



October 1996

"A Community with Commitment"

News

AGM Update

The Co-op's Annual General Meeting on 19 September, 1996 was very successful with a lot of participation from all present.

The Accountant reported on the Co-operative's financial affairs and answered questions from the members. This helped all present to understand where the Co-op's funds are obtained and spent.

Members raised a lot of useful questions on issues affecting the Calway area. Feedback was provided by staff and committee members and a number of the issues raised are to be followed up.

A presentation was made by Quarriers' on their work as providers of support for tenants moving into New Build Phase 2. Their presentation spelled out the need for a partnership between Calway and Quarriers' to make this special needs project a success. The meeting made clear that existing tenants will make every effort to make our new tenants feel welcome in the community.

Another item on the evening's agenda was the election of a new Management

Committee and Office Bearers. Elizabeth Lindsay, our Chairperson for the last 5 years, expressed her sadness at having to step down and her appreciation to staff and committee members for their support during this time.

Following the meeting the Management Committee met to elect new Office Bearers and to co-opt additional members to the Committee.

The new Management Committee is as follows:

Tam Kay	Chairperson
Anna Steele	Vice Chair
Cathy Paterson	Secretary
Annie Dougan	Treasurer

Committee Members:

Frances McCall MBE	
Cathy Shevlin	
Peter Howden	
Elizabeth Lindsay	
Flo Harris	
Mary Forrester	
Valerie McMaster	
Margaret Cunningham	Co-opted Member

Many thanks to those present who helped make Calway's AGM a success.

How Does The Co-operative Work?

Finance Section

Continuing our series of articles on the work of the Co-op this month we are looking at the Finance Section.

This important aspect of our work is supervised by the Finance and General Purposes Sub-committee. This committee has been convened for the past year by the Co-op's Treasurer, Annie Dougan. The Finance staff are: Donald Goldie, Finance Manager; Jannette Wilson, Finance Officer, and; Amelia Buckley, Finance Assistant.

The Co-operative is a substantial organisation in financial terms. The Co-operative has invested over £16.5 million with an annual capital spend in recent years averaging almost £2 million. On top of this the Co-operative has an annual revenue budget of over £750,000, including over £500,000 in rents.

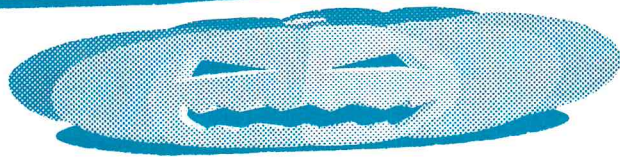
The Finance and General Purposes Sub-committee and the Staff work together to ensure that the Co-op's finances are properly accounted for. Each year the books are audited by an independent Auditor and a report submitted to the membership at the AGM.

Finance Staff works with other sections to help the Co-op achieve the best value for its money. The Finance Manager works with Development Staff to ensure that private finance is secured to fund our continuing development programme. Negotiations are currently under way to secure a 30 year £500,000 loan to fund the completed Shared Ownership development at Croftspar and the second phase New Build development.

Finance work may seem a long way from the interests of the members. However, in order to give the organisation a secure future we need to manage our financial affairs effectively. This is done by taking a long term view of the organisation needs and planning to have the funds available to meet those needs.

Calvay's Finance Staff also provide financial services to Lochfield Park Co-operative in Easterhouse.

If you are interested in finding out more about our finances a copy of the Annual Accounts is available to view in the reception area. If you are interested in contributing to this area of our work by serving on the Committee please contact the office.



Social Activities Group

Kids Fancy Dress Halloween Party

5 -12 years

31st October from 6.30 pm - 9.00 pm

50 pence admission. Tickets available at the door.

Halloween Karaoke 2nd November

Adults Only Tickets £2.50

8.00 pm - 12 pm

Tickets available at the door.

Youth Group

Calvay's programme of activities for young people is taking shape. The under 15 football team is continuing its run of success and is now managed by David Adams and Thomas Kay. Help is still wanted for the under 12 team.

The Broadreach trip was great fun for all who attended. The sight of Calvay's finest hanging from the top of a mast was something to behold.

The next outing will be for 15 to 19 year olds to Cyberzone at the John Wheatley College.

Jobseekers Allowance

On 7th October the Jobseekers allowance replaced Income Support and Unemployment Benefit.

This change could affect the amount of money you receive. If you are worried about this, or would like more information, pick up a leaflet in the office or contact:

Garthamlock Unemployed & Community Resource Centre
22 Barholm Square

Garthamlock
Tel 774-6884
or

Citizens Advice Bureau
76 Shandwick Square
Tel 771-2328
or

Money Advice Centre
11 Shotts Street
Tel 781-4000

News From Stepping Stones

Margaret Cunningham, a parent of Stepping Stones in Scotland, Calvay Young Family Centre, successfully completed the Glasgow half marathon on 25th August in 2 hours, 27 minutes and 42 seconds.



Margaret was sponsored for her run and her magnificent fundraising effort was much appreciated by the parents and staff at the Family Centre.

Margaret has asked that the money raised goes towards purchasing a new piece of equipment for use by parents in the multi-sensory room.

Baby Buys



Greater Easterhouse Consumers Project are currently looking at the possibility of setting up a Baby Products Co-op in your area.

The idea behind this is that Baby Buys purchases essential toiletries for baby in bulk, and then passes the savings onto its members.

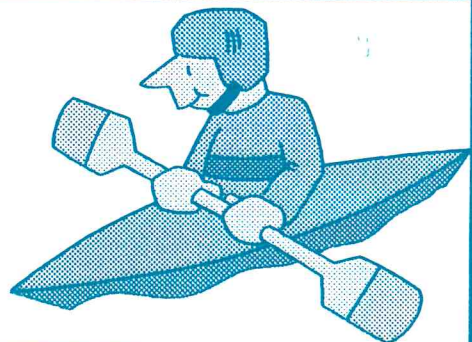
That way you will carry on doing the best for baby at less cost.

The project is also looking for volunteers. For further information please contact:- Greater Easterhouse Consumer's Project or Phil Boath - Community Worker on 781-4121.

Broadreach Excursion

The kids from Barlanark Youth Project would like to thank the staff at Broadreach for the fab day out on the water.

They would also like to thank Duncan McLean for making the trip possible.



New Build Phase Two - Completed Before Christmas?

Those of you who attended the Annual General Meeting will now know that we expect the first houses to be handed back to the Co-op in the first week in November. These houses will be the four cottage flats available through shared ownership. This is to allow potential purchasers a chance to view the properties before they buy.

What about the Houses for Rent?

We hope to also take possession of the row of houses and flats along Barlanark Road early in November. Prospective tenants will also be

given an opportunity to view the properties before taking up tenancy. Unfortunately, due to site safety rules, we do not yet know when viewings will take place. Watch this space for details!!!

The contractor has promised that all the houses will be complete and ready for people to move into by mid December so that occupiers can enjoy Christmas in their new home. Work on the environmental will probably continue into the New Year.



Stair Lighting

If you experience any problems with the lighting to the stairs, back closes and back courts, please do not contact the office.

The number to contact is 0800 595 595

Cyclical Painterwork

Phase 2 of the Cyclical Painterwork at Calvay Crescent is now ongoing.

Tenants are asked to assist the painters wherever possible by allowing access to doors, windows etc.

Gas Central Heating

Servicing of gas central heating is currently ongoing at Calvay.

Please allow access wherever possible to allow the servicing to be carried out in preparation for the winter months.

Vital Statistics

Screen goddesses of yester year had well publicised measurements on which their careers depended. We now call on them to provide a selection of numbers to bring us luck. Our selection is:



18 20 27
37 38 40
Members are asked to identify the famous three screen stars who gave us so much pleasure. (Prize - 7 packets of chocolate shortcake biscuits).

Quiz Night

Thursday, 24th October in the Activity Centre.

Tickets are £1 each (or £5 for a team of 6)

Tickets are available from the office. All proceeds to Calvay Youth Project.

