

COMMUNITY RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Minutes of meeting held in Committee Room 1, Council Offices, Almada Street, Hamilton on 6 February 2007

Chair:

Councillor Gerry Convery

Councillors Present:

Sam Casserly, Russell Clearie, Cathie Condie (Depute), Jim Docherty, Allan Falconer, Beith Forrest, Carol Hughes (Senior Depute), Anne Maggs, John McGuinness, Brian McKenna, Mary McNeill, John Ormiston, Brian Reilly, Gretel Ross, David Shearer, David Watson

Councillors' Apologies:

Stewart Crawford, Jim Daisley, Maureen Devlin, Alan Dick, Gerry Docherty, Liz Handibode, Davy Keirs, Joe Lowe, Archie Manson, Edward McAvoy, Brian McCaig, Michael McCann, Ian McInnes, May Smith, Bert Thomson

Councillor Also Present

Tony Carlin

Attending:

Community Resources

N Anderson, Executive Director; S Clelland, Head of Land and Fleet Services; R Howe, Head of Environmental and Strategic Services; S Kelly, Head of Facilities and Cultural Services; A McKinnon, Head of Support Services

Corporate Resources

M Anderson, Public Relations Officer; N Docherty, Administration Assistant; A Knudsen, Administration Adviser

Finance and Information Technology Resources

J Burt, Accountant

Chair's Opening Remarks

The Chair, on behalf of the members of the Committee, congratulated Shirley Clelland on her recent appointment to the post of Head of Land and Fleet Services and wished her every success in her new role.

1 Declaration of Interests

No interests were declared.

2 Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting of the Community Resources Committee held on 14 November 2006 were submitted for approval as a correct record.

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

3 Minutes of Special Meeting

The minutes of the special meeting of the Community Resources Committee held on 24 January 2007 were submitted for approval as a correct record.

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

4 Revenue Budget Monitoring 2006/2007 - Community Resources

A joint report dated 9 January 2007 by the Executive Directors (Finance and Information Technology Resources) and (Community Resources) was submitted comparing actual expenditure at 29 December 2006 against budgeted expenditure for 2006/2007 for the various Services within Community Resources.

The Committee decided: that the report be noted.

5 Capital Budget Monitoring 2006/2007 - Community Resources

A joint report dated 9 January 2007 by the Executive Directors (Finance and Information Technology Resources) and (Community Resources) was submitted advising of progress on Community Resources' capital programme for 2006/2007 and summarising the position at 29 December 2006.

The Committee decided: that the report be noted.

6 Community Resources - Workforce Monitoring - October to December 2006

A joint report dated 12 January 2007 by the Executive Directors (Corporate Resources) and (Community Resources) was submitted on the following employee information for Community Resources for the period October to December 2006:-

- ◆ attendance statistics
- ◆ occupational health statistics
- ◆ accident/incident statistics
- ◆ disciplinary hearings, grievances and Dignity at Work cases
- ◆ analysis of leavers

The Committee decided: that the report be noted.

7 Renaming of Stonefield Park, Blantyre

A report dated 15 January 2007 by the Executive Director (Community Resources) was submitted on the renaming of Stonefield Park, Blantyre.

In recognition of the significant contribution made by Andrew McAnulty to the local community in the Blantyre area during his lifetime, it was proposed that the park be officially renamed McAnulty Park.

The Committee decided:

- (1) that Stonefield Park, Blantyre be renamed McAnulty Park; and
- (2) that the official renaming ceremony take place on Friday 2 March 2007.

8 Post of Development Officer (Carbon Management)

A joint report dated 22 December 2006 by the Executive Directors (Corporate Resources) and (Community Resources) was submitted on the requirement to establish a post of Development Officer (Carbon Management) within Environmental and Strategic Services to support the Council's carbon management programme. Experience in other organisations had demonstrated that carbon management programmes were only successful if the necessary resources were committed to support them. It was proposed, therefore, that a post of Development Officer (Carbon Management) Grade 3 (£20,731 to £34,381) be established to:-

- ◆ launch a programme to reduce energy consumption in Council properties through good housekeeping measures
- ◆ direct the corporate programme to reduce the Council's carbon footprint and produce efficiency savings

The costs associated with the post would be met initially from existing budgets. It was anticipated, however, that the post would become self-funding in the future on the basis of efficiency savings generated.

The Committee decided: that a post of Development Officer (Carbon Management) on Grade 3 (£20,731 to £34,381) be established.

9 Review of Charges 2007/2008

A report dated 27 December 2006 by the Executive Director (Community Resources) was submitted on the annual review of charges for Community Resources and South Lanarkshire Leisure Limited. It was proposed that an inflationary increase of 2.5% be applied with effect from 1 April 2007.

The Committee decided: that the charges for Community Resources and South Lanarkshire Leisure Limited be increased by 2.5% with effect from 1 April 2007.

[Reference: Minute of 7 March 2006 (Paragraph 6)]

10 South Lanarkshire Leisure Limited - Business Plan 2007/2008

A report dated 27 December 2006 by the Executive Director (Community Resources) was submitted on South Lanarkshire Leisure Limited's (SLLL) Business Plan for 2007/2008. SLLL's main objectives were:-

- ◆ to be a wholly inclusive organisation providing quality sport and recreation opportunities
- ◆ to continually improve the services to its customers
- ◆ to work with local health, education and other agencies to promote good health through communities
- ◆ to generate an increase in income and reduce the net cost per user

The Business Plan identified a funding requirement of £7,635,000 for the financial year 2007/2008. This level of funding was consistent with figures identified during the 2007/2008 budget setting process and provision had been made in the Community Resources' budget.

The Committee decided: that the SLLL Business Plan for 2007/2008 be approved.

[Reference: Minutes of 7 March 2006 (Paragraph 7)]

11 Loo of the Year Awards 2006

A report dated 22 December 2006 by the Executive Director (Community Resources) was submitted on the success of Council facilities in the Loo of the Year Awards 2006.

Facilities had been graded as follows in the awards:-

Facility	Overall Grade Awarded
Conference and Banqueting, Headquarters, Hamilton	5 Star
Integrated Facility, Whitehill Neighbourhood Centre	5 Star
Integrated Facility, Burnbank Centre	5 Star
Hamilton Town Hall	5 Star
Rutherglen Town Hall	5 Star
Low Parks Museum, Hamilton	5 Star
Public Conveniences, Main Street, Biggar	5 Star
Public Conveniences, King Street, Rutherglen	4 Star
Public Conveniences, Horsemarket, Lanark	4 Star
Public Conveniences, King Street, Larkhall	4 Star

In addition, the Conference and Banqueting Suite, Almada Street and Rutherglen Town Hall had been part of the 24 National Category winners in Scotland. The Council had also been the outright winner of the Internal Cleaning Team Scotland and had been 1 of only 4 Scottish councils to be presented with a Standards of Excellence Award.

The Committee decided: that the report be noted.

[Reference: Minutes of 18 October 2005 (Paragraph 13)]

12 Notification of Contracts Awarded

A report dated 8 January 2007 by the Executive Director (Community Resources) was submitted on contracts awarded by Community Resources during the period 17 August 2006 to 9 January 2007. In terms of Standing Order No 18.6 of the Standing Orders on Contracts, Resources were required to notify the relevant Committee of contracts awarded. Details of the contracts awarded by Community Resources were provided in the appendix to the report.

The Committee decided: that the report be noted.

13 Urgent Business

There were no items of urgent business.

Chair's Closing Remarks

The Chair thanked members and officers involved with the Committee for their hard work and support over the last 4 years. He wished those members who were standing for re-election the best of luck and those standing down the very best for the future.