

AGENDA ITEM No. 1(b)
MOTHERWELL AREA – 9 September 1998

Motherwell, 9 September 1998 at 2 pm.

A Meeting of the MOTHERWELL AREA COMMITTEE

PRESENT

Councillor Ross, Convener; Provost Mathieson, Vice-Convener; Councillors Connelly, Craig, Scott and Wilson.

CHAIR

Councillor Ross (Convener) presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

The Chief Committee Services Officer, Assistant Chief Executive (Operations) and Director of Social Work (Liaison Director).

APOLOGIES

Councillors McLaughlin and W. Martin.

SUBMISSION OF COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES

(1) GLENCAIRN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

1. With reference to paragraph 5 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 6 May 1998, there were submitted the Minutes of the meetings of Glencairn Community Council held on 25 January, 26 April, 31 May and 27 July 1998.

Decided: that the Minutes be noted.

(2) NEW STEVENSTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

2. With reference to paragraph 5 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 6 May 1998, there was submitted the Minute of the meeting of New Stevenston Community Council held on 13 May 1998.

Decided: that the Minute be noted.

MOTHERWELL CHALLENGE INITIATIVE - STRATHCLYDE ELDERLY FORUM INFORMATION DAY

3. With reference to paragraph 5 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 29 October 1997, there was submitted a report dated 20 August 1998 by the Liaison Director (1) referring to an award of £1,500 from the top slice Motherwell Challenge Initiative Budget to Strathclyde Elderly Forum; (2) advising that an Information and Awareness Day for Elderly People within the Motherwell Area had been organised for Wednesday, 18 November; (3) identifying the key Departments which have assisted with the organisation of the Day, and (4) reiterating the commitment to the provision of quality services and support for elderly people within the Council's Corporate Plan.

Decided:

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- (1) that it be noted that an Information and Awareness Day is scheduled for Wednesday, 18 November 1998;
- (2) that an invitation be extended to Members of the Committee to be present at the Day;
- (3) that the involvement of the Chief Executives, Housing, Education, Leisure Services and Social Work Departments in the organisation of the Information Day be supported;
- (4) that arrangements be made to ensure adequate publicity for the event, and
- (5) that the report be otherwise noted.

CENTRAL SCOTLAND COUNTRYSIDE TRUST - CONNECTING PEOPLE WITH THE FOREST - COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT PLAN

4. With reference to paragraph 14 of the Minute of the meeting of the Planning and Development Committee held on 19 August 1998, there was submitted a report dated 19 August 1998 by the Director of Planning and Development (1) informing Members of the compilation of the Central Scotland Countryside Trust (CSCT) Community Involvement Plan (Final Draft); (2) outlining the background, and providing specific comments on the proposals and outlining the implications for the Council, and (3) recommending that the Committee note the publication of the document.

Decided: that the publication of Central Scotland Countryside Trust Community Involvement Plan - Connecting People with the Forest be noted.

MOTHERWELL AREA COMMITTEE - ISSUES AND INITIATIVES REPORT

5. With reference to paragraph 6 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 17 June 1998, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated 3 September 1998 by the Liaison Director (1) referring to proposals to support an initiative by (a) Retailers in Motherwell Town Centre displaying the most effective shop window dressing as part of the Annual Christmas Campaign in order to encourage commercial activity; (b) identification of particular road safety black spots in the Motherwell Area, and (c) identification of particular Community/Area Home Safety Issues and (2) advising (a) that letters had been sent to Strathclyde Police, the Motherwell Town Centre Manager, the Director of Planning and Development (Road Safety Unit) and the Director of Environmental Services (Home Safety Unit), and (b) that a meeting had been held with the Motherwell Town Centre Manager to investigate the feasibility of the Area Committee supporting any Town Centre Initiative which contributed to the attraction of consumer spending in the Town during the Christmas period and with the Councils Home Safety Adviser in relation to proposed Home Safety Campaigns in Motherwell.

Decided:

- (1) that an invitation be extended to the Motherwell Town Centre Manager to attend the next meeting of the Area Committee to discuss the operation of the Town Centre Forum and the feasibility of the Committee supporting the promotion of the best dressed shop window display during the Christmas holiday trading period;
- (2) that the ongoing correspondence with Strathclyde Police and the Road Safety Unit of the Department of Planning and Development be noted, and
- (3) that a report be brought to the next meeting on proposals to support Home Safety Campaigns for Senior Citizens and for school children in the area.

TWINNING - AREA COMMITTEES

6. There was submitted a report dated 11 August 1998 by the Director of Administration advising (1) that having regard to the Council's decentralisation arrangements and the importance to twinning relationships, the Council had included in the Terms of Reference of Area Committees a requirement to assist in the development of twinning links, and (2) that the only officially recognised twinning link for the Motherwell Area Committee was Schweinfurt.

Decided:

- (1) that it be noted that the official twinning link for the Motherwell Area Committee was Schweinfurt, and
- (2) that where practical, the advice of the Area Committee would be sought to assist the General Purposes Committee in determining twinning matters.

SCHEME OF DECENTRALISATION - REVIEW OF PROGRESS

7. There was submitted a report dated 1 September 1998 by the Chief Executive (1) setting out the arrangements for the first annual review of decentralisation, and (2) inviting Area Committees to contribute to the review by responding to a number of issues and questions.

Decided:

- (1) that the arrangements for reviewing decentralisation be noted;
- (2) that the Motherwell Area Team give consideration to the issues identified in the report and bring forward comments to the next meeting, and
- (3) that the Liaison Director bring forward a report on alternative models for a Council one-stop-shop facility in Motherwell.

RESPONDING TO POVERTY IN THE MOTHERWELL AREA

8. There was submitted a report dated 9 September 1998 by the Director of Social Work (1) advising of the measures employed by the Social Work Department in combating poverty in the Motherwell Area; (2) detailing the factors which contribute to poverty, and (3) setting out the steps taken by that Department with a view to alleviating poverty.

Decided: that the report be noted.

ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMUNITY FORUM - UPDATE

9. With reference to paragraph 4 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 6 May 1998, there was submitted a report dated 9 September 1998 by the Liaison Director (1) advising of the establishment of a Community Forum for the Motherwell Area; (2) detailing the Programme for the Community Forum meetings, and (3) suggesting topics for discussion at these meetings.

Decided: that the report be noted.

COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME

10. With reference to paragraph 6 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 6 May, 1998 there was submitted a report by the Chief Executive dated 31 August, 1998 detailing applications for Community Grants.

Decided:

- (1) that the applications for Community Grants be dealt with as follows:-

Applications

Group:	The Oot The Hoose Streetwork Project - CG98/99-124
Purpose of Application:	To assist with costs for summer residential visits to an Outdoor Centre.
Grant Requested:	£600.
Decision:	Grant £25.
Group:	Oot The Hoose, Aff The Streets Youth Committee - CG98/99-125
Purpose of Application:	To assist with costs for local music talent competition and hire of equipment.
Grant Requested:	£200.
Decision:	No award be granted.
Group:	Motherwell Miners Boys' Club Under 13/14s - CG98/99-164
Purpose of Application:	To assist with purchase of football training tops and kit bags.
Grant Requested:	£400.
Decision:	Grant £175.
Group:	New Stevenston Senior Citizens' Centre - CG98/99-174
Purpose of Application:	To assist with general running costs.
Grant Requested:	£1,300.
Decision:	Grant £500.

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Group: Motherwell Miners Boys' Club - CG98/99-235
Purpose of Application: To assist with purchase of new equipment and costs of Hall hire.
Grant Requested: £250.
Decision: Grant £250.

Group: S.V.D.P. - St. Bernadettes - CG98/99-240
Purpose of Application: To assist with costs for children's Christmas Panto.
Grant Requested: £500.
Decision: Grant £450.

Group: Queen Elizabeth Court Social Club - CG98/99-252
Purpose of Application: To assist with costs for Christmas Dinner and Party.
Grant Requested: £300.
Decision: Grant £300.

Group: Jerviston Boys' Club 9s and Under- CG98/99-264
Purpose of Application: To assist with cost of hiring pitch, purchase of strips, track suit and first aid equipment.
Grant Requested: £1,395.
Decision: (1) Grant £100
(2) That the club be invited to re-apply for funding.

Group: Baillie Court Recreation Club - CG98/99-265
Purpose of Application: To assist with costs for Christmas Dinner.
Grant Requested: £100.
Decision: Grant £100.

Group: Forgewood Welcome Club - CG98/99-266
Purpose of Application: To assist with costs of Christmas Dinner and Summer Outings.
Grant Requested: £200.
Decision: Grant £200.

- (2) that the recent application by the Salvation Army be brought before Committee for further consideration, and
- (3) that a report be brought to this Committee on the status of the Challenge Funding Initiative.

LEISURE PLAN

11. With reference to paragraph 7 of the Minute of the meeting of the Leisure Services Committee of 2 September 1998 there was submitted a report dated 24 August 1998 by the Director of Leisure Services (1) enclosing a copy of the draft Leisure Plan; (2) reminding Members that the plan (a) had previously been agreed as a key task within the current Departmental Service Plan; (b) aimed to promote better co-ordination between the various organisations from the voluntary, private and public sectors providing leisure services and facilities within the North Lanarkshire area; (c) incorporated the corporate strategic framework including the Council's agreed leisure principles, and (d) covered a 10 year time span which would be subject to regular monitoring and review; (3) proposing that the plan be approved as the basis of a comprehensive public consultation exercise, and (4) setting out a proposed timetable to be used in connection with the consultation exercise.

Decided: that consideration of the Leisure Plan be continued to the next meeting of this Committee for a presentation by the Department of Leisure Services.