

**AGENDA ITEM No. 1(c)**  
**MOTHERWELL AREA - 10 December 1997**

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Motherwell, 10 December 1997 at 2 pm.

A Meeting of the **MOTHERWELL AREA COMMITTEE**

**PRESENT**

Councillor Ross, Convener; Provost Mathieson, Vice-Convener; Councillors Craig, McLaughlin, W. Martin, Scott and Wilson.

**CHAIR**

Councillor Ross (Convener) presided.

**IN ATTENDANCE**

The Chief Committee Services Officer, Director of Social Work (Liaison Director), Head of Quality Development, Head of Revenue Services, Area Housing Manager, Planning Manager, Area Manager, Motherwell and Local Officer, Chief Executive's Department.

The Convener agreed to vary the Order of Business in order to consider Agenda items (7)(a), (b) and (c) as the first items of business.

**INTERIM COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME**

**(1) REVIEW OF SCHEME**

1. Under reference to paragraph 4 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 29 October 1997 there was submitted a report (docketed) dated 19 November 1997 by the Chief Executive (1) seeking the agreement of the Committee in consultation with the Policy and Resources (Community Development) Sub-Committee to review the existing Interim Community Grants Scheme, and (2) recommending future amendments designed to improve the efficiency of the Scheme and its benefits to the Community and Voluntary Organisations.

**Decided:**

- (1) that the Committee support the review and suggest that the status quo remain with regard to the consideration of the division of "top sliced" and "ward components" for grants;
- (2) that the Committee agree that the Chief Executive prepare a report for the next meeting of the Committee on the location of Playschemes throughout North Lanarkshire for which £31,050 had been allocated, and
- (3) that the report be otherwise noted.

**(2) MOTHERWELL CHALLENGE INITIATIVE - APPLICATIONS**

2. Under reference to paragraph 5 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 29 October 1997, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated 3 December 1997 and list of
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applications (tabled) by the Chief Executive for approval of Schemes in terms of the Motherwell Challenge Initiative.

**Decided:** that the applications for Motherwell Challenge Initiative funding submitted to the Committee be dealt with as follows:-

**Group:** Lanarkshire Elderly Forum - CG97/98-589

**Purpose of Application:** To assist with costs of hosting a one-day event.

**Total Cost:** Not known

**Grant Requested:** £1,500

**Decision:** Grant of £1,500

**Group:** North Forge Credit Union Juniors - CG97/98-590

**Purpose of Application:** To assist with costs of purchase of computer software, stationery and starting pack.

**Total Cost:** Not known

**Grant Requested:** £1,500

**Decision:** Grant of £1,500 on the proviso that the Credit Union be encouraged to extend its activities Motherwell wide and consider the redesignation of the Credit Union to reflect this extension of its activities.

**Group:** Motherwell District Women's Aid - CG97/98-591

**Purpose of Application:** To assist with costs of advertising, printing, postage, stationery etc.

**Total Cost:** Not known

**Grant Requested:** £1,500

**Decision:** Grant of £1,500

**Group:** Near Not Dear Food Co-op - CG97/98-641

**Purpose of Application:** To assist with purchase of freezer and chill cabinet.

**Total Cost:** Not known

**Grant Requested:** £800

**Decision:** Grant of £800

**(3) SCHEDULE OF APPLICATIONS**

3. Under reference to paragraph 6 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 29 October 1997, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated 3 December 1997 and list of applications (tabled) by the Chief Executive for Community Grants.

**Decided:**

- (1) that consideration of those applications where Members comments had yet to be made be continued, and
- (2) that the applications for Community Grants submitted to the Committee be dealt with as follows subject to the submission of any outstanding information:-

**CONTINUED APPLICATIONS**

**Group:** St. Bernadette's Hall Committee - CG97/98-286

**Purpose of Application:** To assist with the purchase of equipment and fabrics.

**Total Cost:** Not known

**Grant Requested:** £500 (Cheque previously issued for £400)

**Decision:** Continue consideration

**Group:** North Motherwell Priority Partnership Area (PPA) Community Forum - CG97/98-312

**Purpose of Application:** To assist with administrative costs.

**Total Cost:** Not known

**Grant Requested:** £500

**Decision:** Continue consideration

**Group:** Jerviston Tenants' and Residents' Association - CG97/98-313

**Purpose of Application:** To assist with general running costs and purchase of equipment.

**Total Cost:** Not known

**Grant Requested:** £1,000 (Cheque previously issued for £100)

**Decision:** Grant of £100

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Group: Jerviston Boys' Club - CG97/98-374  
Purpose of Application: To assist with the costs associated with the hire of halls and parks.  
Total Cost: Not known  
Grant Requested: £900 (Cheque previously issued for £80)  
Decision: Grant of £100

Group: Carfin Senior Citizens - CG97/98-386  
Purpose of Application: To assist with the purchase of equipment and the cost of Christmas activities.  
Total Cost: Not known  
Grant Requested: £300 (Cheque previously issued for £100)  
Decision: Grant of £150

Group: Over 55 Club, Motherwell - CG97/98-531  
Purpose of Application: To assist with the costs of providing Christmas dinner.  
Total Cost: Not known  
Grant Requested: £300 (Cheque previously issued for £50)  
Decision: Grant of £250

NEW APPLICATIONS

Group: Fir Park Boys' Club - CG97/98-491  
Purpose of Application: To assist with costs of purchasing equipment, strips and footballs etc.  
Total Cost: Not known  
Grant Requested: £500  
Decision: Grant of £200

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<b>Group:</b>	<b>Jerviston Children's Club - CG97/98-492</b>
<b>Purpose of Application:</b>	To assist with running costs and replacement of equipment.
<b>Total Cost:</b>	Not known
<b>Grant Requested:</b>	£250
<b>Decision:</b>	Grant of £180
<b>Group:</b>	<b>North Motherwell Playscheme - CG97/98-493</b>
<b>Purpose of Application:</b>	To assist with costs for Christmas Pantomime, hire of bus and carnival outing.
<b>Total Cost:</b>	Not known
<b>Grant Requested:</b>	£300
<b>Decision:</b>	Grant of £200
<b>Group:</b>	<b>Zone Youth Group - CG97/98-494</b>
<b>Purpose of Application:</b>	To assist with costs of purchasing equipment and weekend away.
<b>Total Cost:</b>	Not known
<b>Grant Requested:</b>	£1,500
<b>Decision:</b>	Grant of £400 meantime and continue consideration.
<b>Group:</b>	<b>Calder Primary School PTFA - CG97/98-495</b>
<b>Purpose of Application:</b>	To assist with costs of purchasing sports equipment and clothing.
<b>Total Cost:</b>	Not known
<b>Grant Requested:</b>	£500
<b>Decision:</b>	Grant of £400

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<b>Group:</b>	<b>Dalziel St. Andrew's Parish Church - CG97/98-498</b>
<b>Purpose of Application:</b>	To assist with costs of transport for the elderly to and from Church Service and tea and treat.
<b>Total Cost:</b>	Not known
<b>Grant Requested:</b>	£400
<b>Decision:</b>	Grant of £200
<b>Group:</b>	<b>Burnside Tower Social Club - CG97/98-560</b>
<b>Purpose of Application:</b>	To assist with costs of outings, annual dinner and purchase of chairs and curtains.
<b>Total Cost:</b>	Not known
<b>Grant Requested:</b>	£200
<b>Decision:</b>	Grant of £100
<b>Group:</b>	<b>North Motherwell Community Centre Senior Citizens' Club - CG97/98-587</b>
<b>Purpose of Application:</b>	To assist with the cost of providing Christmas dinner.
<b>Total Cost:</b>	Not known
<b>Grant Requested:</b>	£200
<b>Decision:</b>	Grant of £100
<b>Group:</b>	<b>Forgewood Welcome Club Senior Citizens' - CG97/98-588</b>
<b>Purpose of Application:</b>	To assist with the cost of providing Christmas dinner and bus trips.
<b>Total Cost:</b>	Not known
<b>Grant Requested:</b>	£200
<b>Decision:</b>	Grant of £100

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**Group:** North Motherwell Parish Church of Scotland - CG97/98-594  
**Purpose of Application:** To assist with costs of covering existing windows in Church hall and the paint over of graffiti.  
**Total Cost:** Not known  
**Grant Requested:** £1,500  
**Decision:** Grant of £300

**Group:** Jerviston Tenants' and Residents' Association - CG97/98-615  
**Purpose of Application:** To assist with the costs associated with the hire of halls.  
**Total Cost:** Not known  
**Grant Requested:** £200  
**Decision:** Grant of £200

**Group:** Jerviston Playgroup - CG97/98-616  
**Purpose of Application:** To assist with the costs associated with the hire of halls and Christmas Party.  
**Total Cost:** Not known  
**Grant Requested:** £100  
**Decision:** Grant of £100

**Group:** Cleland Church of Scotland Choir - CG97/98-617  
**Purpose of Application:** To assist with costs of transport.  
**Total Cost:** Not known  
**Grant Requested:** £75  
**Decision:** Refer to Wishaw and Newmains Area Committee.

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Group:	Taylor High School Board - CG97/98-648
Purpose of Application:	To assist with the costs of the production of School Pantomime.
Total Cost:	Not known
Grant Requested:	£200
Decision:	Grant of £150

### JOINT COMMUNITY CARE PLAN AND ACCOMMODATION STRATEGY

4. The Convener advised the Committee (1) of the launch on 22 October 1997 of the draft Joint Community Care Plan and Accommodation Strategy produced by the Council in conjunction with Lanarkshire Health Board and Scottish Homes; (2) that a three month consultation period, during which it was hoped to obtain the views and comments of individuals and organisations who have an interest in Community Care issues would now take place, and (3) that Mrs. E. Murray, Area Manager, Department of Social Work, Motherwell would provide a presentation to the meeting focusing on the Motherwell area on the strategy document.

Mrs. Murray then addressed the meeting on the proposed Plan and funding arrangements, it having been noted that the jointly funded Care and Repair Scheme at a cost of £45,000 would be launched initially in the Motherwell area and phased into other areas after one year's operation.

Having responded to Members questions, the Committee thanked Mrs. Murray for her presentation.

**Decided:** that the presentation be noted.

### RAVENS CRAIG REGENERATION

5. The Convener made reference to "A Bold New Vision For Ravenscraig" a partnership document for the regeneration of the Ravenscraig Site which had been submitted to the Planning and Development Committee on 19 November 1997 and Economic Development Committee on 27 November 1997, copies of which were made available for Members and which had been drawn up for the Council in partnership with the Lanarkshire Development Agency and British Steel plc.

He further advised the Committee that Mr. David Miller, Planning Manager for the Motherwell Area was in attendance to give a presentation to the Committee on the implications for the Motherwell Area of the Ravenscraig Regeneration and Mr. Miller was heard on the proposed Ravenscraig Regeneration with particular reference to the implications for the Motherwell area in terms of Transportation, the Town Centre and Access to Training.

Having responded to Members questions, the Committee thanked Mr. Miller for his presentation.

**Decided:**

- (1) that a further presentation be made to the Committee following the completion of the Public Consultation Exercise on progress for the regeneration of the Ravenscraig site, and
- (2) that the presentation package be otherwise noted meantime.



**DISCRETIONARY RELIEF OF RATES FOR LICENSED CLUBS**

6. Under reference to paragraph 13 of the Minute of the meeting of the North Lanarkshire Council held on 6 November 1997, there was submitted a report dated 21 October 1997 by the Director of Finance on the Discretionary Relief of Rates for Licensed Clubs and seeking the views of the Committee thereon.

In that connection, the Head of Revenue Services was heard further in the matter and expanded upon the revised formula to be introduced for the calculation of the Discretionary Relief of Rates for Licensed Clubs, and the intention to widen the Scheme to include British Legion Clubs, subject to clarification of the legal position.

**Decided:**

- (1) that the Committee support the adoption of the revised formula to be introduced for the calculation of the Discretionary Relief of Rates for Licensed Clubs, and
- (2) that the Committee support the proposal that the Scheme be widened to include British Legion Clubs, subject to clarification of their legal status.

**COMMUNITY FORUMS - UPDATE OF ESTABLISHMENT**

7. Under reference to paragraph 8 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 17 September 1997, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated 10 December 1997 by the Liaison Director providing an update for Members on the proposed establishment of a Local Community Forum for the Motherwell area and the issues which will require to be addressed ie consultation, timescale, resource implications etc.

**Decided:**

- (1) that the Committee note the progress to date in regard to the Outline Plan for the development and establishment of Local Community Forums as set out in the report, and
- (2) that the Committee agree that a further report be submitted to the next meeting of the Committee setting out detailed proposals for the establishment of a Local Community Forum within the Motherwell area.

**AREA PROFILES - WAY FORWARD**

8. Under reference to paragraph 3 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 29 October 1997, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated 1 December 1997 by the Chief Executive providing an update for Members on the proposed establishment of Area Profiles for Area Committees.

**Decided:**

- (1) that the Committee note the aims, objectives, arrangements and timescale for the development of Area Profiles;

- (2) that the Committee note the indicative content of Area Profiles as set out in the Annex to the report;
- (3) that the Liaison Director be authorised to plan the task of ingathering information for the Profile in conjunction with the Motherwell Area Team, and
- (4) that the report be otherwise noted.

#### FUNDING COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

9. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated 2 December 1997 by the Chief Executive providing details on the resources available for the establishment of Community Forums and related activities in the current Financial Year, as determined by the Policy and Resources (Community Development) Sub-Committee at its meeting on 26 November 1997, it having been noted that the budget allocation for Motherwell Area Committee was £2,000.

**Decided:** that the report be noted.

**The Convener being of the opinion that the following item of business was urgent by virtue of the need to give timeous consideration to Service Plans 1998/99 authorised its consideration.**

#### SERVICE PLANS 1998/99 - SUMMARY DOCUMENT

10. Under reference to paragraph 13 of the Minute of the meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee held on 9 December 1997, there was submitted a report dated 17 November 1997 by the Chief Executive (1) regarding the Service Plans produced by all Departments of the Council for 1998/99 which had been remitted by the various Committees of the Council to the Policy and Resources Committee for consideration; (2) outlining the role of Service Plans within the Council's Corporate Planning process, and (3) enclosing Executive Summaries of all Service Plans and providing an overview of each Plan.

**Decided:** that the Summary Document be noted.