

Motherwell, 4 February 1998 at 2 pm.

A Meeting of the **MOTHERWELL AREA COMMITTEE**

PRESENT

Councillor Ross, Convener; Provost Mathieson, Vice-Convener; Councillors Connelly, 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), Area Manager, Motherwell and Local Officer, Chief Executive's Department.

TOWN TWINNING

1. Under reference to paragraph 7 of the Minute of the meeting of the North Lanarkshire Council held on 18 December 1997, there was submitted a report dated 13 October 1997 by the Council's Working Party on Twinning with regard to (1) the Council's current review of Town Twinning, and (2) seeking the views of the Committee thereon.

In that connection, the Chief Committee Services Officer was heard further in the matter and on (1) the Council's review of policy on Twinning, and (2) proposals for the future development of Twinning by the Council.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee support the Council's review of Town Twinning and the recommendations of the Working Party as outlined in the report;
- (2) that the Committee note that the link to Schweinfurt, Germany had been made by the Town Council of the former Burgh of Motherwell and Wishaw, and
- (3) that the report be otherwise noted.

COMMUNITY FORUMS - UPDATE OF ESTABLISHMENT

2. Under reference to paragraph 7 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 10 December 1997, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated 4 February 1998 by the Liaison Director setting out proposals for (1) the establishment of one Community Forum to cover the whole of the Motherwell area; (2) a public consultation meeting to be held within the Civic Centre, Motherwell during the week commencing 2 March 1998; (3) an informal lunchtime meeting for Members of the Committee to discuss issues to be raised at the public consultation meeting, and (4) the means by which this was to be achieved.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the proposed establishment of one Community Forum for the whole of the Motherwell Area Committee;
- (2) that the Committee note the proposals for the public consultation meeting as outlined in the report and agree that such a meeting be arranged in the Civic Centre, Motherwell during the week commencing 2 March 1998;
- (3) that the Committee note the issues highlighted in paragraphs 3 and 4 of the report in relation to the preparatory work required for the public consultation meeting and agree that an informal lunchtime meeting for Members be arranged in early course to discuss these issues;
- (4) that the Committee agree that a further report be submitted to the next meeting of the Committee on the outcome of these meetings, and
- (5) that the report be otherwise noted.

AREA PROFILES - WAY FORWARD

3. Under reference to paragraph 8 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 10 December 1997, the Local Officer was heard with regard to ongoing developments on the proposed establishment of Area Profiles for Area Committees.

In that connection, he advised the Committee that the Chief Executive's Department were presently setting out detailed proposals in the form of a Guidance Note for the development of a Motherwell Area Profile and intended submitting a report to the next meeting of the Committee thereon.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee agree that a report be submitted to the next meeting of the Committee setting out detailed proposals in the form of a Guidance Note for the development of a Motherwell Area Profile, and
- (2) that the position be otherwise noted.

COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME - SCHEDULE OF APPLICATIONS

4. Under reference to paragraph 3 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 10 December 1997, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated 27 January 1998 and list of applications (tabled) by the Chief Executive for (1) Community Grants; (2) Motherwell Challenge Initiative, and (3) Service Enhancements.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee agree that the Chief Executive further investigate the identification of instances where money had previously been awarded to applicants for projects/programmes with similar aims from Council sources with a view to incorporating this information into future reports;
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- (2) that the Committee agree to explore the possibility of the promotion of an Initiative to make an award to the Retailer exhibiting the best window display in Motherwell Town Centre;
- (3) that the Committee agree that the Liaison Director, following consultation with other Directors, as appropriate, prepare a report for a future meeting of the Committee on proposals for a Youth Strategy for Motherwell, the report to include details of work currently undertaken by the Council, and
- (4) that the applications for (a) Community Grants; (b) Motherwell Challenge Initiative, and (c) Service Enhancements 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.

Grant Requested: £500 (cheque previously issued for £400)

Decision: Continue consideration

Group: Zone Youth Group - CG97/98-494

Purpose of Application: To assist with costs of purchasing equipment and weekend away.

Grant Requested: £1,500 (cheque previously issued for £400)

Decision: Continue consideration

NEW APPLICATIONS

Group: Clyde Rangers Amateur Football Club - CG97/98-692

Purpose of Application: To assist with costs of fees for referees, training and purchase of equipment.

Grant Requested: £250

Decision: Grant of £50

Group: Glenburn AFC - CG97/98-724

Purpose of Application: To assist with costs of purchasing football strips, hall hires and training equipment.

Grant Requested: £1,500

Decision: Grant of £100

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Group: Motherwell Miners Welfare Boys' Club - CG97/98-727

Purpose of Application: To assist with costs of pitch hires, training and transport and purchase of equipment.

Grant Requested: Any sum

Decision: Grant of £250

Group: The Over 60 Monday Club (Motherwell Miners) - CG97/98-740

Purpose of Application: To assist with costs of summer outing.

Grant Requested: £300

Decision: Grant of £150

Group: Wrangholm Kirk Women's Guild - CG97/98-751

Purpose of Application: To assist with costs of comfort fund for sick and housebound.

Grant Requested: £100

Decision: Grant of £50

Group: Jerviston Tenants' and Residents' Association - CG97/98-753

Purpose of Application: To assist with costs of providing youth activities eg. hall hires, purchase of equipment, purchase of football strips and purchase of portable cd/radio.

Grant Requested: £900

Decision: Grant of £100

MOTHERWELL CHALLENGE INITIATIVE

Group: Lanarkshire Ethnic Link Committee - CG97/98-691

Purpose of Application: To assist with costs of administration and promotion.

Grant Requested: £1,500

Decision: That the request be refused.

Group: The Oot The Hoose Street Work Project - CG97/98-720

Purpose of Application: To assist with the costs of continuing and expanding the Project eg. football, drop-in cafe, music and arts and to assist with the costs

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of publishing a Newsletter.

Grant Requested: £1,500

Decision: Grant of £1,500 on the proviso that the Project advertise its activities Motherwell wide and subject to a report being submitted to the Committee in due course on how the Organisation had utilised the award.

SERVICE ENHANCEMENTS

Group: Best Kept Garden Competition - SE97/98-4

Purpose of Application: To assist with the costs of the competition and the provision of shields, engraving, refreshments, judges gratuity, photographic services and prize money.

Grant Requested: £820

Decision: Grant of £820