

NORTH CLYDEBANK AREA COMMITTEE

At a meeting of the North Clydebank Area Committee held in the Training Studio, Skypoint, Lennox Drive, Faifley, Clydebank on Thursday, 1 August 2002 at 7.00 p.m.

Present: Councillors Mary Collins, *Anthony Devine, Ian McDonald and John Syme; Robert Davidson, Ann Greenwood, Jeanette Jennings, Sheila Cope, Ann McGowan, Rena Orr and Mary Theresa Doherty.

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

Apology: An apology for absence was submitted on behalf of Provost Alistair Macdonald.

* Attended later in meeting.

Councillor Mary Collins in the Chair

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of Meeting of the Area Committee held on 24 June 2002 were submitted and approved as a correct record on the motion of Jeanette Jennings, seconded by Ann Greenwood.

OPEN FORUM

With reference to the Minutes of Meeting of the Area Committee held on 24 June 2002, it was noted that it had been agreed that there should be a mixture of written questions and open questions to allow greater flexibility and the ability to respond to issues of the moment.

The Area Committee agreed to note that the Community Development Co-ordinating Committee would consider the views of all Area Committees on this issue at its meeting on 8 August 2002.

DISAGGREGATION OF LOCAL GRANTS BUDGET

With reference to the Minutes of Meeting of the Area Committee held on 24 June 2002, it was noted that it had been agreed to continue consideration of the issue of Local Grants.

In this respect, a copy of a report by the Director of Corporate Services which had been presented to the Community Development Co-ordinating Committee on the proposed disaggregation of the budget for local grants to Area Committees was re-submitted.

Having heard the Section Head (Finance/Treasury) and the Director of Economic, Planning and Environmental Services and following discussion, the Area Committee agreed:-

- (a) that training for community representatives be undertaken as a priority;
- (b) to endorse the recommendation that those Groups which operate on a Council-wide basis should continue to be funded centrally by the Finance Working Group;
- (c) that the principle on how best to disaggregate the Local Grants Budget be continued to a future meeting of the Area Committee to allow further consideration to take place following the training referred to in (a) above; and
- (d) to note the proposal that monies be split equally amongst the 5 wards that make up the Area Committee in terms of how best to disaggregate the Local Grants Budget.

NOTE: Councillors Syme and Devine entered the meeting during consideration of this item.

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES

A report was submitted by the Chief Executive providing an update on the position of a Code of Conduct for community representatives on Area Committees.

It was noted:-

- (a) that the first meetings of Area Committees in June 2002 agreed the importance of developing a Code of Conduct for community representatives and this should reflect the key issues addressed in the new national Code of Conduct for Councillors; and
- (b) that the National Code of Conduct for Councillors, which was circulated to all community representatives on Area Committees, had been approved by the Scottish Parliament and it was anticipated that the implementation date of the Code would be autumn of this year.

After discussion and having heard the Clerk, the Area Committee agreed:-

- (i) to note that at the meeting of the Joint Consultative Forum held on 4 July 2002, it had been agreed that the draft protocol for Member/officer relations be continued to the next meeting of the Forum to be held on 7 November 2002;
- (ii) that any Code of Conduct for community representatives should cover relationships with Council officers and that a draft Code of Conduct, which incorporated this issue, would be considered by Area Committees once Council had agreed its protocol for Member/officer relations; and
- (iii) that, in the meantime, Area Committee members be invited to comment on the issues in the national code, and the draft protocol, which they believe might be of particular relevance to community representatives, prior to these issues being included in a draft code to be submitted to a future round of Area Committee meetings.

RAISING ITEMS AT MEETINGS OF AREA COMMITTEES

A report was submitted by the Director of Corporate Services providing information on how Members of the Committee can raise issues of particular interest at meetings of the Area Committee.

After discussion, the Area Committee agreed:-

- (a) to endorse the suggestion that if an individual member of the Committee wished to raise a particular item, then this item could appear at the end of the agenda, solely for the purposes of the Committee determining whether or not a report on the issue was required, in which case the relevant departmental Director would be requested to bring a report back to a future meeting of the Committee;
- (b) to note that a report on the comments and recommendations of the first formal meetings of the Area Committees would be submitted to the Community Development Co-ordinating Committee on 8 August 2002, with a view to making co-ordinated recommendations to Council at its next meeting on 28 August 2002 and, thereafter, a report on the Council's decision would be submitted to a future meeting of the Area Committee; and
- (c) that it would be desirable to have comment at the meeting, where possible, in terms of hearing an update on any particularly urgent or pressing issues that required immediate attention.

GLASGOW ROAD/FAIFLEY ROAD, CLYDEBANK – TRAFFIC SPEED

Ms. Greenwood was heard in relation to the issue of traffic speed at Glasgow Road/Faifley Road, Clydebank and the difficulty caused for drivers of vehicles wishing to turn right from Faifley Road onto the main carriageway of Glasgow Road, Faifley, Clydebank.

Having heard the Director of Economic, Planning and Environmental Services, it was agreed to continue consideration of this item to the next meeting of the Area Committee in order that a representative of the Department of Commercial and Technical Services could be in attendance.

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE STRATEGIC COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP

A report was submitted by the Co-ordinator of West Dunbartonshire Strategic Community Safety Partnership:-

- (a) explaining the purpose of the West Dunbartonshire Strategic Community Safety Partnership and the nature of the Scottish Executive funding of this partnership; and
- (b) requesting a nomination from North Clydebank Area Committee to sit on one of the working groups of the Partnership to assist in the award of community grants.

After discussion, Mr. Davidson, seconded by Ms. Jennings, moved:-

That Ms. Greenwood be nominated as the Area Committee's representative on one of the working groups of the West Dunbartonshire Strategic Community Safety Partnership.

As an amendment, Councillor Devine, seconded by Councillor Ian McDonald, moved:-

That Councillor Ian McDonald be nominated as the Area Committee's representative on one of the working groups of the West Dunbartonshire Strategic Community Safety Partnership.

On a vote being taken, two Members voted for the amendment and five Members voted for the motion. The motion was accordingly declared carried.

DATE AND VENUE FOR NEXT MEETING

The Committee noted that the next meeting of the Area Committee would be held on Thursday, 3 October 2002 at 7.00 p.m. After discussion, it was agreed that the meeting would be held in Edinbarnet Primary School, Faifley, Clydebank as accommodation was not available at Skypoint.

It was also agreed that the meeting of the Area Committee scheduled to take place on Thursday, 5 December 2002 would be held in the Glenhead Centre, Clydebank.

The meeting closed at 8.00 p.m.