

NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL
REPORT

To: COATBRIDGE AREA COMMITTEE	Subject: COATBRIDGE COMMUNITY FORUM
From: LIAISON DIRECTOR	
Date: 24 TH August 2000	Ref: CS001/041/001

1.0 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to consider the current position within the Coatbridge area and update on development of the forum.

2.0 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 At the Coatbridge area committee meeting of 21 March 2000, members agreed after a verbal report to invite forum members to future area committee meetings.
- 2.2 Members will be aware that since the re-establishment of the area committee the forum has been meeting on a six weekly cycle to develop a constitution, its role and responsibilities and clarify support available from North Lanarkshire Council.
- 2.3 At the area committee meeting of 20 June 2000 members agreed to award a grant of £270 from the community grants scheme to assist with running and development costs.

3.0 PROGRESS

- 3.1 At the past three meetings of the community forum much time has been spent on clarifying the forum's range of responsibilities, potential future agenda items, a constitution and clarity on the working relationship between the forum, area committee and liaison director. The forum studied models used by other community forums within North Lanarkshire and the relationship that these bodies have built up with the area committees in their area. The forum members are currently developing proposals to be presented to a future committee meeting in order to take forward a working partnership.
- 3.2 A further report will be presented to a future area committee meeting.

4.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 4.1 It is recommended that the area committee:
- i) note the progress of the Coatbridge community forum; and,
 - ii) request that the liaison director presents a further report to a future area committee on ongoing development of the community forum.



LIAISON DIRECTOR