

## **EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

### **COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE – 12<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2003**

#### **DUNLOP AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY COMPANY – REQUEST TO LEASE DUNLOP VILLAGE HALL AND APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

##### **Report by the Director of Community Services**

### **1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 To report the outcome of negotiations with Trade Unions regarding the transfer of the Dunlop Village Hall to community management.

### **2. BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 At its meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> September 2003 the Committee approved, in principle, the transfer of management responsibility for the Dunlop Village Hall to the Dunlop and District Community Company. At the meeting the Director of Community Services was remitted to consult with the appropriate Trade Unions and report back to the Committee with progress on this project in due course.

### **3. CONSIDERATIONS**

- 3.1 Trade Unions have been fully consulted regarding this proposed transfer of management responsibilities. In response, the Trade Unions have no objections to the transfer on the grounds that the transfer of this building to community management has no real employment issues and the impact on Council service is negotiable. The Trade Union representatives have stressed that this position does not set a precedent for future applications of this nature.
- 3.2 The Company has requested a grant of £45,023 over 3 years, including a sum for building maintenance. Funding for building maintenance is not held in the Community Services budget and there is a specific sum allocated for each of the Council's buildings, therefore it would be appropriate to award a grant that covers running costs only, a total of £10,150 per annum, with inflation added throughout the three year grant period.

### **4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 The annual sum of £10,150 can be met from existing Community Services budgets.

### **5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 The agreement with the Dunlop and District Community Company will be underpinned by a formal lease and Service Level Agreement which will now be finalised by appropriate Council officials.

### **6. POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

6.1 Nil

## **7. CONCLUSIONS**

7.1 As there are no Trade Union objections to this proposal the detailed arrangements can now be concluded.

## **8. RECOMMENDATIONS**

8.1 The Committee is asked to:-

- i) approve the request from the Dunlop and District Community Company to lease the Dunlop Village Hall;
- ii) to approve the request for three year revenue funding at £10,150 per year, to be paid on a pro-rata basis related to the date of commencement of the lease;
- iii) to remit to the Director of Development Services and Head of Administrative and Legal Services to negotiate an appropriate concessionary lease for approval by the Corporate Governance Committee;
- iv) to remit to the Director of Community Services and Head of Administrative and Legal Services to negotiate an appropriate Service Level Agreement with the company to include revenue support;
- v) to remit to the Director of Community Services to report back on progress with this project in due course; and
- vi) otherwise note the contents of this report.

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14<sup>TH</sup> October 2003

### **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

1. Letters to Trade Union Officials dated 30<sup>th</sup> September 2003.
2. Letter from Manual and Craft Workers' Convenor dated 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2003

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