

**Mount Ellen Community Centre, 24 March 1998 at 2 pm.**

**A Meeting of the NORTHERN CORRIDOR AREA COMMITTEE**

**PRESENT**

Councillor Wallace, Convener; Councillors Gray and Hogg.

**CHAIR**

Councillor Wallace (Convener) presided.

**IN ATTENDANCE**

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

**APOLOGY**

Councillor Shaw.

**AREA PROFILES - THE WAY FORWARD**

1. With reference to paragraph 1 of the Minute of this meeting held on 10 February 1998, there were submitted (1) a report (tabled) dated 23 March 1998 by the Liaison Director (a) detailing initial listings of community groups within the Northern Corridor Area, and (b) inviting additions and/or amendments to the initial listings, and (2) a report (tabled) by the Chief Executive detailing those organisations within the Northern Corridor which had applied for Community Grants since May 1996.

**Decided:** that a comprehensive area profile be prepared for the Northern Corridor by the Liaison Director in consultation with the Chief Executive's Department and be utilised for the purposes of inviting relevant groups to the public consultation meeting of the Community Forum.

**ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMUNITY FORUMS**

2. With reference to paragraph 2 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 10 February 1998, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated 16 March 1998 by the Liaison Director (1) referring to the Council's Decentralisation Scheme which required the establishment of Community Forums; (2) advising (a) that local public consultation was important in establishing Community Forums, and (b) that in establishing the Northern Corridor Community Forum consideration should be given to a number of factors, viz. geography, representation, frequency, style and timing of meetings; (3) enclosing, as Appendices 1 to 5, documentation relating to a public consultation meeting as a first step towards the establishment of a Community Forum, and (4) intimating a provisional date for the public consultation meeting.

**Decided:**

- (1) that local groups, including school Parent-Teachers Associations, be invited to the public consultation meeting referred to above;
- (2) that the public consultation meeting to establish a Community Forum be held on Tuesday 12 May 1998 in Muirhead Hall, and

- (3) that the report be otherwise noted.

#### **PUBLIC LIBRARIES CHALLENGE FUND**

3. With reference to paragraph 8 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 16 December 1997, there was submitted a report (tabled) dated 23 March 1998 by the Liaison Director (1) advising that it had now been confirmed that the Department of Leisure Services was successful in bidding for Scottish Office Challenge Funding for a pilot project to establish library information points in designated libraries in North Lanarkshire amounting to £40,932 with a contribution in kind from North Lanarkshire of £30,831, and (2) and detailing (a) the designated libraries; (b) the implementation of the pilot project and the timescale, and (c) the scope of the project.

**Decided:**

- (1) that the Liaison Director prepare a progress report for submission to a future meeting of the Committee, and
- (2) that the progress report be noted meantime.

#### **NORTHERN CORRIDOR AREA COMMITTEE - ISSUES REPORT**

4. There was submitted a report dated 16 March 1998 by the Liaison Director (1) advising that the Northern Corridor Area Team had discussed the identification of proposals to augment the corporate approach that the various departmental representatives made to the work of the Area Committee, and (2) detailing a number of proposals in support of this corporate approach.

**Decided:** that consideration of the report be continued to a future meeting of this Committee to enable the Community Forum to discuss the proposals.

#### **COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME**

##### **(1) NEW APPLICATIONS**

5. With reference to paragraph 8 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 10 February 1998, there was submitted a report dated 18 March 1998 by the Chief Executive detailing applications for community grants.

**Decided:** that the applications for community grants be dealt with as follows, subject to the submission of any outstanding information, viz:-

<b>Group:</b>	<b>St Joseph's Primary School Board - CG97/98-865</b>
<b>Purpose of Application:</b>	To assist with costs for continuation of garden project.
<b>Grant Requested:</b>	£1,000
<b>Decision:</b>	Grant £250

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<b>Group:</b>	<b>Snowdrop Nursery - CG97/98-866</b>
<b>Purpose of Application:</b>	To assist with the purchase of equipment (eg. toys, arts and crafts).
<b>Grant Requested:</b>	£200
<b>Decision:</b>	Grant £200
<b>Group:</b>	<b>Gartcosh Bowling Club - CG97/98-867</b>
<b>Purpose of Application:</b>	To assist with repairing and upgrading of banks, also purchase of grass cutting machine.
<b>Grant Requested:</b>	£1,500
<b>Decision:</b>	Grant £350 from the balance of the top slice element of the community grants
<b>Group:</b>	<b>Moodiesburn Boys Football Club - CG97/98-904</b>
<b>Purpose of Application:</b>	To assist with costs for two teams to take part in football tournaments in Holland, and to purchase new equipment.
<b>Grant Requested:</b>	£1,500
<b>Decision:</b>	Grant £500 from the balance of the top slice element of the community grants
<b>Group:</b>	<b>Auchinloch Playgroup and Toddler Group -CG97/98-966</b>
<b>Purpose of Application:</b>	To assist with cost for outing.
<b>Grant Requested:</b>	£250
<b>Decision:</b>	Grant £250 (£98 from the balance of the top slice element of the community grants)
<b>Group:</b>	<b>Stepps Playgroup - CG97/98-967</b>
<b>Purpose of Application:</b>	To assist with the purchase of safety mats, partitions, arts and crafts material and costs for outing.
<b>Grant Requested:</b>	£1,005
<b>Decision:</b>	Grant £250
<b>Group:</b>	<b>Moodiesburn Community Council - CG97/98-1009</b>
<b>Purpose of Application:</b>	To assist with costs to transport children to the Baths.
<b>Grant Requested:</b>	£1,000
<b>Decision:</b>	Continued to next financial year

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**Group:** Steps Primary School Board - CG97/98-1010

**Purpose of Application:** To assist with costs to enhance playground.

**Grant Requested:** £200

**Decision:** Grant £200

**Group:** Cardowan Tenants and Residents Association - CG97/98-1011

**Purpose of Application:** To assist with costs for Gala Fun Week.

**Grant Requested:** £1,000

**Decision:** Grant £600

**Group:** Torakan Karate Club - CG97/98-1012

**Purpose of Application:** To assist with costs for hall lets and to purchase new suits.

**Grant Requested:** £400

**Decision:** Grant £100

**(2) BALANCE**

6. Arising from consideration of the item of business contained within the immediately preceding paragraph, the Convener advised that any balance of the community grants scheme would be considered at the meeting of the Special Policy and Resources (Community Development) Sub-Committee meeting of 30 March 1998.

**Decided:** that it be noted that the balance of community grants monies would be considered at the Special Meeting of the Policy and Resources (Community Development) Sub-Committee of 30 March 1998.

**The Convener being of the opinion that the following item of business was of an urgent nature authorised its consideration to enable the appropriate arrangements to be made.**

**SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS TO THE END OF FINANCIAL YEAR 1998/99**

7. The Convener referred to existing arrangements for meetings of Northern Corridor Area Committee and it was agreed that alternative arrangements for meetings be considered and if necessary determined following consultation and agreement by the elected Members on the Area Committee.

**Decided:** that alternative arrangements for the schedule of meetings to the end of the financial year 1998/99 be considered and determined following consultation and agreement by the elected Members on the Area Committee.