

AGENDA ITEM No. 1(e)
KILSYTH AND VILLAGES AREA - 10 December 1997

Kilsyth, Wednesday, 10 December 1997 at 2.30 pm.

A Meeting of the **KILSYTH AND VILLAGES AREA COMMITTEE**

PRESENT

Councillor Barrie (Convener); Councillor Craigie (Vice-Convener) and Councillor Griffin.

CHAIR

Councillor Barrie (Convener) presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

The Director of Finance (Liaison Director), Core Services Officer and Local Officer, Chief Executive's Department.

ALSO ATTENDING

Cumbernauld Area Manager, Social Work Department.

LOCAL COMMUNITY FORUMS

(1) ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMUNITY FORUMS

1. With reference to paragraph 2 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 29 October 1997 when it had been agreed to continue consideration of an outline approach to Community Forums upon submission of further information, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated 3 December by the Liaison Director providing an update for Members on the proposed establishment of a Local Community Forum for Kilsyth and surrounding villages area and the issues which will require to be addressed namely consultation, timescale and resource implications etc. Thereon the Committee, having noted that the suggested timescale for the establishment of the Community Forum was May/June 1998, proposed that steps be taken to bring the date forward to March if possible.

Decided:

- (1) that the progress for production of an action plan for Community Forum development be noted;
- (2) that the Liaison Director, in consultation with the Convener, make arrangements to consult with local groups etc with a view to a Community Forum being established in March 1998, and
- (3) that a progress report be submitted to the next meeting.

(2) FUNDING COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

2. 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 Kilsyth and Villages Area Committee was £1,500.

Decided: that the terms of the report be noted.

AREA PROFILES - WAY FORWARD

3. With reference to paragraph 14 of the Minute of the meeting of the Policy and Resources (Community Development) Sub-Committee held on 26 November 1997 when, *inter alia*, the aims and objectives of Area Profiles were approved, there was submitted a report (docketed) 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 base information and the timescale involved.

Decided:

- (1) that the aims, objectives and arrangements and timescale for production of Area Profiles be noted;
- (2) that the indicative content of Area Profiles as set out in the Annex to the report be noted;
- (3) that the Liaison Director be authorised to plan the task of gathering information for the Profile in conjunction with the Area Team, and
- (4) that the report be otherwise noted.

DISCRETIONARY RELIEF OF RATES FOR LICENSED CLUBS

4. With reference to paragraph 13 of the Minute of meeting of North Lanarkshire Council held on 6 November 1997, when it had been agreed that consideration of discretionary relief of rates for licensed clubs be continued pending the submission of a report by the Director of Finance to 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 indicating that a review of the current policy had been undertaken and proposing a new formula for discretionary relief of rates as detailed in Appendix 2 to the report.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee support the introduction of the revised formula for calculating the relief of rates for licensed clubs, as detailed in Appendix 2 to the report, and
- (2) that subject to clarification of their legal status, British Legion Clubs be included for consideration in the scheme for discretionary relief of rates.

DRAFT COMMUNITY CARE PLAN

5. With reference to paragraph 8 of the Minute of the meeting of the Social Work Committee held on 19 August 1997, the Area Committee heard the Cumbernauld Area Manager (Community Care) Department of Social Work in relation to the aims and objectives of the draft North Lanarkshire Joint Community Care plan 1997-2000 (1) advising that it has been prepared in association with the Lanarkshire Health Board, Scottish Homes and Greater Glasgow Health Board, and (2) giving details of the public consultation exercise which was being carried out.

Decided: that the contents of the presentation be noted.

INTERIM COMMUNITY GRANT SCHEME

(1) TOP SLICED ELEMENT OF BUDGET

6. With reference to paragraph 9 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 10 September 1997, when it was agreed that consideration of priorities for utilising the top sliced element of Interim Community Grants Scheme budget be continued, there was submitted a report dated 3 December 1997 by the Liaison Director (1) regarding the possible use of the top slice budget allocation for Kilsyth and Villages Area Committee which amounts to £3,150; (2) setting out proposals which would utilise the budget to encourage voluntary and community initiatives which respond to the needs of local groups and individuals as identified by the Council's Corporate Plan, and (3) intimating that the monitoring and evaluation procedures would be in line with those already approved for the Interim Community grants Scheme.

Decided:

- (1) that the top sliced element of the budget be allocated to organisations/groups whose projects covered all three wards in the Kilsyth and Villages area, and
- (2) that in order to encourage applications the Liaison Director publicise details of the top slice grant to groups and organisations in the area.

(2) REVIEW OF THE INTERIM COMMUNITY GRANT SCHEME

7. 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 Community Grant Scheme be undertaken and that the Area Committees be requested to consider the issues identified in the review framework and recommend amendments designed to improve the efficiency of the Scheme and its benefits to community and voluntary organisations, there was submitted a report dated 19 November 1997 by the Chief Executive on the matter.

Decided: that it be recommended

- (1) that organisations applying for assistance under the Scheme be required to submit an up to date bank statement;
- (2) that the application forms should be simple, straightforward and readily understandable, and

- (3) that, for the information of Members, there should be a section within the application form which indicates the amount, if any, of grant given previously to the organisation.

(3) CONSIDER APPLICATIONS

8. With reference to paragraph 5 of the Minute of the Sub-Committee held on 19 October 1997, there was submitted a report dated 3 December 1997 by the Chief Executive detailing applications for Community Grants continued from that meeting and the meeting of the Policy and Resources (Community Development) Sub-Committee dated 26 November 1997 together with new applications.

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

CONTINUED APPLICATIONS

Group: Kilsyth Civic Week - CG97/98-178

Purpose of Application: To assist with general running costs.

Grant Requested: £1,200

Decision: Grant £1,200 from top sliced element of budget.

Group: The Sunshine Corners Mothers and Toddlers, Kilsyth - CG97/98-237

Purpose of Application: To assist with purchase of equipment.

Grant Requested: £500

Decision: Grant £300.

Group: Croy Senior Citizens' Lunch Club - CG97/98-577

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

Grant Requested: £500

Decision: Grant £250.

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NEW APPLICATIONS

Group: The Sequence Dance Group, Croy - CG97/98-595

Purpose of Application: To assist with purchase of CD's and running costs.

Grant Requested: £300

Decision: Continue.

Group: Garrell Vale Mothers' and Toddlers' Group, Kilsyth - CG97/98-596

Purpose of Application: To assist with purchase of equipment.

Grant Requested: £500

Decision: Grant £300

Group: Rising Fives Nursery, Kilsyth - CG97/98-597

Purpose of Application: To assist with purchase of equipment and toys.

Grant Requested: £200

Decision: Grant £180.

Group: Garrell Vale Duke of Edinburgh Award Unit, Kilsyth - CG97/98-598

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

Grant Requested: £500

Decision: Grant £150

Group: Kilsyth Senior Citizens' Club - CG97/98-599

Purpose of Application: To assist with cost of Christmas dinner and entertainment.

Grant Requested: £750

Decision: Grant £390.

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Group: Garrell Vale Senior Youth Club, Kilsyth - CG97/98-600
Purpose of Application: To assist with purchase of equipment and running costs.
Grant Requested: £500.
Decision: Grant £300.

Group: Garrell Vale Play Group, Kilsyth - CG97/98-601
Purpose of Application: To assist with purchase of equipment, arts and crafts material.
Grant Requested: £450
Decision: Grant £300.

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 it had been agreed that a report by the Chief Executive, together with executive summaries of all Service Plans be remitted to the Area Committee for their interest, 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 consideration of the matter be continued.