

Wishaw Library, 10 December, 1997 at 2 pm.

A Meeting of the WISHAW AND NEWMAINS AREA COMMITTEE

PRESENT

Councillor Gibson, Convener; Councillor Lunny, Vice-Convener: Councillors Holloway, McKendrick, J. Martin, Pentland and Selfridge.

CHAIR

Councillor Gibson (Convener) presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

The Chief Committee Services Officer, Director of Housing, (Liaison Director), Local Officer, Chief Executive's Department, Housing Manager, Wishaw, Area Social Work Manager, Wishaw, Senior Social Work Planning Co-ordinator and Income Manager, Finance.

APOLOGIES

Councillors McGhee and Moran.

DRAFT COMMUNITY CARE PLAN

1. The Area Social Work Manager and the Senior Social Work Planning Co-ordinator, were heard in relation to the aims and objectives of the Draft Community Care Plan (1) indicating that it had been prepared in association with Lanarkshire Health Board and Scottish Homes, and (2) advising of the Public Consultation exercise which was currently being carried out.

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

ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMUNITY FORUM

2. With reference to paragraph 1 of the Minute of this Committee held on 29 October, 1997 when, inter alia it had been agreed that a further more detailed report setting out the planned consultation process along with the suggested timetable be submitted to a future meeting of the Area Committee, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated 5 December 1997 by the Liaison Director setting out options for the consultation arrangements to be carried out within Wishaw and Newmains Area (1) outlining the background to the establishment of Community Forums; (2) intimating a number of options for community consultation arrangements; (3) proposing a format for the consultation meeting(s), and (4) detailing options for Forums in respect of geographical spread, representation and style of meeting(s).

Thereon, Councillor Pentland, seconded by Councillor Lunny, moved that a series of meetings be held within communities.

Councillor J. Martin, seconded by Councillor Gibson, moved as an amendment that one meeting be held centrally in Wishaw.

On a vote being taken, 4 Members voted for the amendment and 3 Members voted for the Motion. The amendment was accordingly declared to be carried.

**Decided:**

- (1) that one meeting to be held centrally in Wishaw, to undertake consultation with the communities to recommend a community forum structure for the Wishaw and Newmains Area;
- (2) that the publicity arrangements as detailed within the report be approved;
- (3) that the agenda for the consultation meetings as detailed within the report be approved;
- (4) that the range of options as detailed in the report be presented to the consultation meetings, and
- (5) that otherwise the terms of the report be noted.

### FUNDING COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

3. With reference to paragraph 13 of the Minute of the Policy and Resources (Community Development) Sub-Committee held on 26 November 1997 when, inter alia, it had been agreed that the allocation of resources available for the establishment of community forums and related activities in the current financial year be approved, there was submitted a report dated 2 December 1997 by the Chief Executive in this respect (1) informing that one of the major tasks of the Area Committees was the establishment and support of Community Forums; (2) detailing the notional core budget and financial formula for the current financial year, in which Wishaw and Newmains Area would receive £2,250; (3) advising that authority for approving expenditure for each area was delegated to the Assistant Chief Executive (Operations), with access to the budget being at the request of the relevant Liaison Director, and (4) intimating that the cost associated with community involvement and other aspects of the Decentralisation Scheme for the financial year commencing April 1998 would be considered as part of the budget setting process for 1998/99.

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

### AREA PROFILES - WAY FORWARD

4. With reference to paragraph 14 of the Minute of the Policy and Resources (Community Development) Sub-Committee held on 26 November 1997 when, inter alia, the aims and objectives of Area Profiles and the timescale of June 1998 had been agreed, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated 1 December 1997 by the Chief Executive in respect of Area Profiles (1) outlining the background to and the aims and objectives of these Profiles; (2) detailing the development of methods to gather information, and (3) intimating that the draft schedule of indicative content and the timescale for the production of Area Profiles was set out as an Appendix to the report.

**Decided:**

- (1) that the aims, objectives, arrangements and timescale for the production of Area Profiles be noted;

- (2) that the indicative content of Area Profiles as set out within the Appendix to the report be approved;
- (3) that the Liaison Director plan the task of gathering information for the profile with the Area Team, and
- (4) that the terms of the report be otherwise noted.

#### DISCRETIONARY RELIEF OF RATES FOR LICENSED CLUBS

5. With reference to paragraph 13 of the Minute of the meeting of the Council held on 6 November, 1997 when it had been agreed to continue a report by the Director of Finance on the discretionary relief of rates for licensed clubs pending the submission of the report to the Area Committees for their views, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated 21 October 1997 by the Director of Finance regarding discretionary relief of rates for licensed clubs.

**Decided:** that the report be continued for further clarification in respect of qualification criteria and levels of relief.

#### REVIEW OF INTERIM COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME

6. With reference to paragraph 10 of the Minute of the meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee held on 9 December 1997 when the Committee agreed, *inter alia*, that a comprehensive review of the Interim Scheme be undertaken and that the Area Committees consider the issues identified in the review framework and to make recommendations on the future operation of the Scheme.

**Decided:** that it be recommended

- (1) that the principles of the Accounts Commission/COSLA Code of Guidance as detailed within the report be adopted to assist with process of review;
- (2) that voluntary organisations be advised that grant may become available for the establishment of new projects relating to Youth Development, Assistance to Elderly/Disabled, Environmental Improvement, Children's Services, Unemployment, Community Safety and Improvement to Quality of Life;
- (3) that the decision from the previous meeting "that the application forms for organisations to complete be simplified" be included within the Chief Executive's report further considering the Community Grants Scheme, and
- (4) that the terms of the report be otherwise noted.

#### INTERIM COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME - CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATIONS

7. With reference to paragraph 5 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 29 October 1997 wherein there were applications continued under the Interim Community Grant Scheme, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated 3 December 1997 by the Chief Executive detailing
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applications continued from Wishaw and Newmains Area Committee meeting of 29 October 1997 and the Policy and Resources (Community Development) Sub-Committee and new applications received.

**Decided:** that the applications for Community Grants be dealt with as follows (subject to submission of any outstanding information):-

**Group:** **Coltness Community Flat - WIS/CG97/98-180**

**Purpose of Application:** To assist with cost of Annual Fund Day

**Grant Requested:** £300 (previously issued with cheque for £150)

**Decision:** Continued

**Group:** **Wishaw Young Men's Christian Association - WIS/CG97/98-209**

**Purpose of Application:** Assist with costs for restructuring and maintenance of hall

**Grant Requested:** £1,500 (previously issued with a cheque for £150)

**Decision:** Agreed £200

**Group:** **St. Aidan's Amateur Operatic Society, Coltness - WIS/CG97/98-270**

**Purpose of Application:** Assist with cost of annual production.

**Grant Requested:** £1,500 (previously issued with cheque for £1,000)

**Decision:** Nil

**Group:** **Overtown Playgroup and Mothers and Toddlers - WIS/CG97/98-275**

**Purpose of Application:** Assist with cost of hall fees.

**Grant Requested:** £1,112 (previously issued with cheque for £200).

**Decision:** Continued

**Group:** **Cleland Boys' Club - WIS/CG97/98-249**

**Purpose of Application:** Assist with start-up costs of 7-a-side football team.

**Grant Requested:** Not Known

**Decision:** Nil

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**Group:** Cleland Miners' Amateur Football Club - WIS/CG97/98-298  
**Purpose of Application:** Assist with purchase of new football equipment.  
**Grant Requested:** £200  
**Decision:** Agreed £200

**Group:** Dryburgh Road Pensioners' Hut, Wishaw - WIS/CG97/98-299  
**Purpose of Application:** Assist with cost of Christmas Dinner.  
**Grant Requested:** £200  
**Decision:** Agreed £200

**Group:** Gowkthrapple Youth Club - WIS/CG97/98-357  
**Purpose of Application:** Assist with start-up costs and activities programme.  
**Grant Requested:** £500  
**Decision:** Continued

**Group:** St. Thomas' Youth Club, Wishaw - WIS/CG97/98-358  
**Purpose of Application:** Assist with purchase of educational toys and equipment.  
**Grant Requested:** £200  
**Decision:** Agree £100 meantime and continue for further consideration

**Group:** Gowkthrapple Steering Group - WIS/CG97/98-436  
**Purpose of Application:** Assist with cost of autumn programme of events.  
**Grant Requested:** £1,500  
**Decision:** Continued

**Group:** Wishaw South Bowling Club, Ladies Section - WIS/CG97/98-508  
**Purpose of Application:** Assist with cost of Silver Jubilee celebrations.  
**Grant Requested:** £200  
**Decision:** Continued

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**Group:** Coltness Senior Citizens Lunch Club, Wishaw - WIS/CG97/98-536

**Purpose of Application:** Assist with cost of christmas dinner and purchase of indoor bowls.

**Grant Requested:** £400

**Decision:** Agreed £400

**Group:** West Coltness Senior Citizens Club, Wishaw - WIS/CG97/98-537

**Purpose of Application:** Assist with cost of outing and Christmas dinner.

**Grant Requested:** £500

**Decision:** Agreed £400

**Group:** Wishaw Credit Union - WIS/CG97/98-602

**Purpose of Application:** Assist with running costs and purchase of computer software.

**Grant Requested:** £1,500

**Decision:** Agree £750 meantime and continue for further consideration

**Group:** Monday Club, Wishaw - WIS/CG97/98-603

**Purpose of Application:** Assist with purchase of safety equipment.

**Grant Requested:** £1,200

**Decision:** Continued

**Group:** Cleland Baptist Church - WIS/CG97/98-625

**Purpose of Application:** Assist with provision of youth outreach work.

**Grant Requested:** £100

**Decision:** Agreed £100

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**Group:** Cleland and District Old Folks - WIS/CG97/98-626  
**Purpose of Application:** Assist with cost of Christmas activities.  
**Grant Requested:** £200  
**Decision:** Agreed £200

**Group:** St. Patrick's SVDP, Craigneuk - WIS/CG97/98-627  
**Purpose of Application:** Assist with cost of Christmas Dinner.  
**Grant Requested:** £200  
**Decision:** Agreed £200

**Group:** Cleland Senior Citizens and Friends Centre - WIS/CG97/98-628  
**Purpose of Application:** Assist with annual running cost.  
**Grant Requested:** £100  
**Decision:** Agreed £100

**Group:** Coltness Community Council - WIS/CG97/98-629  
**Purpose of Application:** Assist with maintenance of Community Hall.  
**Grant Requested:** £1,000  
**Decision:** Agreed £800

**Group:** Cleland Senior Citizens Lunch Club - WIS/CG97/98-630  
**Purpose of Application:** Assist with cost of pantomime trip.  
**Grant Requested:** £100  
**Decision:** Agreed £100

**Group:** Gowkthrapple Senior Citizens - WIS/CG97/98-631  
**Purpose of Application:** Assist with cost of Christmas dinner.  
**Grant Requested:** £200  
**Decision:** Agreed £200

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Group:	St. Mary's Primary School PTA - Cleland - WIS/CG97/98-632
Purpose of Application:	Assist with cost of activities programme.
Grant Requested:	£1,500
Decision:	Agreed £100

#### VENUE OF FUTURE MEETINGS

8. The Liaison Director asked that consideration be given to future venues for the Area Committee meetings.

**Decided:** that the next three meetings on 4 February, 18 March and 6 May 1998 be held within Wishaw Library.

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

#### SERVICE PLANS 1998/99

9. With reference to paragraph 13 of the Minute of the meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee held on 9 December, 1997 when the Committee, had agreed, *inter alia*, that consideration of the report and Executive Summaries of the Service Plans be remitted to the Area Committees for their interest, there were submitted the report by the Chief Executive and the Executive Summaries.

**Decided:** that the terms of the report and Executive Summaries be noted.