



October 1998

"A Community with Commitment"

News

AGM UPDATE

Well, what a night! The AGM on 17 September must rank as the best yet. There was a record turnout of 78 members and a further 31 proxy votes. Clearly the Activities Centre is members' preferred venue. Hopefully next year we will hold the AGM in an improved hall.

The Secretary reported on changes in staff and committee. Members agreed to record their best wishes to Jean Robertson, presently off on sick leave. The Director reported on the past year and on progress on the next phase of new build. He also reported on plans for the Activities Centre and the Park.

The Director highlighted a major improvement in the Rent Arrears position. He recorded his thanks to Leza Prentice of the Pendeen Road Housing Benefit office for her assistance.

Presenting the accounts, Mike Blyth, of Kidsons Impey, reported on our continuing financial strength and on our commitment to funding future repairs.

During a lively question time (which even had the Director stumped once or twice) discussion took place on policing in the area. The meeting was fortunate to have Constables Mc Cole and Sweeney present to respond to members' queries.

We can apparently look forward to a higher level of policing in the near future.

There were five vacancies on the Management Committee and we received six nominations. The election saw Mary Forrester, Peter Howden and Cathy Paterson re-elected and John Dunlop and Margaret Kelly elected for the first time. Following the meeting the Management Committee met to elect new Office Bearers. Full details are on Page 2.

The same evening members took part in a Special General Meeting. This considered a change to the rules to open membership to 16 and 17 year olds (presently restricted to 18 plus). The Management Committee proposed the amendment in order to meet our commitment to equal opportunities.

Opposition to the amendment was principally on the grounds of concern at 16 year olds being unable to sustain a tenancy. After considerable debate the amendment was supported on a show of hands by 40 votes to 20. Our rules require a 75% vote in favour of a rule change, as a result the rule change fell.

Following the meeting the Management Committee agreed to take some time to consider members concerns before bringing the issue back to the membership. The Committee remain convinced of the need for change.

CALVAY'S NEW MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

At the Management Committee meeting following the AGM elections took place to fill the offices of Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer and Vice Chairperson. The outcome of the elections is reported below.

At the beginning of the election process Cathy Paterson indicated that she would not be seeking re-election to the post of Secretary. Cathy has held this post since July 1991, making her the longest serving Office Bearer in the Co-op's history. The Committee recorded their appreciation of all the work that Cathy has put in to the development of the Co-operative over her eight years in office. We are sure that all members of the Co-op would wish to join us in expressing our thanks.



The Committee have also agreed to send a letter of appreciation to Mrs Elizabeth Lindsay, who left the Management Committee after 11 years' service.

The new Management Committee is as follows:-

Tam Kay	Chairperson
John Dunlop	Vice Chairperson
Mary Forrester	Secretary
Annie Dougan	Treasurer

Committee Members:

Anna Ellis	Flo Harris
Peter Howden	Margaret Kelly
Rosemarie Lindsay	Frances McCall
Cathy Paterson	Cathie Shevlin

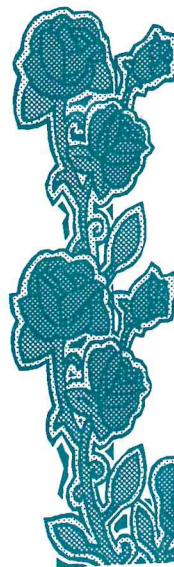
RENT / HOUSING BENEFIT

If your circumstances change in any way this could affect the amount of Housing Benefit you are entitled to, or rent you have to pay.

Such changes could be a time off work sick, reduction in family credit, recent award of Disability Living Allowance (DLA), or an adult member of the household (not the tenant) off work sick.

For advice on whether any change will affect your rent or Housing Benefit, make an appointment to see someone at the office.

THEFTS FROM GARDENS



The Co-op has received reports that children's toys have been stolen from gardens in the area.

Be careful of your belongings and report anything suspicious to the police.

FIRE ESCAPE WINDOWS - CALVAY CRESCENT

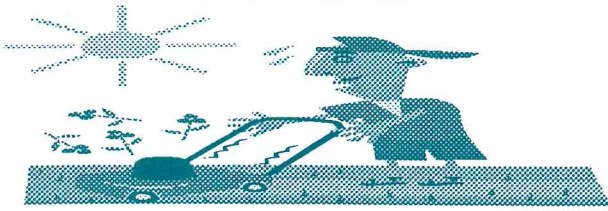
As you will be aware the Co-operative is proposing to remove the existing fire escape windows in 7 - 27 and 51 - 69 Calvay Crescent and replace them with another safer and easier to use style of window.

A sample window is currently being fitted to one of our properties to check for suitability.

Before the contract gets underway, the Contractor will need access to every flat in the area to measure up.

ESTATE MANAGEMENT

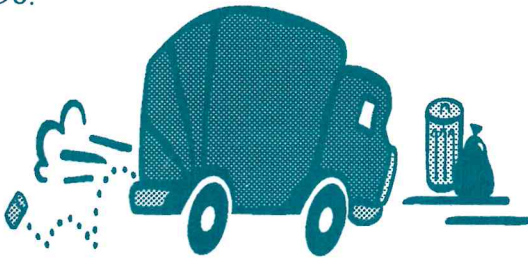
LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE CONTRACT



The Co-operative's Landscape Maintenance Contractor had finally got back on programme with the grass cutting throughout the area. However the workmen have again been subjected to violent attacks.

The Police are now dealing with this matter and anyone with any information should contact them directly.

The contractor will be meeting with members of the Co-op's staff for a final inspection of the area and to discuss the end of season cut back and pruning of trees and shrubs. Hopefully this will be commencing the first week in November 1998.



CLEANSING DEPARTMENT

We have recently received confirmation from the Cleansing Department of the scheduled days for uplift of domestic refuse. They are as follows:-

Monday

Calvay Crescent - All
Calvay Road - All
Barlanark Road - 6 - 52, 54 - 78
Burnett Road - All
Barlanark Drive - All

Friday

Barlanark Road - 1-7, 25-33, 11 & 23, 15-21
Barlanark Crescent - All

Wednesday

Croftspar Grove - All

If, however, the refuse collection day should fall on a public holiday, the collection service will be provided one day later than normal, with the exception that Friday collection will be provided on the Sunday.

Bulk and special uplifts bin shelters and special uplifts must be requested by telephoning 287 9700. Please do not leave any bulk items out in the backcourt, or in the close, if an uplift has not been arranged.

OUT OF HOURS EMERGENCY SERVICE

If you have an emergency repair to report outwith office hours the number to call is:

0141 552 8647

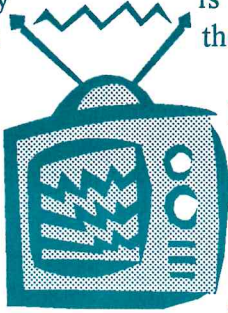
On calling this number you will be connected with Pointer Alarms who will take your details and pass all information onto the Calvay staff member on call at that time. The staff member will in turn call you back to confirm the details and instruct the appropriate contractors, if necessary.

Please ensure this service is only used for emergencies and not day to day repairs. If the Co-operative receive a call for a routine repair via the emergency service the staff member on call will not instruct the work until the next working day.

If you experience any problems with this service, please inform Tracy Johnston at the Co-operative offices.

DIGITAL TV AND MILLISAT

You will no doubt be assured by aware "Digital Millisat Satellite Television" will be Systems that the aerial broadcast throughout serving the whole area the country is compatible with over the next few days the digital signal.



For those of you who will be upgrading your current analogue system to the new digital system, you will be able to do so without any problem as the Co-operative have

If you have an analogue television you can upgrade it by purchasing a digital receiver box or if you subscribe to Sky TV you can upgrade by purchasing their digital decoder.

STAFF CHANGES

Some of you may have noticed a new face at the reception desk. The Co-op would like to welcome Geraldine McGuigan, it's new, permanent Receptionist. The Committee would like to thank all members for their patience with the temporary staff it employed while this position was vacant.

BEEP! BEEP! BEEP!

If you hear this noise, your smoke alarm battery needs to be changed. Don't delay, do it NOW! It could save your life.

CONGRATULATIONS!

..... to Gordon & Lynda on the arrival of Greg, love from Mum & Family.also to Robert & Joyce on the arrival of baby Robert, love from Phil & Tracy.

...back by public demand, Jim Hunter in Concert at the Activities Centre, on the evening of Saturday 31 October 1998. Further details available from the office.

CYBERZONE PRESENTATION

Cyberzone and the Youth Group will be holding a special presentation and certificate ceremony for all those who participated in the Horse riding, Pottery and Rock Climbing activities.

This event will take place on Friday, 23 October at 7.30 pm in the Activities Centre. A Disco will take place after the presentation and raffle tickets are now on sale to raise money for light refreshments. Raffle tickets are 25p each or five for £1.00 and are available from Cathy Paterson, Rosemary Sneddon and Pauline Aniello. Prizes for the raffle are:-

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| 1st Prize | - | Knitted Doll |
| 2nd Prize | - | Knitted Cardigan
up to 10 yrs |
| 3rd Prize | - | Magic Set |

Come along and remember all the good times and pick up a certificate for all your efforts.

HALLOWE'EN PARTY



The Youth Group and Social Action Group have joined forces to present a Hallowe'en Disco. The event will take place on Thursday, 29 October in the Activities Centre and the times are as follows:-

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| 5.00 - 7.00 pm | - | 5 to 12 yrs |
| 7.30 - 10.00 pm | - | 13 to 17 yrs |

There will be games to be played and prizes to be won. Fancy dress is optional.

Tickets are 50p each and are available from Rosemary Sneddon, Cathy Paterson and Pauline Aniello. So why not come along and see what frights awaits you on the night.