

NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL

REPORT

To: Policy and Resources (Community Development) Sub-Committee	Subject: GLENBOIG FAMILY SUPPORT AND RECOVERY GROUP - FUNDING REQUEST
From: Chief Executive	
Date: 8 April 1998	Ref: CE012

1.0 Introduction

1.1 The purpose of this report is to enable the sub-committee to consider a funding request from Glenboig Family Support and Recovery Group.

2.0 Background

2.1 The total population of Glenboig is 2018. There are over 100 registered injecting drug users in the village. Drug abuse and drug trafficking have become major problems in the village. Glenboig Family Support and Recovery Group was established to help men and women who have become addicted to drugs. Since 1995 the Group have received grants from Strathclyde Region's Rural Challenge Fund, The Scottish Office Challenge Fund for Diversionary Work and the National Lottery Charities Board Small Grants Fund. The group are also involved in Methadone programme supported by the Health Board and the local GP.

2.2 The group were given the lease of a disused Police Station in the village which has been developed into a drop-in-centre open 5 afternoons and 5 evenings each week. The facility provides a meeting place for drug users on the harm reduction programme and family members affected by drug dependency.

2.3 The project is managed by parents and supported by Social Work staff.

3.0 Funding Request

3.1 The funding request from the group is to help them maintain and develop the project. This involves continuing to offer support to drug users and their families by providing social and educational opportunities to people on the recovery programme and those striving to lead a drug free life. Planned developments include making further contacts with local drug users and setting up an information bank for users and other people affected by drug misuse.

3.2 The Group are seeking seeking funding to cover the following expenses:

Annual Running Costs (gas, electricity, phone)	£1,000
Annual Volunteers Expenses (£1 per hour)	£1,225
Equipment - Cooker, Fridge, Microwave	£500
Hospitality Group Lunch	£775
	<u>£3,500</u>

4.0 Funding Source

4.1 The Village Initiative Budget held by the Chief Executive's department would be an appropriate source of funding.

5.0 Recommendations

5.1 It is recommended that the Sub-Committee:

- a) approve the award of a grant to the Glenboig Family Support and Recovery Group from the 1998/99 Village Initiative Budget; and
- b) otherwise note the contents of the report.

  
Mr Chief Executive