

Newarthill Community Education Centre, High Street, Newarthill, 5 February 1998 at 7 pm.

A Meeting of the **BELLSHILL AREA COMMITTEE**

PRESENT

Councillors Coyle, Curran, Hebenton and H. McGuigan.

CHAIR

In the absence of the Convener and Vice-Convener, Councillor Coyle presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

The Core Services Officer, Head of Construction Resources (for Liaison Director) and Local Officer, Chief Executive's Department.

APOLOGIES

Councillors Lafferty, McAlorum, McCabe, McKeown and Saunders.

ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMUNITY FORUM

1. With reference to paragraph 4 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 11 December 1997, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated 29 January 1998 by the Liaison Director (1) advising that in order to further progress the establishment of a Community Forum, it was proposed to convene a public meeting on 10 March 1998 to obtain the views of the local community; (2) enclosing a draft agenda for the meeting together with a draft consultation document on the proposed format of the Forum for distribution to local groups, and (3) seeking the views of the Committee with regard to a single or multiple arrangement for the Community Forum.

Decided:

- (1) that the draft agenda for the consultation meeting and the draft consultation document be noted;
- (2) that the public meeting be held on 10 March 1998 subject to the availability of suitable accommodation in the Bellshill area, and
- (3) that consideration of the proposed format of the Forum be continued pending the outcome of the public meeting.

TOWN TWINNING

2. With reference to paragraph 7 of the Minute of the meeting of North Lanarkshire Council held on 18 December 1997, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated 13 October 1997 by the Working Party on Twinning (1) reporting on the current status of Town Twinning in North Lanarkshire; (2) enclosing a copy of an audit document detailing the background to the twinning arrangements and exchange links operated by the former authorities in North Lanarkshire, and (3) detailing proposals for the future development of Town Twinning.

Decided: that the recommendations of the Working Party on Twinning be approved.

BELLSHILL AREA SAFETY INITIATIVE

3. With reference to paragraph 7 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 11 December 1997, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated 28 January 1998 by the Chief Executive (1) detailing the background to the setting up of the Bellshill Area Safety Initiative; (2) advising that to progress this matter a public meeting had been held on 20 January 1998 and had been attended by representatives of 19 community and voluntary organisations; (3) indicating that a Management Committee comprising representatives from Council departments, outside agencies and local organisations had been appointed at the meeting to develop the Initiative in partnership with the Council; (4) reporting that seven of the organisations represented on the Management Committee had prepared and submitted Interim Community Grant Scheme applications as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report for part of the total budget required for the Initiative, and (5) outlining the action taken to obtain additional funding from alternative sources.

Decided:

- (1) that the progress to date in developing the Bellshill Area Safety Initiative be noted;
- (2) that the establishment of the Area Safety Initiative Management Committee and the appointment of community and voluntary sector representatives to the Management Committee be noted;
- (3) that the Minutes of the Management Committee be submitted to the Area Committee on a regular basis, and
- (4) that the organisations listed in appendix 1 to the report be awarded grants as detailed therein being a total award of £9,300 to the Bellshill Area Safety Initiative from the area allocation of the Interim Community Grants Scheme budget.

INTERIM COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME - APPLICATIONS

4. With reference to paragraph 10 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 11 December 1997, there was submitted a report dated 28 February 1998 by the Chief Executive detailing applications for Community Grants continued from that meeting, together with new applications.

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

CONTINUED APPLICATIONS

Group: Reminiscence Group - CG97/98-494

Purpose of Application: to assist with the cost of replacement carpet and bowls

Grant Requested: £700

Decision: Grant of £350 and continue

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

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

Grant Requested: £500 (Cheque previously issued for £300)

Decision: Continue

NEW APPLICATIONS

Group: Brandon House AFC - CG97/98-670

Purpose of Application: to assist with the purchase of club equipment

Grant Requested: £150

Decision: Continue

Group: Orbiston Neighbourhood Centre - CG97/98-671

Purpose of Application: to assist with cost of a Christmas party for the Out of School Care project, day care members and volunteers

Grant Requested: £300

Decision: Grant of £50

Group: Christ The King PTA - CG97/98-672

Purpose of Application: to assist with the cost of tree planting

Grant Requested: £200

Decision: Grant of £200

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Group: Society for the Protection of the Unborn Child (SPUC) - CG97/98-673

Purpose of Application: to assist with the cost of distribution and postage of information

Grant Requested: £600

Decision: Grant of £510 and continue

Group: Bellshill and District Victim Support - CG97/98-674

Purpose of Application: to assist with general costs eg training, rent, insurance, stationery and equipment

Grant Requested: £1,500

Decision: Grant of £620 and continue

Group: Mosshill Credit Union - CG97/98-675

Purpose of Application: to assist with the cost of security shutters and shelving

Grant Requested: £1,500

Decision: Grant of £250 and continue until next financial year

Group: John Doyle OAP Centre - CG97/98-682

Purpose of Application: to assist with the cost of a bus outing and a Christmas treat

Grant Requested: £100

Decision: Grant of £100

Group: St Gerard's Primary School Board - CG96/97-695

Purpose of Application: to assist with the cost of kit and equipment for the athletics club

Grant Requested: £500

Decision: Grant of £250

Group: Holytown Senior Citizens - CG97/98-747

Purpose of Application: to assist with the cost of functions and outings

Grant Requested: £300

Decision: Grant of £300

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Group: 4th Bellshill Guides (MacDonald Memorial Church) - CG97/98-748

Purpose of Application: to assist with running costs

Grant Requested: £150

Decision: Grant of £100

Group: 1st Viewpark Anchor Boys - CG97/98-752

Purpose of Application: to assist with the cost of fees and transport and the purchase of equipment

Grant Requested: £200

Decision: Grant of £170 and continue

Group: Stop and Talk Streetwork Project CG97/98-785

Purpose of Application: to assist with the cost of hall lets and the purchase of equipment

Grant Requested: £465

Decision: Grant of £285

NEXT MEETING OF COMMITTEE

5. It was agreed that the next meeting of the Committee be held in Holytown on Thursday, 19 March 1998 subject to a suitable venue being available.