



“A Community with Commitment”

News

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2001



Time passes so quickly. Monday the 17th saw the 16th AGM of the Co-operative held in the Robert Bennie Centre, many thanks to all those who turned out. The major events of the past and forthcoming year were reported. The purchase of the land at Barlanark Road, the imminent streetscape work in Calvay Road and the kitchen replacement contract being the most notable events.

The Co-operative's auditors also gave the annual accounts the all clear and confirmed the financially healthy position of the Co-operative. Duncan McLean, Director (currently on secondment to the GHA) was present to find out what he's been missing.

Once again this year the Police were on hand and gave a brief presentation on Policing in the

Barlanark Area. The Police reminded all those present of the need for the public to assist them by reporting incidents of crime and concern. This was particularly relevant on the night as many of the members who attended were visibly shaken due to children having been shot by air rifles in Barlanark Park. Unfortunately on dealing with this incident, the Community Police Officer present had to report that this incident hadn't been reported to the Police.

The elections for membership of the Co-operative's Management Committee saw the appointment of some new faces in Dawn Marie Gallagher and Hugh Rooney. Both are warmly welcomed.

The new Management Committee are: Elizabeth Lindsay, Chairperson. Bryce Wilson, Vice-Chair. Cathy Norman, Secretary. Annie Dougan, Treasurer. Anna Ellis, Hugh Rooney, Dawn Marie Gallagher, Tam Kay, Frances McCall, Rosemarie Lindsay, Peter Howden - Committee Members. Cathie Shevlin and Flo Harris - Co-opted members.

There are still vacancies on the Committee if you are interested. Contact a member of Staff for details.

NEW RENT CARDS

You should have received your new rent payment card by now. You should start using this as of 28th September 2001.

If you haven't received a card, or want more information about the system, please contact the office.

Staff contact: Gail/Hugh

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COUNCILLOR COLEMAN COMMENTS...

The biggest issue at the moment inside Glasgow City Council is the possible housing stock transfer. Whilst the people of Calvay have had all of their houses redeveloped over the years, there are still many parts of Glasgow where people are living in sub standard conditions. Hopefully, if the ballot is successful, then the remaining properties will be transferred to the Glasgow Housing Association which will have a responsibility of redeveloping parts of the city that have, to date, not received any investment.



the new housing association, would have to be fully consulted and involved in the process as well as the workers who provide the services, ie the DLO and various other support departments within the Council. They too would have to be involved in discussions to make sure that the work that they currently do continued for the GHA and talks are already taking place.

On the wider scene, if this is successful, then it will create a tremendous opportunity for maximising job opportunities within the project, not only on construction but in the wider environmental issues that arise during such a programme. It should create, for the first time, the possibility that in the not too distant future every tenant in Glasgow will be in a warm, wind and watertight home.

If the transfer went ahead then obviously the Council would no longer be a landlord. However, it would still have the strategic responsibility for housing within the city. If this transfer goes ahead there will have to be some radical decisions taken, especially concerning some of the multi storeys in the city. Glasgow has a very high concentration of multi storeys and the question has got to be asked as to whether they all have a future. That will be determined by the GHA Business Plan.

No specific timetable has been put in place for the ballot for the stock transfer. This will depend on the feedback from the tenants themselves as to when they would prefer this to take place. Clearly if more time is required, then that will have to be looked at. But early signs show that a substantial amount of tenants would prefer an early ballot and if the ballot proves successful, then the properties will be transferred some time later next year with the investment starting immediately after that.

Consultation, of course, is the key to the whole project and the Council is doing all it can to ensure that the tenants are fully consulted and aware of all the ramifications of this process, including rent levels etc. as this is a main concern for people. Benefits are another issue again, and these assurances have to be given to tenants so they are fully aware of the whole process and only then will we have the opportunity to go to the ballot. It will be entirely up to tenants as to how the decision goes. The Council will, of course, abide by any decision taken.

The staff involved, who will be transferred to

GUTTER CLEANING



The annual gutter cleaning contract was recently tendered. The successful contractor will be on site to start this work on 15th October 2001 - at the latest.
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MOBILE LIBRARY



The mobile library has moved. It will now be situated in Calvay road - outside the Co-operative offices on a Monday evening from 5.50pm until 6.25 pm. On a Wednesday it will still be at the Robert Bennie Centre between 11.55am and 12.25pm.

Remember that books borrowed from any Glasgow City Council library can be returned to the mobile library.

PROPERTY SERVICES UPDATE

ENERGY ADVICE — FIBREGLO

You may soon be contacted, or already have been contacted by, a company named FIBREGLO. This company are a registered installer for the Government's Warm Deal Scheme.

This scheme provides grants of up to £500.00 for eligible persons - depending on receipt of certain benefits - for carrying out works in the

home which will hopefully cut your gas and electricity bills. They may even be able to provide you with low energy lightbulbs. This company have been authorised by the Co-op to carry out this work.

Staff contact: Tracy Johnston

TENANT SATISFACTION CARDS - QUARTERLY DRAW

Congratulations to Mrs McLachlan of Calvay Road. The prize of £20 worth of vouchers has been forwarded. Don't forget to return your repairs satisfaction card for entry in the next quarterly draw.

SAFE SECURITY RESPONSE TEAM



The Wise group can provide home safety services to vulnerable people such as the elderly, infirm, disabled, ethnic minorities and homes with young children. Developed by the Community Safety Initiative, which is part of the Chief Executive's Department at Glasgow City Chambers, the project is available to everyone through referral.

The Co-operative is a referral agency for this scheme. If you wish more information or to be referred, contact the office.

Staff Contacts: Gail/Hugh

FREE SMALL REPAIRS SCHEME

The Wise Group provide a FREE small repairs scheme for pensioners and disabled people in the area. They would, for example, help you change the battery in your smoke alarm, put up curtain rails, possibly even put up shelves. All labour is free but you must provide the materials -or the Wisegroup can provide them at low cost.



If you are interested in this scheme telephone Alan Reilly on 433 2749 or contact the office Staff who can make arrangements for you.

Staff Contacts: Gail/Hugh

DON'T WANT TO BE A "GRASS"? - IT'LL COST YOU

If you want to call the police you can do so anonymously - you don't have to give your name and address. It's no good reporting some things to the Co-op after they have happened - Staff can't deal with things that are a Police issue.

Remember all of the vandalism and crime that goes unreported is paid for by you. If the Co-op knows who is responsible for vandalism it



can make them pay for the repairs. If not it may end up as part of your rent charge - or in the Co-op having to cut back on the repairs it can do in your homes.

If you have any issues regarding the policing in the area let the Staff in the office know and they can raise it with the Inspector for the area and the local Councillor at the Police liaison meetings.

Robert Bennie Trust



FRIDAY, 5 OCTOBER 2001

IN
THE ROBERT BENNIE CENTRE,
16 CALVAY ROAD

B.Y.O.B.

FROM
7.00 PM 'TIL
LATE

PRIZES

Raffles

Tickets: £2.50



FUNDRAISING CONTINUES

Fundraising for the fund is continuing. The trustees have set a target of £5000 as the trigger for awarding grants. An annual award will be set up at John Wheatley college for the Student who has shown the greatest achievement or commitment in a particular field - the specifics are still being decided. If you want to know more about the trust fund, or are interested in hosting a fundraising event, please contact Donald or Patricia at the office.

EVENTS

Race night/Disco being held on 5th October 2001. Tickets £2.50. Horses for sale £1, jockeys for sale 50p. Prizes for each winning jockey and horse. Staff contact Patricia/Geraldine



Congratulations and thanks to all those who completed the Glasgow half marathon held on 19 August 2001. Approximately £250.00 was raised for the Robert Bennie Trust Fund. The runners were; Alan Bennie and John Bennie.

YOUTH NEWS

There's nothing for us to do in this area! Oh yes there is...



As a direct response to information gathered during the Tenant Satisfaction Survey, Staff from the Co-op met with local youths to talk about the lack of facilities for them in the area, and what things they would be interested in.

From these meetings, arrangements were made for Coaches from the SFA to come in to provide football coaching. This takes place in Barlanark Park every Sunday, from 2 - 4 pm. It is open to anyone in the area over 12 years old (if you're not yet 12 and want to join in, come into the office and see the staff who will try to arrange something for you).

If you want to find out about other things that are happening in the area, leave your name and address with Geraldine at Reception and we'll keep you posted.

AN INVITATION TO YOU

Barlanark Family Learning Centre would like to welcome you to their Parents Group. This is a very informal group, discussing the topics that interest you over a cup of coffee. Have a say about how you feel. Meet other parents / carers and take time for yourself. Crèche facilities are available. Bring along your favourite CD if you like.

The Group meets weekly on Wednesdays from 1.00pm-2.45pm in the Community Health Shop. The aims of the Group are:-

- * To help parents / carers be confident with their children at home.
- * To bring parents together in friendship and support.

If you are interested or want more information please call into the Community Health Shop on 773-1787 or contact Sheila Dorrens, Barlanark Family Learning Centre on 771-4833.