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"A Community with Commitment"

News

BARLANARK ROAD EXTENSION

In the AGM report we updated members on the Co-operative's interest in the site and properties at the other end of Barlanark Road and at Bressay Road.

We are pleased to report that we are making good progress towards a project that will generate significant new investment in housing at this location. If approved by the City Council, the project will be submitted to the Scottish Office for funding under the government's New Housing Partnership scheme.

As this newsletter goes to print we are actively discussing the project with the City Council, with Scottish Homes and with a potential private sector partner.

We are working closely with our colleagues in the other housing associations and co-operatives in Greater Easterhouse with a view to producing a bid for funding which will benefit the whole area. We hope that an estate wide bid will bring more benefits in terms of training for local people and other related developments.

ALLOCATION POLICY REVIEW

The Co-op recently reviewed its Allocation Policy. Some of the main changes were:

1. Pregnancies now taken into account 3 months prior to date of confinement.
2. New points category for couples both of whom are leaving the parental home, to set up house
3. New medical points awards.

Staff have just completed reviewing all external applications. The review of internal applications should be complete by the end of November 1998.

If you want to know how this review has affected your points or position on the waiting list, you should make an appointment to see Gail, or telephone her at the office, after the end of November. Unfortunately, she will be unable to give you any accurate information prior to that date.

N.B.

All applicants should remember that the waiting list changes on a regular basis, at least weekly. Therefore, any information you receive about your position on the list can quickly go out of date.

SPRINGBOIG

Scottish Homes have asked for organisations to register an interest in becoming the new landlord for their properties at Springboig. Scottish Homes still have approximately 270 rented properties in Springboig and have sold about 250. The Co-operative have expressed an interest in taking ownership of the rented properties.

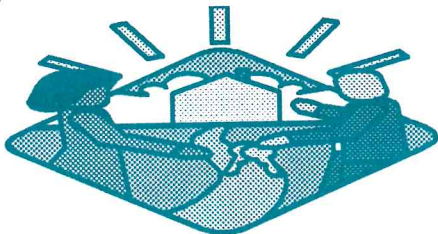
We believe that we could provide tenants in Springboig with an opportunity to achieve real improvements in their housing conditions and an excellent service from the Co-operative.

We expect a large number of organisations to express an interest in this property. The Co-operative will only move ahead on this if we are clear that tenants in Springboig support the Co-operative's interest.

We will keep members informed.

SHARED OWNERSHIP

Thinking of moving now, or sometime in the future? The Co-op helps people in Shared Ownership who wish to move to market their properties.



It does this by keeping a register of people who contact the office for information on owner occupier and Shared Ownership in the area.

If you think you may be interested in Shared Ownership in the future, why not add your name to the list? It may save you money! Contact Geraldine at reception.

REMEMBER - REMEMBER

The 5th of November - take extra care on Bonfire Night.



ESTATE CARETAKER

- VACANCY -

SALARY £9,145

The Co-op is looking to appoint an Estate Caretaker via the New Deal.

If you are between 18 - 26 years and have been unemployed for 6 months plus, or are 25 years or over, and have been unemployed for at least 2 years, you may qualify for this position. Training will be provided.

For more information contact Shettleston Job Centre on 800 - 6125.

INVITATION TO CONTRACTORS

The Co-op is currently reviewing its list of approved contractors.

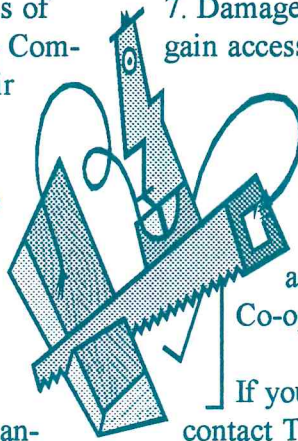
Any contractor who wishes to be considered for inclusion on this list should contact Tracy Johnston at the office for an application form

TENANT REPAIR RESPONSIBILITIES

A few months ago an article was published in this Newsletter which gave details of Tenant Repair Responsibilities. The Committee has since confirmed the repair items for which it is expected that tenants will be responsible. The repair items for which tenants may be held responsible are:-

1. Damage to glass.
2. Damage to sink or sanitary ware.
3. Choked sink or sanitary ware.
4. Fitting / renewing internal door handles.
5. Replacing lost or broken keys and any cost incurred through forcing entry through lost keys.

6. Replacing batteries for smoke detectors.
7. Damage to decor arising from the need to gain access to services.
8. Replacing pulley ropes.



Remember, if you make alterations to your home without approval you could also be held responsible for additional repair costs incurred by the Co-operative.

If you wish any further information on this contact Tracy Johnston at the office. Please keep a note of these items alongside your hand-book and Tenancy Agreement.

COMMITTEE SURGERY

Members of the Management Committee will be holding a surgery on Tuesday, 10th November, 1998 at 1.30 pm in the Co-op's offices.

This is your opportunity to officially speak to the Committee about any issues of concern you have e.g. maybe you are unhappy about the repairs service you received. It is also your opportunity to record any praise you have for the Co-op, or to make suggestions about activities the Co-op may want to get involved in.

If you don't approach us, we can't help you.

No appointment required.

METER READINGS

"AccuRead" are a company who carry out meter readings on behalf of Scottish Gas. If a calling card is left then you must get in contact with your main gas supplier in order to rearrange a date and time.

Remember! Always ask for identification.

OFFICE CLOSURE DURING CHRISTMAS



Please note that the Co-operative's office will be closed for two weeks during the holiday period. The dates are as follows:-

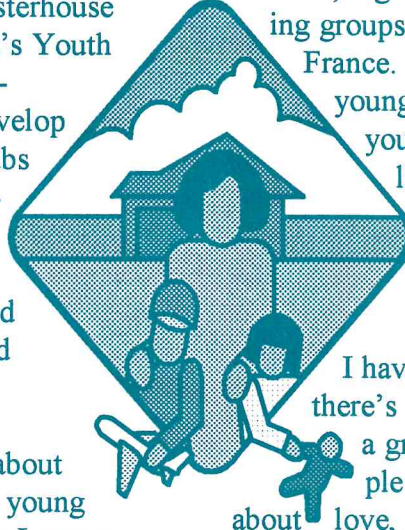
Friday, 25 December - Tuesday, 6 January

For any emergencies during this period, please ring 552-8647.

HELPING HAND FOR CALVAY'S KIDS

Hi, I'm Claire McWilliams - your new Youth Worker for Calvay Co-op. As well as working with Calvay I'll be working with Bosco Juniors Sports Club, Greater Easterhouse Lone Parent Forum, St Benedict's Youth Club and Lochfield Housing Co-operative. My job will be to develop youth services in each of the clubs as well as trying to do joint projects to help break down territorial boundaries. This is quite a unique job - the first of its kind about here and I'm really excited about it.

Let me tell you a wee bit more about myself. I've been working with young people for over 8 years. Initially I was a teacher, teaching in East Kilbride, Africa and then in Clydebank. For the last three and a half years I've been a Youth Development Worker, working in Govanhill and schools all over Glasgow. It's a really challenging job



with so many different parts to it - looking at issues such as bullying, self confidence, drugs, alcohol, bigotry and many more and also taking groups away all over Scotland and even France. Last year I led a group of 80 young people to Paris for a world youth event - there were over a million young people from all over the world there, it was totally exhausting but absolutely brilliant.

I have to say that I love my work - there's nothing better than working with a group of children and young people having fun, discussing issues about love, life and the universe. I believe strongly in young people and the power of good they can do for themselves and the community. Hopefully we can work together to see the positive changes young people can make.

WINNER - GARDEN COMPETITION

Congratulations to Mr. Adams of 36 Barlanark Road who once again won Glasgow District Council's garden competition.

So if you'd like to be inspired for next year's competition have a look at this picture. Or better yet, have a walk round before the frost sets in.

