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Motherwell, 24 February 1998 at 11 am.

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

PRESENT

Councillor Gray, Convener; Councillors Craigie, Gibson, Gilchrist,
Gormill,
Grant, Holloway, Logue, Lucas, McKenna, Selfridge and Rev. B. Talbot.

CHAIR

Councillor Gray (Convener) presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

The Committee Services Officer, Head of Support for Learning, Principal
Community Education Officer and Principal Officer, Early Years.

APOLOGIES

Provost Mathieson, Councillors A. Burns, Cefferty, McCabe, McGuigan and
Stocks.

THE CHILDREN ACT 1989: REPORT ON APPROVED ACTIVITIES IN
THE PERIOD FROM APRIL 1996 TO DECEMBER 1997

1. There was submitted a report dated 9 February 1998 by the
Director of Education referring to the statutory obligations of
the
Council under the Children Act 1989 (1) indicating that the
Director of Education had delegated powers to approve
applications for persons and premises being registered under
the
Children Act 1989; (2) informing of the statutory
responsibility
which required the Education Department to regulate the
registration and inspection of registered childminders and day
care
services for children under 8 years of age, and (3) providing a
statistical analysis of the activities registered between 1
April and
31 December 1997.

Decided:

(1) that the contents of the report be noted, and

(2) that the Director of Education submit further reports to
the
Sub-Committee on a quarterly basis.

PROPOSED GRANT TO MOODIESBURN YOUTH EXCHANGE GROUP

2. There was submitted a report dated 9 February 1998 by the Director of Education advising of an international youth exchange to Lancaster, Philadelphia by the Moodiesburn Youth Exchange Group (1) outlining the background to International Youth Exchange Programmes; (2) informing of the preparation work undertaken with regard to the exchange to Lancaster, Philadelphia; (3) intimating that a total of eighteen young people and two leaders would be travelling to Lancaster, Philadelphia at a total cost of approximately \$6,500 with \$1,300 having been raised through fundraising activities; (4) indicating that the cost to each participant would be \$150, and (5) proposing that a grant awarded. of \$80 per participant and \$955 for staff travel costs be

Decided:

- (1) that approval be given for a proposed grant award of \$80 per participant at a cost of \$1,440 plus staff travel costs of \$955, and
- (2) that a report detailing the number of youth groups in receipt of grants since April 1996 together with information in relation to the overall funding and assessment of the Exchanges be submitted to a future meeting.

GRANTS TO VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS: EARLY YEARS SERVICE

3. There was submitted a report dated 16 February 1998 by the Director of Education advising of applications for grant under the Grants to Voluntary Organisations for Early Years Service budget of (1) informing that, in terms of his delegated powers, a grant of \$1,000 had been awarded to North Road Playgroup, Bellshill for equipment, furnishings and fittings; (2) recommending that grant awards be made to three playgroups and two out of school care groups, and (3) intimating that the unallocated balance was \$130.

Decided: that further awards of Early Years Service Grants be approved as follows:-

Playgroup: Westfield Playgroup, Cumbernauld

Recommendation: \$600

Purpose of Application: General administration

Playgroup: Burngreen Playgroup, Kilsyth
 Recommendation: \$750
 Purpose of Application: Staffing costs, equipment and furnishings and fittings

Playgroup: Allanton Playgroup, Allanton
 Recommendation: \$500
 Purpose of Application: General running costs

Out of School Care: Devonview Out of School Care, Airdrie
 Recommendation: \$600
 Purpose of Application: Letting fees and equipment

Out of School Care: Petersburn Out of School Care, Airdrie
 Recommendation: \$1,000
 Purpose of Application: Staffing costs

Gaelic Initiatives Supported by the Community Education Service

4. There was submitted a report dated 11 February 1998 by the Director of Education summarising the involvement of the Community Education Service in supporting a variety of initiatives in the field of Gaelic education and culture (1) outlining the background to the links which North Lanarkshire had with Gaelic language and culture; (2) informing that Gaelic Initiatives were funded from a combination of Scottish Office Specific Grant, Education budget provision and Student Contributions; (3) detailing the activities and courses run by the Community Education Service for Gaelic language, and (4) advising that a Gaelic Development Officer had been appointed at the new Gaelic medium primary unit at Condorrat Primary School, Cumbernauld.

Decided: that the contents of the report be noted.