

AGENDA ITEM No. 1(f)
BELLSHILL AREA - 11 December 1997

Frank Ferguson Centre, Bellshill, 11 December 1997 at 7 pm.

A Meeting of the **BELLSHILL AREA COMMITTEE**

PRESENT

Councillor McKeown (Convener); Councillor Saunders (Vice-Convener); Councillors Heberton, Lafferty, Lyle and McAlorum.

CHAIR

Councillor McKeown (Convener) presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

The Principal Administrative Officer, Director of Construction Services (Liaison Director), Head of Revenue Services, Divisional Manager (Southern), Area Manager (Coatbridge Social Work Office) and Local Officer, Chief Executive's Department.

APOLOGIES

Councillors Coyle, Curran, McCabe and H. McGuigan.

SAFE ORBISTON - A COMMUNITY SAFETY INITIATIVE

1. With reference to paragraph 9 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 30 October 1997 when (1) a report entitled "Safe Orbiston - A Community Safety Initiative" had been accepted from the Safe Orbiston Group for consideration, and (2) it had been agreed that representatives of the Safe Orbiston Group be invited to give a presentation on their report to the Area Committee, there was submitted a report dated 3 December 1997 by the Liaison Director regarding arrangements which had been made to hear the presentation.

The Committee then heard the Safe Orbiston Group's representative Mr. John Andrews (1) report on the main aims of the Group to identify safety issues of concern to people in Orbiston and to promote initiatives, in partnership with others, to make Orbiston a safer place to live and work, and (2) present the case of the Group for road safety improvements in Orbiston, in particular for (a) Clearway Orders to prevent vehicles parking outside Lawmuir and Sacred Heart Primary Schools; (b) an extension of the 30 mph speed restriction on Motherwell Road to the junction at Calder Road, and the introduction of a 20 mph speed restriction in Bankhead Avenue, and (c) the introduction of traffic calming and other measures to generally reduce the volume of traffic using the roads in the area as a shortcut.

Mr. Andrews then answered questions raised by the Committee and was thanked by the Convener for his presentation.

Thereafter, the Convener advised Mr. Andrews of the Council's plans relating to the Bellshill Town Centre, in particular the proposal to undertake a comprehensive study of traffic movement in the area which would include Mossend and Orbiston.

Decided:

- (1) that the Area Committee support in principle, Safe Orbiston Group's initiative for road safety;
- (2) that the view of the Area Committee and the matter of road safety in the Orbiston area of Bellshill be referred to the Planning and Development Committee for consideration, and
- (3) that the Planning and Development Committee be requested to ensure comprehensive consultation during the proposed Bellshill traffic survey process.

VENUE FOR BELLSHILL AREA COMMITTEE MEETINGS - 1998/99

2. With reference to paragraph 7 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 16 September 1997, when it was agreed that venues for future meetings would be further considered, there was submitted a report dated 5 December 1997 by the Liaison Director (1) listing Council premises within the area; (2) outlining criteria for consideration in selecting meeting venues, and (3) proposing two options for consideration in the establishment of venues for future meetings.

Decided:

- (1) that Viewpark and Newarthill Community Education Centres be added to the list of Council premises within the area;
- (2) that consideration of the matter be continued for a further report on suitable venues to enable the rotation of meetings, and
- (3) that, subject to the identification of a suitable venue, the next Area Committee meeting on 5 February 1998, be held in Newarthill.

AREA PROFILES - WAY FORWARD

3. With reference to paragraph 7 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 30 October 1997, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated 1 December 1997 by the Chief Executive advising of the Council's approval to provide Area Committees with guidance on (1) the aims, objectives and content of Area Profiles; (2) arrangements for co-ordinating statistical and service based information, and (3) the timescale for production of Area Profiles.

Decided:

- (1) that the Area Committee note:-
 - (a) the aims, objectives, arrangements and timescale for production of Area Profiles, by June 1998 and
 - (b) the indicative content of Area Profiles, as set out in the Annex to the report;
- (2) that the Liaison Director plan, with the Area Team, the task of gathering information for the Bellshill Area Profile, and
- (3) that the contents of the report be otherwise noted.

FUNDING COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

4. With reference to paragraph 2 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 30 October 1997, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated 2 December 1997 by the Chief Executive (1) advising on resources available for the establishment of Community Forums and related activities in the current financial year; (2) indicating that the budget allocation in the current financial year for the Bellshill area was £2,500; (3) informing that authority for approving expenditure from this budget had been delegated to the Assistant Chief Executive (Operations) and that access to the budget would be at the request of the Bellshill Liaison Director, and (4) intimating that costs 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 process for 1998/99.

Decided:

- (1) that the Liaison Director be requested to initiate procedures for the establishment of a Community Forum and report back on the progress made at the next meeting of this Committee, and
- (2) that the contents of the report be otherwise noted.

DRAFT NORTH LANARKSHIRE JOINT COMMUNITY CARE PLAN 1997-2000

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 Area Manager (Coatbridge Social Work Office) (1) outline the content of the Draft North Lanarkshire Joint Community Care Plan 1997-2000 which had been prepared under joint planning arrangements among the Council, Lanarkshire Health Board, Scottish Homes and Greater Glasgow Health Board; (2) itemise key approaches central to the implementation of the Draft Joint Community Care Plan; (3) list the aims of community care; (4) detail funding provided by North Lanarkshire Council, Lanarkshire Health Board and Greater Glasgow Health Board; (5) intimate priority groups; (6) indicate the role of housing in community care, and (7) give details of the consultation process for the Draft North Lanarkshire Joint Community Care Plan.

Decided: that the contents of the presentation be noted.

DISCRETIONARY RELIEF OF RATES FOR LICENSED CLUBS

6. With reference to paragraph 13 of the Minute of the 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 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 (1) advising that, under current arrangements, only licensed sports clubs were entitled to discretionary relief of rates, provided they qualified under a formula relating bar turnover to rateable value; (2) indicating that a review of the current policy had been undertaken, and (3) proposing for consideration (a) that the scheme be widened to include British Legion Clubs, subject to clarification of the legal position, and (b) that a new formula, as detailed in Appendix 2 to the report, be introduced.

Decided: that in relation to the discretionary relief of rates for licensed clubs, the Council be advised of the views of the Area Committee as undernoted.

- (1) that the Area 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;
- (2) that subject to clarification of their legal status, British Legion Clubs be included for consideration in the scheme for discretionary relief of rates, and
- (3) that as part of the qualifying requirement for inclusion in the scheme for discretionary relief of rates, the charitable activities and membership fees of organisations be considered.

INTERIM COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME

(1) BELLSHILL AREA - 1997/98 AREA INITIATIVES

7. With reference to paragraph 3 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 30 October 1997, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated 3 December 1997 by the Chief Executive informing of area initiatives for potential funding through the Interim Community Grants Scheme area budget of £10,500 in particular, (1) advising that the Policy and Resources (Community Development) Sub-Committee at its meeting on 26 November 1997 had approved the recommendation of the Area Committee to award £1,200 to Bellshill Town Centre Forum towards their Scottish Office bid for match funding under the 1998/99 Challenge Competition to instal CCTV in Main Street, Bellshill; (2) outlining proposals for an initiative aimed at tackling street safety issues for young and elderly people to include (a) the employment, by the voluntary sector, of an initiative worker, 10 hours per week for a period of nine months; (b) a public meeting of community groups and voluntary organisations to discuss the initiative; (c) the appointment at that meeting of a Steering Committee to develop the initiative in partnership with the Area Committee; (d) an invitation to Strathclyde Police and Lanarkshire Health Board to join the Steering Committee, and (e) match funding bids for contributions from a range of agencies and partners including Lanarkshire Health Board, Strathclyde Police, local businesses, trusts and charities, and (3) suggesting that potential applications from youth organisations, in particular two youth projects supported by Community Education, be considered under the Interim Community Grants Scheme.

Decided:

- (1) that the Area Committee note:
 - (a) the Interim Community Grants Scheme Allocation of £10,500 in 1997/98 to the Bellshill Area Committee;
 - (b) the decision of the Policy and Resources (Community Development) Sub-Committee to approve funding of £1,200 to Bellshill Town Centre Forum towards their Scottish Office bid for match funding under the 1998/99 Challenge Competition to instal CCTV in Main Street, Bellshill, and
 - (c) the proposed Bellshill and District Safety Initiative as outlined in the report;

- (2) that Councillor McKeown (Convener) be appointed as the Area Committee's representative on the proposed Steering Committee of the Bellshill and District Safety Initiative;
- (3) that funding of £9,300 towards the Bellshill and District Safety Initiative be approved in principle subject to:
 - (a) the submission of a further report to the next meeting of this Committee to include details of the voluntary Steering Committee;
 - (b) the submission of individual applications for Interim Community Grants from those constituted community and voluntary organisations involved in the Steering Committee and seeking funding to develop and operate the Initiative, and
 - (c) confirmation of funding, contributions or other sources of assistance by other agencies, the private sector, trusts and charities;
- (4) that the Chief Executive be instructed to advise the Education Department of the remaining element of the Interim Community Grants Scheme to which funding applications from individual youth groups might be submitted, and
- (5) that the contents of the report be otherwise noted.

(2) REVIEW OF INTERIM COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME

8. With reference to paragraph 10 of the Minute of the meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee held on 9 December 1997, when it had been agreed (1) that a comprehensive review of the Interim Community Grants Scheme be undertaken; (2) that the principles of the Accounts Commission/COSLA Code of Guidance, as set out in paragraph 5.2 of the report dated 19 November 1997 by the Chief Executive to assist with the process of review, be adopted; (3) that the Area Committees at their meetings be requested to consider the issues identified in the review framework and make recommendations on the future operation of the Scheme, and (4) that the Chief Executive report back to the next Policy and Resources (Community Development) Sub-Committee on the progress of the review, there was submitted a report dated 19 November by the Chief Executive (a) advising that the inauguration of Area Committees had highlighted a range of issues concerning the policy objectives, decision making processes and administration of the Interim Community Grants Scheme, and (b) proposing that the Policy and Resources (Community Development) Sub-Committee consider and agree a framework for a review of the existing Scheme in consultation with the Area Committees, for implementation of a revised Scheme to take effect from 1 April 1998.

Decided:

- (1) that the Policy and Resources (Community Development) Sub-Committee be requested to consider introducing a two tier system of grants as part of the review of the Interim Community Grants Scheme, to take account of small groups requesting little assistance and others seeking larger grant awards, and
- (2) that a further report on the matter be brought forward in due course.

(3) GRANT APPLICATIONS - MONITORING REPORT

9. There was submitted a report dated 3 December 1997 by the Chief Executive (1) providing statistical details of community grants awarded in the Bellshill Area through the Interim Community Grants Scheme for the period from April to October 1997, and (2) requesting that any additional information for inclusion in future monitoring reports be advised.

Decided: that the contents of the report and appendices be noted.

(4) CONSIDERATION OF GRANT APPLICATIONS

10. With reference to paragraph 5 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 30 October 1997, there was submitted a report dated 1 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 held on 26 November 1997 together with new applications.

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

CONTINUED APPLICATIONS

Group: ENABLE (Scottish Society for the Mentally Disabled) - CG97/98-324

Purpose of Application: To assist with the cost of rent and expenses for Halloween and Christmas parties.

Grant Requested: £1,050 (Cheque previously issued for £340)

Decision: Grant of £50

Group: Macdonald Memorial Church Bowling Club - CG97/98-325

Purpose of Application: To assist with the purchase of a carpet.

Grant Requested: £300 (Cheque previously issued for £200)

Decision: Grant of £50

Group: Bellshill West Church Men's Club - CG97/98-326

Purpose of Application: To assist with the purchase of new tables.

Grant Requested: £500 (Cheque previously issued for £100)

Decision: Grant of £50

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Group: Bellshill Boys' Club Under 12s - CG97/98-329

Purpose of Application: To assist with the cost of sports equipment.

Grant Requested: £200 (Cheque previously issued for £25)

Decision: Grant of £25

Group: Bellshill North Road Playgroup - CG97/98-331

Purpose of Application: To assist with the purchase of new equipment.

Grant Requested: £1,000 (Cheque previously issued for £200)

Decision: Grant of £100

Group: Gardenside Senior Citizens' Centre - CG97/98-332

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

Grant Requested: £200

Decision: Grant of £200

Group: St. Gerard's Junior Chess Club - CG97/98-333

Purpose of Application: To assist with the purchase of a chess computer.

Grant Requested: £1,495 (Cheque previously issued for £100)

Decision: Grant of £50

Group: Orbiston Thistle AFC - CG97/98-383

Purpose of Application: To assist with the general running costs.

Grant Requested: £250 (Cheque previously issued for £50)

Decision: Grant of £50

Group: Church of Scotland Guild (Bellshill West Church) - CG97/98-384

Purpose of Application: To assist with the purchase of kettles and dishes.

Grant Requested: £300 (Cheque previously issued for £100)

Decision: Grant of £50

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Group: Bellshill Boys' Club Under 8s - CG97/98-385

Purpose of Application: To assist with the purchase of sports equipment.

Grant Requested: £250 (Cheque previously issued for £25)

Decision: Grant of £25

Group: Mood Swing Group (Youth Group) - CG97/98-387

Purpose of Application: To organise an event for the Scottish Youth Work Week including a workshop and shows.

Grant Requested: £800 (Cheque previously issued for £205)

Decision: Grant of £100

Group: Bellshill Girls' Football Club - CG97/98-424

Purpose of Application: To assist with the purchase of training equipment.

Grant Requested: £300 (Cheque previously issued for £25)

Decision: Grant of £25

Group: Mossend SVDP - CG97/98-519

Purpose of Application: To assist with costs of Christmas dinners for senior citizens and disabled groups and visits to local hospitals.

Grant Requested: £500 (Cheque previously issued for £200)

Decision: Grant of £50

Group: St. Columba's SVDP, Viewpark - CG97/98-522

Purpose of Application: To assist with the cost of a Christmas party.

Grant Requested: £400 (Cheque previously issued for £250)

Decision: Grant of £50

Group: Clay Road Sheltered Housing - CG97/98-576

Purpose of Application: To assist with the cost of bus hire for a Christmas shopping trip.

Grant Requested: £100

Decision: Grant of £100

NEW APPLICATIONS

Group: St. Teresa's Drop In Club - CG97/98-491

Purpose of Application: To assist with the cost of improvements and equipment.

Grant Requested: £1,100

Decision: Grant of £300

Group: Rainbow Club - CG97/98-492

Purpose of Application: To assist with the cost of creating a library and activity section.

Grant Requested: £1,224.35

Decision: Grant of £300

Group: Holytown Elderly Forum - CG97/98-493

Purpose of Application: To assist with the cost of travel to allow liaison with other bodies.

Grant Requested: £200

Decision: Grant of £200

Group: Reminiscence Group - CG97/98-494

Purpose of Application: To assist with the cost of replacement carpet bowls.

Grant Requested: £700

Decision: Continue.

Group: Garfield Area Neighbourhood Watch - CG97/98-495

Purpose of Application: To assist with the cost of newsletters, hall fees, street signs and timers.

Grant Requested: £50

Decision: Grant of £50

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Group: Sisters of St. Joseph of Annecy - CG97/98-496
Purpose of Application: To assist with costs of hospital visits, home visits, meals and bedding for homeless and sheltered and nursing home attention.
Grant Requested: £500
Decision: Grant of £350

Group: Bellshill (South) Senior Citizens' Club - CG97/98-497
Purpose of Application: To assist in the purchase of an amplifier system.
Grant Requested: £200
Decision: Grant of £200

Group: Holytown CEC House Committee - CG97/98-514
Purpose of Application: To assist with the cost of equipment and start up cost for out of school care.
Grant Requested: £300
Decision: Grant of £300

Group: Mossend Boys' Club Under 10s - CG97/98-521
Purpose of Application: To assist with general running costs
Grant Requested: £500
Decision: Grant of £50

Group: Bellshill EU Congregational Church - CG97/98-522
Purpose of Application: To assist with the cost of supplying and fitting light to the Church hall.
Grant Requested: £360
Decision: Grant of £300

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Group: Mossend Boys' Club Under 11s - CG97/98-553
Purpose of Application: To assist with the cost of a 3 day trip to Blackpool to participate in a football tournament.
Grant Requested: £180
Decision: Grant of £125

Group: Reminisce Youth Group - CG97/98-554
Purpose of Application: To assist with the cost of upgrading and improving facilities and equipment.
Grant Requested: £600
Decision: Grant of £600

Group: Mossend Youth Group - CG97/98-579
Purpose of Application: To assist with the cost of a residential youth conference.
Grant Requested: £1,500
Decision: Grant of £200

Group: Four Plus One - CG97/98-612
Purpose of Application: To assist in funding a training programme and the production of a newsletter for single parents.
Grant Requested: £1,330
Decision: Grant of £400

Group: Strathview Residents' Association - CG97/98-613
Purpose of Application: To assist with the purchase of a second-hand computer.
Grant Requested: £300
Decision: Grant of £300

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Group: Nazarene Youth International (Viewpark) Friday Club - CG97/98-614

Purpose of Application: To assist with the purchase of a pool table and table tennis table.

Grant Requested: £500

Decision: Grant of £300 and continue.

Group: Hattonrigg Senior Citizens' Centre - CG97/98-649

Purpose of Application: To assist in the funding of Christmas dinner and treat.

Grant Requested: £100

Decision: Grant of £100

Group: Bield Housing Association - CG97/98-650

Purpose of Application: To assist in funding a Christmas programme.

Grant Requested: £50

Decision: Grant of £50

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

SERVICE PLANS 1998/99

11. 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 Committees 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 Services Plans and providing an overview of each plan.

Decided: that consideration of the matter be continued.