

AGENDA ITEM No. ...1(e).....
MOTHERWELL AREA – 6 May 1998

Motherwell, 6 May 1998 at 2 pm.

A Meeting of the MOTHERWELL AREA COMMITTEE

PRESENT

Councillor Ross, Convener; Provost Mathieson, Vice-Convener; Councillors Craig, McLaughlin, W. Martin and Scott.

CHAIR

Councillor Ross (Convener) presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

The Chief Committee Services Officer, Head of Social Work Services (for Liaison Director), Area Housing Manager, Area Manager, Motherwell and Local Officer, Chief Executive's Department.

ALSO ATTENDING

Chief Superintendent S. Forrest and Chief Inspector W. McArthur, Strathclyde Police and Mr. A. Kennedy, Project Manager "The Oot the Hoose Street Work Project".

APOLOGIES

Councillors Connelly and Wilson.

POLICE SERVICES IN THE MOTHERWELL AREA

1. With reference to paragraph 2 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 18 March 1998, the Convener reminded the Committee that the Divisional Commander 'P' Division, Strathclyde Police had been invited to attend the meeting for the purpose of making a presentation to Members on the provision of Police Services in the Motherwell area.

The Committee then welcomed Chief Superintendent Forrest and Chief Inspector McArthur to the meeting.

Chief Superintendent Forrest and Chief Inspector McArthur were then heard with regard to (1) Force Restructuring and proposals to merge 'N' and 'P' Divisions of Strathclyde Police later this year; (2) the draft Community Safety Strategy and the role the Police would play in its formulation, and (3) reductions in crime figures recorded by the Police in the Motherwell area.

There then followed a question/answer session at the conclusion of which the Convener thanked Chief Superintendent Forrest and Chief Inspector McArthur for their attendance who thereupon left the meeting.

Decided: that the presentation be noted.

YOUTH WORK ACTIVITIES IN THE MOTHERWELL AREA

(1) AUDIT REPORT MARCH/APRIL 1998

2. With reference to paragraph 4 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 4 February 1998, there was submitted a report (tabled) (docketed) dated 5 May 1998 by the Liaison Director (1) providing an audit report on Youth Work activities in the Motherwell area for the period March/April 1998; (2) advising that an Officer Working Group had been established to monitor the task, and (3) intimating that the audit had focused upon Youth Groups; Uniformed Organisations (Boys' Brigade, Girl Guides etc.) Sports Provision and Specialised Youth provision.

Decided:

- (1) that a further report be submitted to the Committee identifying the venues of Youth Group meetings;
- (2) that the formation of the Officer Working Group to monitor Youth provision within the Motherwell area be noted, and
- (3) that the report be otherwise noted.

(2) MOTHERWELL CHALLENGE INITIATIVE APPLICATION - CG97/98-720 - "THE OOT THE HOOSE STREET WORK PROJECT"

3. With reference to paragraph 4 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 4 February 1998, the Convener reminded the Committee that the Motherwell Challenge Initiative application for "The Oot the Hoose Street Work Project" had been approved 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 £1,500 award.

In that connection, Mr Kennedy, Project Manager was introduced to the meeting and gave a presentation to the Committee with particular reference to the background to the Project, intimating (1) that it was being funded by Children in Need until 1999; (2) that the Project operated in Motherwell Town Centre on 2 nights per week targeting 12 to 18 Year Olds; (3) that the Project promoted specific Schemes for young people ie. (a) a Drop-In Cafe; (b) Sporting Groups; (c) Education/Computer Groups, and (d) Disco/Band evenings, and (4) that the recently established Youth Group intended to publish a Newsletter in May/June of this year.

There then followed a question/answer session at the conclusion of which the Convener thanked Mr. Kennedy for his attendance . Mr. Kennedy thereafter left the meeting.

Decided: that the presentation be noted.

COMMUNITY FORUMS - SECOND CONSULTATION MEETING

4. With reference to paragraph 3 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 18 March 1998, there was submitted a report (tabled and docketed) dated 30 April 1998 by the Liaison Director (1) setting out proposals for the second consultation meeting in connection with the establishment of a Community Forum to cover the Motherwell area; (2) detailing the outcome of the first consultation meeting together with options to assist the discussion process, and (3) confirming that the meeting had been arranged in the Civic Centre, Motherwell on Monday 18 May 1998 at 7 pm.

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Decided:

- (1) that the Committee agree the proposals for the second consultation meeting to be held in the Civic Centre, Motherwell on Monday 18 May 1998 at 7 pm.;
- (2) that a further report be submitted to the next meeting of the Committee on the outcome of the meeting, and
- (3) that the report be otherwise noted.

AREA COMMITTEES - SUBMISSION OF COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES

5. With reference to paragraph 11 of the Minute of the meeting of the Policy and Resources (Community Development) Sub-Committee held on 4 March 1998, there was submitted a report dated 26 February 1998 by the Director of Administration confirming that that Sub-Committee had agreed at its meeting on 4 March 1998 the submission of Community Council Minutes to Area Committees for their particular areas, and a reciprocal arrangement whereby Area Committee Minutes would be forwarded to appropriate Community Councils.

Decided: that the Committee note that the Council had agreed to adopt a procedure whereby Community Council Minutes were submitted to Area Committees for their particular areas, and a reciprocal arrangement adopted whereby Area Committee Minutes would be forwarded to appropriate Community Councils.

COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME - SCHEDULE OF APPLICATIONS

6. With reference to paragraph 4 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 18 March 1998, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated 24 April 1998 and list of applications (tabled) by the Chief Executive for (1) Community Grants, and (2) Motherwell Challenge Initiative.

Decided: that the applications for (a) Community Grants, and (b) Motherwell Challenge Initiative submitted to the Committee be dealt with as follows, subject to the submission of any outstanding information:-

CONTINUED APPLICATIONS

Group: North Motherwell Senior Citizens' Club - CG97/98-788

Purpose of Application: To assist with costs for outings and social activities.

Grant Requested: £300

Decision: Grant of £300

Group: Ladywell Primary School PTA - CG97/98-793

Purpose of Application: To assist with purchase of computer equipment, garden and playground furniture.

Grant Requested: £600 (cheque previously issued for £420)

Decision: Grant of £180

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Group: Greenacres Residents' Association - CG97/98-853
Purpose of Application: To assist with general running costs and expenses of the Association.
Grant Requested: £400
Decision: Grant of £250

Group: St. Bernadette's Men's Social and Bowling Club - CG97/98-901
Purpose of Application: To assist with purchase of scoreboards and other equipment.
Grant Requested: £150 (cheque previously issued for £75)
Decision: Grant of £75

NEW APPLICATIONS

Group: Cathedral Primary Parents' Association - CG98/99 -8
Purpose of Application: To assist with costs for a Gardening Project .
Grant Requested: £500
Decision: Grant of £250 meantime and continue consideration

Group: St Mary's Parish Senior Citizens' Club - CG98/99-9
Purpose of Application: To assist with costs for a sit down supper.
Grant Requested: £300
Decision: Grant of £300

Group: Manse Road Parish Church of Scotland Adult Leisure Group - CG98/99-10
Purpose of Application: To assist with purchase of replacement bowls carpet.
Grant Requested: £700
Decision: Grant of £400 subject to verification

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Group:	Motherwell 19th Boys' Brigade - CG98/99-25
Purpose of Application:	To assist with purchase of trampet, craft materials and Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme equipment.
Grant Requested:	Any donation welcomed
Decision:	Grant of £200
Group:	Miller Homes Duke of Edinburgh Open Award Group - CG98/99-26
Purpose of Application:	To assist with purchase of equipment for Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme.
Grant Requested:	£400
Decision:	Grant of £100
Group:	Carfin Children's Carnival Group - CG98/99-63
Purpose of Application:	To assist with costs for Carnival Week ie. Trophies, Prizes, Outings and Hall Lets
Grant Requested:	£400
Decision:	Grant of £200

MOTHERWELL CHALLENGE INITIATIVE

Group:	Friends of Dalziel Centre - CG97/98-993
Purpose of Application:	To assist with costs for purchase of minibus with access for wheelchairs.
Grant Requested:	£800
Decision:	Continue consideration

DEPARTMENTAL ISSUES AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

7. With reference to paragraph 5 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 10 December 1997 and arising from a question in relation to the Ravenscraig Regeneration and other issues of concern, the Convener advised the Committee that a report would be submitted to the next meeting of the Committee on Departmental Issues and Future Agenda Items, including an update on the Ravenscraig Regeneration Scheme.

Decided: that the position be noted.