

SOUTH CLYDEBANK AREA COMMITTEE

At a Special Meeting of the South Clydebank Area Committee held in the Court Room, Municipal Buildings, Dumbarton Road, Clydebank on Wednesday, 20 November 2002 at 7.00 p.m.

Present: Councillors Mary Campbell, John McCutcheon and James McElhill; Elizabeth McIntosh, Patricia Rice, Rhona Young, Isabella Ashrif, John Hearn, John Hailey and Gordon King.

Attending: Alexis Jay, Director of Social Work and Housing Services; David Connell, Manager of Accounting; Lorne Campbell, Funding Officer and David Rooney, Senior Administrative Officer.

Also Attending: Michelle Kerry, Glasgow and Clyde Valley Greenspace Trust; Alan McMullen, Environment Trust; Mike O'Donnell, West Dunbartonshire Social Inclusion Partnership; and Heather Dickson, Urban 2.

Apology: An apology for absence was submitted on behalf of Councillor Danny McCafferty.

Councillor James McElhill in the Chair

REALLOCATION OF SCOTTISH BUDGET RESOURCES – ENVIRONMENTAL GRANTS

With reference to the Minutes of the Meeting of the Area Committee held on 26 September 2002, the Committee was reminded that after consideration of a report by the Chief Executive providing information about the money which had been allocated to Area Committees following the reallocation of Scottish Budget Resources, it had been agreed:-

- (a) that the suggested criteria for assessing proposals for environmental works listed in the report be noted and taken into consideration as far as possible when assessing proposals, but the main criteria should be that any proposed project would benefit the South Clydebank area and would comply with legislative requirements and the Scottish Executive guidelines on the use of the additional resources, that is, that the resources be used for the benefit of children and young people or the local environment;
- (b) that a special meeting of the Area Committee be held for the purpose of identifying specific environmental projects; and

- (c) that the possibility of obtaining match funding for the £25,000 which had been allocated to the Area Committee be discussed at the special meeting and that appropriate representatives of external agencies be invited to attend the meeting.

It was also agreed that the recently appointed Funding Officer be invited to attend the special meeting of the Committee.

It was noted:-

- (1) that in accordance with the decisions of the Committee, representatives of West Dunbartonshire Social Inclusion Partnership, Urban 2, Glasgow and Clyde Valley Greenspace Trust, the Environment Trust and the Funding Officer, Mr. Lorne Campbell, had been invited to attend the meeting;
- (2) that the report by the Chief Executive referred to above had been reissued for ease of reference; and
- (3) that the Committee was requested to give consideration to:-
 - (i) the identification of specific Environmental Projects; and
 - (ii) the possibility of obtaining match funding for the £25,000 which had been allocated to the Area Committee.

The Chair, Councillor McElhill, introduced the representatives of the external agencies who were in attendance and the Committee heard short presentations from the undernoted individuals which focussed primarily on the ways in which their organisations could assist local groups with the development and implementation of Environmental Projects:-

- Michelle Kerry, Glasgow and Clyde Valley Greenspace Trust
- Alan McMullen, Environment Trust
- Heather Dickson, Urban 2
- Mike O'Donnell, West Dunbartonshire Social Inclusion Partnership

The Committee then heard a brief presentation from Lorne Campbell who had recently taken up the position of Funding Officer with West Dunbartonshire Council.

Details of applications for Environmental Grants which had been received from the undernoted groups were circulated at the meeting for consideration:-

- (i) Drumry Recreational Action Group; and
- (ii) Whitecrook Community Group.

After discussion the Committee agreed that consideration of the above applications and applications for Environmental Grants in general be continued to the next meeting of the Area Committee, which was due to be held on 28 November 2002.

The meeting closed at 8.55 p.m.