recognition Awards.

After hearing the Head of Personnel and following discussion, it was agreed that Mr. Robert Davidson be nominated as the Area Committee's representative on the Employee Recognition Judging Panel, with Ms Ann McGowan as substitute.

NOTE: The Head of Personnel left the meeting at this point in the proceedings.

APPLICATIONS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL GRANTS

Details of an application for an Environmental Grant from Radnor Park Multis Tenants and Residents Association (Ref. 02/02) were submitted for consideration. It was noted that a grant of £2,761.30 was being requested to allow the purchase and installation of a handrail and seats to be placed on a steep gradient on Radnor Street and the Radnor Park area; the total project cost being £10,961.30.

After hearing the Section Head (Finance/Treasury) and following discussion, it was agreed that a grant of £2,761.30 be approved subject to the applicants being successful in obtaining funding from the other agencies to which they had submitted applications.

Details of two further applications for Environmental Grants from Faifley Neighbourhood Forum were circulated at the meeting.

With respect to the first application it was noted (a) that the application related to a proposed project involving the repair of potholes in the lane between Abbeylands Road and St. Joseph's Primary School; (b) that the estimated cost of the work would be £800 (costing provided by the Director of Commercial and Technical Services); and (c) that the lane was not owned by the Council and may therefore be the responsibility of the Housing Association.

After discussion it was agreed that a grant of £800 be approved subject to any necessary authority being obtained from the Housing Association to carry out the proposed work and the project being deliverable.

With respect to the second application it was noted (a) that the application related to a proposed project involving paintwork to the fence/railings at St. Joseph's Primary School; and (b) that the estimated cost of the work would be £5,000 (costing provided by the Director of Commercial and Technical Services).

After discussion it was agreed that a grant of £5,000 be approved.

It was further noted that the remaining balance of the Area Committee's budget for Environmental Grants was now £11,438.70.

DATE AND VENUE FOR NEXT MEETING

The Committee noted that the next meeting of the Area Committee would be held on Thursday, 6 February 2003 at 7.00 p.m. in either the Skypoint Centre or 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, 23 January 2003.

OPEN FORUM – VERBAL QUESTIONS/ISSUES

After hearing the Chair, Councillor Collins, it was 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 be considered at the next meeting of the Area Committee.

After hearing Councillor Iain McDonald it was noted that the residents of Jamieson Court, Faifley, who had been awarded an Environmental Grant by the Area Committee at the Special Meeting on 31 October 2002, had asked him to convey their gratitude to the Committee.

The meeting closed at 8.25 p.m.