CLYDESDALE AREA COMMITTEE

Minutes of meeting held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, South Vennel, Lanark on 21 November 2006

Chair:

Councillor Brian Reilly (Depute)

Councillors Present:

Beith Forrest, Eileen Logan, Alex McInnes, Mary McNeill, Betty Rush

Councillor Also Present:

Hamish Stewart

Councillors' Apologies:

Jim Daisley, Jim Docherty, Bev Gauld, Archie Manson, Edward McAvoy, John McGuinness, Danny Meikle (Chair), William Ross

Attending:

Corporate Resources

R Lake, Administration Manager

Enterprise Resources

Councillor(s)

B Cairns, Divisional Engineer, Roads and Transportation Services (Clydesdale); T Finn, Planning Team Leader (Clydesdale)

Declaration of Interests

The following interest was declared:-

Item(s) A McInnes Enforcement Action – Unauthorised

Erection of 2 Non-Illuminated

Advertisement Banners at 185-187 High

Nature of Interest(s)

Personal interest

Street, Biggar

Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting of the Clydesdale Area Committee held on 24 October 2006 were submitted for approval as a correct record.

The Committee decided: that the minutes be approved as a correct record.

3 Application CL/06/0659 - Installation of Fascia Sign, Menu Sign Board and Fixed Projection Sign (Retrospective) at 69-71 Main Street, Carnwath

A report dated 6 November 2006 by the Executive Director (Enterprise Resources) was submitted on planning application CL/06/0659 by D and R Service for the installation of a fascia sign, menu sign board and fixed projection sign (retrospective) at 69-71 Main Street, Carnwath.

The Committee decided:

- (1) that planning application CL/06/0659 by D and R Service for the installation of a fascia sign, menu sign board and fixed projection sign (retrospective) at 69-71 Main Street, Carnwath be refused for the reasons detailed in the Executive Director's report; and
- (2) that an Enforcement Notice be served on the owner, occupier and/or lessee of the property to ensure that the unauthorised signage was removed within 3 months of the date of the Notice.

4 Enforcement Action - Unauthorised Storage of Containers, Vehicles, Caravan and Other Miscellaneous Items at 48 Turfholm, Lesmahagow

A report dated 1 November 2006 by the Executive Director (Enterprise Resources) was submitted on the unauthorised storage of containers, vehicles, a caravan and other miscellaneous items at 48 Turfholm, Lesmahagow.

As a result of a complaint received regarding the condition of the area to the rear of the property, a letter had been sent to the owner, occupier and/or lessee advising of the need to obtain planning consent for the storage of the containers, vehicles, caravan and miscellaneous items. The owner had indicated that all items were being stored for a temporary period until internal works to the house were complete. However, he had been advised that the amount of items stored on the site was unacceptable and had been requested to submit a planning application or to remove the items. To date, no application had been lodged and all of the items remained on site.

It was proposed, therefore, that a Notice under Section 179 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 be served on the owner, occupier and/or lessee of 48 Turfholm, Lesmahagow to ensure that remedial works commenced to remove all the containers, vehicles, caravan and other miscellaneous items from this location.

The Committee decided:

- (1) that a Notice under Section 179 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 be served on the owner, occupier and/or lessee of 48 Turfholm, Lesmahagow to ensure that remedial works commenced to remove all the containers, vehicles, caravan and other miscellaneous items from this location; and
- (2) that the Notice come into effect within 1 month of the date of service with a period of 3 months allowed for compliance.

5 Enforcement Action – Unauthorised Erection of 2 Non-Illuminated Advertisement Banners at 185-187 High Street, Biggar

A report dated 13 November 2006 by the Executive Director (Enterprise Resources) was submitted on the unauthorised erection of 2 non-illuminated advertisement banners at 185-187 High Street, Biggar.

Planning consent had been granted on 13 March 2006 for the change of use of café and restaurant to hot food takeaway. However, Condition No 3 of the consent stated that no consent was granted for any alterations to the external elevations, replacement windows or signage and the owner had been reminded on 2 May 2006 that further applications would be required for the replacement windows and signage.

A planning application had been received in October 2006 for a fascia sign and external lighting and this was currently under consideration. However, the advertisement banners were not included in the application and it was proposed, therefore, that enforcement action be taken to ensure their removal.

The Committee decided:

- (1) that an Enforcement Notice be served on the owner, occupier and/or lessee of 185-187 High Street, Biggar to ensure that the 2 non-illuminated advertisement banners were removed from the property; and
- (2) that the Notice take effect within 1 month of the date of the service with a period of 1 month allowed for compliance.

[Reference: Minutes of 29 August 2006 (Paragraph 8)]

Councillor A McInnes, having declared an interest in this application, withdrew from the meeting during its consideration

6 Enforcement Action - Unauthorised Siting of Remote Directional Signboards on A72 and A702, Biggar

A report dated 2 November 2006 by the Executive Director (Enterprise Resources) was submitted on the unauthorised siting of remote directional signboards on the A72 and A702, Biggar.

A complaint had been received regarding the siting of several remote signboards between Coulter and Biggar on the A702. It had been established that approximately 24 remote signboards had been erected in the vicinity of Biggar on the A702 and the A72 without the benefit of planning consent.

Between 21 August and 6 October 2006, letters had been sent to those responsible advising that the signs were having an adverse effect and requesting their removal. Only a small number of the signs had been removed and, therefore, it was proposed that enforcement action be taken to secure the removal of the remaining unauthorised signboards.

In response to a request by Councillor Stewart, the local member, that the policy be applied consistently throughout the area, the Planning Team Leader indicated that the matter would be addressed.

The Committee decided:

- (1) that an Enforcement Notice be served on the various individuals concerned to secure the removal of the unauthorised signboards adjacent to the A72 and A702, Biggar; and
- (2) that the Notice take effect within 1 month of the date of service with a period of 1 month allowed for compliance.

7 Enforcement Action - Unauthorised Erection of 48 Sheet Hoarding at Gallowhill, Lanark

A report dated 1 November 2006 by the Executive Director (Enterprise Resources) was submitted on the unauthorised erection of a 48 sheet hoarding at Gallowhill, Lanark.

In June 2006, a 48 sheet hoarding had been erected at the entrance to the Tesco supermarket at Gallowhill, Lanark. On 11 July 2006, Tesco Limited had been advised of the need to obtain planning consent. Despite further reminders, to date, no application had been received and the unauthorised signage remained on site. It was proposed, therefore, that enforcement action be taken to secure the removal of the unauthorised hoarding.

The Committee decided:

- (1) that an Enforcement Notice be served on Tesco Limited and JC Decaux Limited to secure the removal of the unauthorised 48 sheet hoarding and associated frame and lighting at the entrance to the Tesco supermarket at Gallowhill, Lanark; and
- (2) that the Notice take effect within 1 month of the date of service with a period of 1 month allowed for compliance.

8 Community Grant Applications

A report dated 2 November 2006 by the Executive Director (Corporate Resources) was submitted on applications for community grant.

The Committee decided: that community grants be awarded as follows:-

(a) Applicant: Kirkfieldbank Women's Rural Institute (CL/125/06)

Purpose of Grant: Outing and entrance fees

Amount Awarded: £300

(b) Applicant: Glespin Activities Group (CL/127/06)

Purpose of Grant: Start-up costs

Amount Awarded: £250

(c) Applicant: Biggar Albion Foundation Limited (CL/128/06)

Purpose of Grant: Publicity costs

Amount Awarded: £250

(d) Applicant: Coulter Women's Rural Institute (CL/129/06)

Purpose of Grant: Outing and entrance fees

Amount Awarded: £300

(e) Applicant: Lanark Chess Club (CL/130/06)

Purpose of Grant: Equipment Amount Awarded: £150

(f) Applicant: Carnwath 2000 (CL/131/06)

Purpose of Grant: Special event

Amount Awarded: £300

(g) Applicant: 1st Law Girls' Brigade (CL/132/06)
Purpose of Grant: Equipment, outing and special event

Amount Awarded: £300

(h) Applicant: Hawksland Women's Rural Institute, Lesmahagow (CL/133/06)

Purpose of Grant: Outing and entrance fees

Amount Awarded: £300

Milton Primary Parent Teacher Association, Lesmahagow (CL/135/06)
Outing and entrance fees (i) Applicant:

Purpose of Grant: Amount Awarded:

£400

Urgent Business

There were no items of urgent business.