

AGENDA ITEM No. 1(e).....
COATBRIDGE AREA – 15 September 1998

Coatbridge, 15 September 1998 at 2 pm.

A Meeting of the COATBRIDGE AREA COMMITTEE

PRESENT

Councillor Clarke, Vice-Convener; Councillors Brooks, Gordon, Maginnis, Murphy and Smith.

CHAIR

Councillor Clarke (Vice-Convener) presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

The Committee Services Officer; Director of Education (Liaison Director) and Office Manager, Education Department; Social Strategy Officer, Department of the Chief Executive, District Housing Manager (Central); Divisional Support Officer, Leisure Services Department and Divisional Manager, Planning and Development Department.

ALSO ATTENDING

Superintendent K. Malgarin and Sergeant R. Stark.

APOLOGIES

Councillors Burns and Leitch.

ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMUNITY FORUM

1. With reference to paragraph 1 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 23 June 1998, when it had been agreed that a further public meeting be held in the Municipal Buildings, Coatbridge on 2 September 1998 to progress outstanding issues in relation to the establishment of a Community Forum, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated 7 September 1998 by the Liaison Director (1) summarising in Appendix 1, the outcome of the public meeting; (2) advising that the general consensus of the meeting was that there should be one Community Forum for the Coatbridge area comprising of members from the eight categories of groups/organisations and geographical areas as detailed in the report; (3) intimating that some groups/organisations might need to hold elections to determine representation, and (4) proposing that a provisional date for the first meeting of the Community Forum be 21 October 1998.

Decided:

- (1) that the outcome of the Public Meeting held in the Municipal Buildings, Coatbridge, on 2 September 1998 be noted, and
- (2) that the Liaison Director be authorised to arrange the first meeting of the Community Forum on a date suitable to all concerned and provide assistance to any groups/organisations which need to hold an election to determine representation.

DECENTRALISATION: REVIEW OF PROGRESS

2. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated 1 September 1998 by the Chief Executive (1) outlining the arrangements for the first annual review of the Council's Decentralisation Scheme; (2) detailing the

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framework of the review; (3) requesting Area Committees to contribute to the review by responding to the questions set out in the report; (4) indicating that the Assistant Chief Executive (Operations) would co-ordinate consultations and report thereon to the Policy and Resources (Community Development) Sub-Committee in November, and (5) intimating that the Policy and Resources (Community Development) Sub-Committee had agreed that a bid should be made for dedicated resources for decentralisation in the forthcoming year.

Decided: that the Policy and Resources (Community Development) Sub-Committee be advised that in order to enhance the role of Area Committees within the Council's Decentralisation Scheme consideration must be given to:-

widening the remit of Area Committees to allow more decisions to be made locally;

allocating both capital and revenue funding to Area Committees in the form of an Area Development budget, and

allocating sufficient resources to administer both the Area Committee and the proposed Community Forum.

ESTATE BASED INITIATIVE PROJECTS 1998/99

3. With reference to paragraph 21 of the Minute of the meeting of the Housing Committee held on 2 September 1998 when it had been agreed (1) that the Estate Based Initiative Projects referred to in a report dated 23 July 1998 by the Director of Housing and outlined in Appendix 1 to the report be referred back to the Coatbridge Area Committee for consideration on the basis of the procedures adopted by all other Area Committees, and (2) that the criteria detailed within the report for identifying Estate Based Projects be formally adopted for all projects, there was submitted a report dated 23 July 1998 by the Director of Housing thereon.

Decided:

- (1) that it be recorded that the budget provision for Estate Based Initiative Projects for Coatbridge North and South be divided equally among each of the 10 Electoral Wards covered by the Coatbridge Area Committee, and
- (2) that the matter be remitted to the Housing Committee accordingly.

TWINNING AREA COMMITTEES

4. With reference to paragraph 29 of the Minute of the meeting of the General Purposes Committee held on 26 August 1998 when, *inter alia*, it had been agreed (1) that, where practical, the advice of the appropriate Area Committee(s) should be obtained to assist the decisions of the General Purposes Committee on twinning matters, and (2) that, in respect of the Coatbridge Area Committee, the twinning links would be Saint Denis, France; Campi Bisenzio, Italy and Gatchina, Russia, there was submitted a report dated 11 August 1998 by the Director of Administration thereon.

Decided: that the terms of the report be noted.

ESF MATCH FUNDING - CORPORATE PROGRAMME DEVELOPMENT FUND

5. With reference to paragraph 23 of the Minute of the meeting of the Policy and Resources (Community Development) Sub-Committee held on 26 August 1998 when, *inter alia*, it had been agreed that a contribution of £5,000 be made from the Payments to Agencies and other Bodies Budget of the
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Department of the Chief Executive to support the Greater Easterhouse and South Coatbridge Territorial Employment Pact, there was submitted a report dated 13 August 1998 by the Chief Executive advising (1) that the European Commission had approved, in principle, a Territorial Employment Pact for the Greater Easterhouse and South Coatbridge area to increase the impact of European Union Structural Policies on employment; (2) that the Pact was a 2 year initiative which would be managed by a Steering Group including representatives of this Council and Glasgow City Council, and the Glasgow and Lanarkshire Development Agencies, and (3) that the European Commission would contribute 80% towards the Pact leaving the balance of match funding to be met by this Council and the other partners.

Decided: that the terms of the report be noted.

CENTRAL SCOTLAND COUNTRYSIDE TRUST COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT PLAN “CONNECTING PEOPLE AND THE FOREST”

6. With reference to paragraph 14 of the Minute of the meeting of the Planning and Development Committee held on 19 August 1998, when (1) the publication of Central Scotland Countryside Trust's Community Involvement Plan: 'Connecting People and the Forest' was noted; (2) the importance of the role of the Council's Decentralisation Scheme through both the Area Committees and their Community Forums in meeting the aims of the Plan was noted, and (3) the matter was remitted to the Area Committees for information, there was submitted a report dated 24 July 1998 by the Director of Planning and Development advising that the Plan contained the Trust's proposals for the next three year period to encourage and support community involvement in the development of the Central Scotland Forest.

Decided: that the terms of the report be noted.

LEISURE PLAN

7. With reference to paragraph 7 of the Minute of the meeting of the Leisure Services Committee held on 2 September 1998 when, inter alia, when the draft Leisure Plan was remitted to Area Committees for their interest, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated 24 August 1998 by the Director of Leisure Services thereon.

Decided:

- (1) that the terms of the report be noted, and
- (2) that the Director of Leisure Services make a presentation on the draft Leisure Plan to the next meeting of the Committee.

The Convener being of the view that an application by Kirkwood Mothers and Toddlers Group for a community grant was urgent authorised its inclusion on the list of new applications for the Interim Community Grant Scheme, as contained in the following item of business, in order that the earliest consideration could be given thereto.

Councillor Murphy declared an interest in application CG 98/99-261 by West End Bowling Club contained in the following item of business and took no part in the consideration thereof.

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INTERIM COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME - APPLICATIONS FOR 1998/99

8. With reference to paragraph 7 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 23 June 1998, there was submitted a report dated 7 September 1998 by the Chief Executive detailing the applications for community grants continued from that meeting, together with new applications.

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

Continued Applications

Group: **St Augustine's Boys Club CG97/98 - 1023**

Purpose of Application: To assist with purchase of strips and equipment

Grant Requested: £500 (cheque previously issued for £200)

Decision: Refuse

Group: **Townhead Senior Citizens Wednesday Club CG98/99 - 52**

Purpose of Application: To assist with cost of day outing

Grant Requested: £450 (cheque previously issued for £ 250)

Decision: Grant £100

Group: **Glenboig Ramblers CG98/99 - 55**

Purpose of Application: To assist with advertising, purchase of equipment and cost of transport

Grant Requested: £400

Decision: Grant £300

Group: **Ozanam Youth Club CG98/99 - 59**

Purpose of Application: To assist with purchase of equipment

Grant Requested: £1,500

Decision: Grant £1,500 (to be met from the top-sliced element of the budget for the scheme)

Group: **North Coatbridge Credit Union CG98/99 - 79**

Purpose of Application: To offset computer costs

Grant Requested: £675 (cheque previously issued for £400)

Decision: Grant £275

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Group: **Townhead 60 and Over Carpet Bowling CG98/99 - 129**
Purpose of Application: To assist with purchase of bowling carpet
Grant Requested: £600
Decision: Grant £600

Group: **Glenboig Senior Citizens Association CG98/99 - 131**
Purpose of Application: To assist with cost of day outing
Grant Requested: Any amount
Decision: Grant £300

NEW APPLICATIONS

Group: **Lockgreen AFC CG98/99 - 216**
Purpose of Application: To assist with cost of league fees, referee fees, lets and pitch bookings
Grant Requested: £1,136
Decision: Continue for further information

Group: **Coatbridge Westend Bowling Club CG98/99 - 236**
Purpose of Application: To assist with purchase of mats for green, rink markers, bowl and jack markers and large rubber sheets
Grant Requested: £800
Decision: Grant £800 (to be me from top-sliced element of the budget for the scheme)

Group: **Union of Catholic Mothers CG98/99 - 247**
Purpose of Application: To assist with purchase of small gifts for Christmas Fayre
Grant Requested: £150
Decision: Grant £150

Group: **Second Bargeddie Brownie Pack CG98/99 - 248**
Purpose of Application: To assist with cost of hall and purchase of equipment
Grant Requested: £1,000
Decision: Grant £200

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Group: **Bargeddie Pensioners Wednesday Club CG98/99 - 249**

Purpose of Application: To assist with cost to celebrate Fiftieth Anniversary

Grant Requested: £350

Decision: Grant £350

Group: **St Monica's Old Age Pensioners Club CG98/99 - 259**

Purpose of Application: To assist with cost of day outing and Christmas dinner dance

Grant Requested: £950

Decision: Grant £950

Group: **Bargeddie Over 60s Bowling Club CG98/99 - 260**

Purpose of Application: To assist with cost of Christmas party and bus run

Grant Requested: £600

Decision: Grant £250

Group: **Westend Bowling Club - Senior Section CG98/99 - 261**

Purpose of Application: To assist with cost of Christmas meal or Theatre night

Grant Requested: £500

Decision: Grant £500 (to be met from the top-sliced element of the budget for the scheme)

Group: **Kirkwood Amateur Football Club CG98/99 - 268**

Purpose of Application: To assist with cost of league, park, referee and affiliation fees

Grant Requested: £1,199

Decision: Grant £370

Group: **Monklands Youth Rugby Club CG98/99 - 269**

Purpose of Application: To assist with cost of hosting girls seven-a-side rugby tournament

Grant Requested: £300

Decision: Continue and refer to Airdrie Area Committee for consideration.

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Group: Townhead Adult Returners to Education Group CG98/99-270

Purpose of Application: To assist with cost of craft project specialising in stained glass

Grant Requested: £462.80

Decision: Grant £300

Group: Kirkwood Mothers and Toddlers Group

Purpose of Application: Not known

Grant Requested: £800

Decision: Grant £400 (subject to confirmation of receipt of the application and it meeting the criteria for the scheme)

Group: Knightmoves Chess Club - CG98/99 - 280

Purpose of Application: To assist with purchase of equipment and registration with the Chess Association

Grant Requested: £600

Decision: Grant £300