

AGENDA ITEM No.1(a).....
CUMBERNAULD AREA - 9 December 1997

Cumbernauld, 9 December 1997 at 6 pm.

A Meeting of the **CUMBERNAULD AREA COMMITTEE**

PRESENT

Councillor Chadha, Convener; Councillor Macleod, Vice-Convener; Councillors Beekman, Carmichael, Combe, Gilchrist, Grant, McKenna, G. Murray and S.V. Murray.

CHAIR

Councillor Chadha (Convener) presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

The Committee Services Officer, Head of Planning and Transportation (Acting Liaison Director), Local Officer, Chief Executive's Department, Head of Sport and Recreation, Head of Support for Learning, Treasury Manager and the Area Social Work Manager.

APOLOGY

Councillor McCulloch.

MINUTE OF CUMBERNAULD AREA COMMITTEE MEETING OF 28 OCTOBER 1997

1. There was submitted the Minute of the meeting of the Cumbernauld Area Committee held on 28 October 1997.

Thereafter the Convener, Councillor Chadha moved in terms of Standing Order No. 48, that Order No. 29 be suspended to permit further consideration of this matter, and the Committee agreed to recommend accordingly.

In relation to paragraph 1 of the Minute, the Committee Services Officer referred to the revised Timetable of Meetings and advised that the Courthouse Building was not available on Friday afternoons and that alternative accommodation had been arranged, where appropriate, within Bron Way for meetings on the Friday afternoon.

Decided: that the information be noted.

PROCEDURES FOR APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MINUTES

2. There was submitted a report dated 3 December 1997 by the Director of Administration advising of the procedures adopted by North Lanarkshire Council for consideration of Minutes of Area Committees.

Decided: that the report be noted.

DISCRETIONARY RELIEF OF RATES FOR LICENSED CLUBS

3. Under reference to paragraph 13 of the Minute of meeting of the Council held on 6 November 1997, there was submitted a report dated 21 October 1997 by the Director of Finance on Discretionary Relief of Rates for Licensed Clubs outlining (1) the current formula applied to sporting clubs provided they qualify under a formula relating bar turnover to rateable value, and (2) a revised formula whereby turnover would be calculated in the same manner with new bandings to update the current scheme of turnover and percentages introduced.

Decided: that it be recommended

- (1) that the revised formula, as detailed in Appendix 2 of the report, be introduced for the calculation of relief, and
- (2) that the scheme be widened to include the British Legion Clubs subject to clarification of their legal status.

ESTABLISHING COMMUNITY FORUMS - CONSULTATION PROPOSALS

4. There was submitted a report dated 9 December 1997 by the Liaison Director submitting proposals for the establishment of a Community Forum within the Cumbernauld Area.

Decided:

- (1) that local organisations etc. be invited to a public meeting on the establishment of a Community Forum;
- (2) that the consultation meeting be held at a central location in Cumbernauld during the week commencing 19 January 1998, and
- (3) that the agenda for the meeting be produced and the venue arranged by the Liaison Director, following consultation with the Convener and Vice-Convener.

AREA PROFILES - WAY FORWARD

5. There was submitted a report dated 1 December 1997 by the Chief Executive providing guidance to Area Committees on the aims, objectives and content of Area Profiles, arrangements for co-ordinating statistical and service based information and the timescale involved as considered and agreed by the Policy and Resources (Community Development) Sub-Committee at their meeting on 26 November 1997.

Decided:

- (1) that the aims, objectives, arrangements and timescales for the production of Area Profiles be noted;
- (2) that the agreed indicative content of Area Profiles, as set out in the Annex to the report, be noted;

- (3) that the Liaison Director plan the task of gathering information for the Profile with the Area Team, and
- (4) that the report be otherwise noted.

FUNDING COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- 6. There was submitted a report dated 2 December 1997 by the Chief Executive advising of the resources available for the establishment of Community Forums and related activities in the current financial year as agreed by the Policy and Resources (Community Development) Sub-Committee at its meeting on 26 November 1997.

Decided: that the report be noted.

REVIEW OF INTERIM COMMUNITY GRANT SCHEME

- 7. Under reference to paragraph 19 of the Minute of the Policy and Resources (Community Development) Sub-Committee held on 26 November 1997, there was submitted a report dated 19 November 1997 by the Chief Executive concerning the review of the current Community Grant Scheme, and recommending future amendments designed to improve the efficiency of the Scheme and its benefits to the community and voluntary organisations.

Decided: that the terms of the report be noted on the understanding that the members' observations thereon be forwarded to the Chief Executive for inclusion in the report to be submitted to the next Policy and Resources (Community Development) Sub-Committee.

COMMUNITY GRANTS

(1) CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATIONS

- 8. Under reference to paragraph 5 of the Minute of this Committee held on 28 October 1997 there was submitted a report dated 3 December 1997 by the Chief Executive detailing applications for Community Grants continued from that meeting together with new applications and applications for Service Enhancements.

Decided: that the applications for Community Grants be dealt with as follows subject to the receipt of any outstanding information.

CONTINUED APPLICATIONS

Group: Carbrain Parents and Toddlers Group, Cumbernauld

Purpose of Application: To assist with purchase of start up equipment (previously issued with a cheque for £550).

Total Cost: Not known

Grant Requested: £1,200

Decision: That a grant of £600 be awarded.

Group: New Dawn Lunch Club, Cumbernauld

Purpose of Application: To assist with running costs of Lunch Club.

Total Cost: Not known

Grant Requested: £1,500

Decision: That the application be further continued.

Group: St. Mungo's Club, Cumbernauld

Purpose of Application: To assist with cost of activities programme.

Total Cost: Not known

Grant Requested: £450

Decision: That a grant of £400 be awarded.

APPLICATIONS CONTINUED BY POLICY AND RESOURCES (COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT) SUB-COMMITTEE

Group: Seafar Senior Citizens Welfare Committee

Purpose of Application: To assist with the cost of Christmas Party for Ochil View House residents.

Total Cost: Not known

Grant Requested: £300

Decision: That a grant of £300 be awarded.

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NEW APPLICATIONS

Group: Cumbernauld and Kilsyth Citizens Advice Bureau

Purpose of Application: To assist with running costs.

Total Cost: Not known

Grant Requested: £350

Decision: That the application be continued.

Group: St. Lucy's Tiny Teddy Tots Playgroup, Cumbernauld

Purpose of Application: To assist with start up costs of library and purchase of arts and crafts materials.

Total Cost: Not known

Grant Requested: £500

Decision: That a grant of £500 be awarded.

Group: Burns Road Residents Group, Kildrum

Purpose of Application: To assist with start up costs of Neighbourhood Watch Scheme and erection of signage.

Total Cost: Not known

Grant Requested: £222

Decision: That the application be continued.

Group: ACE Abronhill Mothers and Toddlers Group

Purpose of Application: To assist with purchase of equipment, arts and crafts materials and running costs.

Total Cost: Not known

Grant Requested: £1,000

Decision: That a grant of £1,000 be awarded.

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Group: Pollock Hall Mothers and Toddlers, Condorrat

Purpose of Application: To assist with purchase of play equipment.

Total Cost: Not known

Grant Requested: £1,300

Decision: That the application be continued.

Group: Abronhill Youth Cafe Club

Purpose of Application: To assist with start up costs and purchase of computer.

Total Cost: Not known

Grant Requested: £1,379

Decision: That a grant of £1,379 be awarded.

Group: The Restricted Growth Association, Cumbernauld

Purpose of Application: To assist with the cost of attending International Conference.

Total Cost: Not known

Grant Requested: £1,200

Decision: That a grant of £1,200 be awarded.

Group: Hilltop Playgroup and Toddlers, Cumbernauld

Purpose of Application: To assist with cost of Pantomime outing for playgroup children only.

Total Cost: Not known

Grant Requested: £75

Decision: That a grant of £75 be awarded.

Group: Hilltop Playgroup and Toddlers, Cumbernauld

Purpose of Application: To assist with the cost of Christmas outing.

Total Cost: Not known

Grant Requested: £180

Decision: That a grant of £180 be awarded.

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Group: Condorrat Community Council

Purpose of Application: To assist with purchase of photocopier.

Total Cost: Not known

Grant Requested: £300

Decision: That the application be continued.

Group: Cardowan and Dysart Residents Association, Cumbernauld

Purpose of Application: To assist with the cost of a public consultation meeting.

Total Cost: Not known

Grant Requested: £200

Decision: That a grant of £200 be awarded.

Group: Kildrum and Park Senior Citizens Club

Purpose of Application: To assist with the cost of Christmas dinner or theatre trip.

Total Cost: Not known

Grant Requested: £375

Decision: That a grant of £375 be awarded.

Group: Glencryan Club

Purpose of Application: To assist with the purchase of board games, TV and video, sports equipment and running costs of mini bus.

Total Cost: Not known

Grant Requested: £1,500

Decision: That a grant of £1,500 be awarded from the top sliced element of the Community Grant Scheme.

(2) INTERIM COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME - FUNDING REQUEST, SENIOR CITIZENS' INFORMATION FAYRE

9. There was submitted a report dated 5 December 1997 by the Chief Executive concerning an Information Fayre, with activities for senior citizens, to take place in the Link Community Education Centre and the Tryst Sports Centre from 8-11 December 1997 to coincide with the disbursement of the £10 gift payment to senior citizens within North Lanarkshire.

Decided:

- (1) that funding, up to £1,500, towards the running costs of the Information Fayre be awarded from the Cumbernauld Area Committee's Interim Community Grants Scheme top sliced allocation;
- (2) that the arrangements for the Information Fayre for senior citizens be noted;
- (3) that the Chief Executive submit an evaluation report on the event to a future meeting of the Area Committee, and
- (4) that the report be otherwise noted.

DRAFT COMMUNITY CARE PLAN

10. The Area Social Work Manager gave a presentation to Committee on the various initiatives being explored through the Draft Community Care Plan and responded to questions on various aspects of the plan by Members.

Decided: that the information be noted.

PUBLIC LIBRARIES CHALLENGE FUND

11. Under reference to paragraph 18 of the Minute of the Leisure Services Committee held on 3 December 1997 there was submitted a report dated 17 November 1997 by the Director of Leisure Services providing details on the Public Libraries Challenge Fund and outlining the Council's proposed submission.

Decided: that the action taken by the Director of Leisure Services in submitting an intention to bid for funding from the Public Libraries Challenge Fund, as detailed in the report, be noted.

The Convener being of the opinion that the following item of business was relevant, competent and urgent authorised its consideration.

SERVICE PLANS 1998/99

12. Under reference to paragraph 13 of the Minute of the Policy and Resources Committee held on 9 December 1997 there was submitted a report (tabled) dated 17 November 1997 by the Chief Executive containing a synopsis of the Service Plans for 1998/99 relative to the various Departments of North Lanarkshire Council.

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