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Motherwell, 3 June 1997 at 11 am.

A Meeting of the
EDUCATION (COMMUNITY SERVICES) SUB-COMMITTEE

PRESENT

Councillor Gray, Convener; Councillors A. Burns, Cefferty, Combe, Gilchrist, Gormill, Holloway, Provost Mathieson and Selfridge; Rev. J. Brannigan, Rev. B. Talbot and W. Brown.

CHAIR

Councillor Gray (Convener) presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

The Committee Services Officer, Director of Education and Head of Support for Learning.

APOLOGIES

Councillors R. McKenna and Wallace.

EARLY YEARS SERVICE EXPANSION

1. With reference to paragraph 5 of the Minute of the meeting of the Education Committee held on 18 March 1997 when, inter alia, the Committee authorised the Director of Education to take forward the recommendations of the Member/Officer Study Group on Pre-Five and Early Years Services and report on progress, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated 14 May 1997 by the Director of Education regarding the progress to date on the expansion of the Early Years Service and, in particular, on the development of two new nursery centres.

Decided:

- (1) that the terms of the report be noted;
- (2) that the steps taken by the Director of Education to progress the development of a new nursery centre at surplus accommodation at St. Patrick's High School, Coatbridge, be approved;
- (3) that the proposals for the relocation of Braidhurst Nursery Centre to Clydeview School, Motherwell once vacated, and the establishment of a satellite provision of Forgewood Nursery Centre within the premises currently occupied by Braidhurst Nursery Centre, as detailed in Section 4 to the report, be approved;

- (4) that the proposals to appoint or second nursery staff for a one year period pending the outcome of the Pre-School Education Initiative be noted, and
- (5) that the report be remitted to the Personnel Services Committee for consideration.

PLAYGROUP SUPPORT SERVICES - PROPOSALS FOR THE
CREATION OF FIELD WORKER POSTS

2. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated 12 May 1997 by the Director of Education (1) regarding current arrangements for local support to playgroups in the voluntary sector, and (2) setting out proposals for the creation of three new Field Worker posts within the establishment of the Department of Education to work in association with Early Years Officers in support of playgroups and other voluntary sector providers.

Decided:

- (1) that the terms of the report be approved, and
- (2) that the report be remitted to the Personnel Services Committee for consideration.

INTERNATIONAL YOUTH EXCHANGE GRANTS - APPLICATION
FROM FOCUS YOUTH PROJECT, VIEWPARK

3. There was submitted a report dated 12 May 1997 by the Director of Education regarding an application from Focus Youth Project, Viewpark, for funding towards a reciprocal International Youth Exchange Visit to Logrono, Spain.

Decided:

- (1) that funding in the sum of \$1,600 be awarded to the Focus Youth Project towards the cost of the Youth Exchange Visit to Logrono, Spain, and
- (2) that the report be remitted to the Civic Functions Group for consideration of the request for the Council's support in organising a civic reception for the relevant incoming group.

GRANTS TO VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS 1997/98 - APPLICATION
BY CAMBUSNETHAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

4. There was submitted a report dated 14 May 1997 by the Director of Education regarding an application received from Cambusnethan Community Council for a community education service grant towards roof repairs and operational and maintenance costs in respect of the Community Council's Hall.

Decided:that a grant of \$1,500 be awarded to Cambusnethan Community Council towards roof repairs and operational and maintenance costs in respect of the Community Council's Hall.

COMMUNITY EDUCATION SERVICE: CHILD CARE TO SUPPORT ADULT EDUCATION

5. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated 12 May 1997 by the Director of Education proposing that \$50,000 be allocated for child care facilities to support adult learning initiatives organised at local level by the six Area Community Education Teams, details of which were set out in the Appendix to the report.

Decided:that the proposals for the provision of child care facilities to support adult learning initiatives at an estimated total cost of \$50,000, as detailed in the Appendix to the report, be approved.

SCHOOL LETS 1997/98

6. C There was submitted a report (docketed) dated 12 May 1997 by the Director of Education (1) summarising the current arrangements in respect of lets of school buildings and playing fields; (2) proposing revised charges for the School Session 1997/98, and (3) proposing revised school letting guidelines for implementation from August 1997.

Decided:

- (1) that the terms of the report be noted;
- (2) that the letting charges for school buildings and playing fields, as detailed in the Appendix III(f) to the report, be approved with effect from 1 August 1997, and
- (3) that the revised school letting guidelines, as detailed in Appendix A to the report, for implementation from August 1997, be approved.