

AGENDA ITEM No. 1.(h)
CUMBERNAULD AREA – 15 September 1998

Cumbernauld, 15 September 1998 at 6 pm.

A Meeting of the **CUMBERNAULD AREA COMMITTEE**

PRESENT

Councillor Macleod, Vice-Convener; Councillors Beekman, Carmichael, Grant, McCulloch, McGlashan and G. Murray.

CHAIR

Councillor Macleod (Vice-Convener) presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

The Director of Planning and Development (Liaison Director); Committee Services Officer; Local Officer, Chief Executive's Department and the Area Client Manager, Department of Leisure Services.

APOLOGIES

Councillors Chadha, Gilchrist, McElroy, McKenna and S.V. Murray.

MINUTE OF MEETING OF CUMBERNAULD AREA COMMITTEE OF 19 JUNE 1998

1. There was submitted the Minute of the meeting of the Cumbernauld Area Committee held on 19 June 1998.

Decided: that the Minute be noted.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES

2. Under reference to paragraph 4 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 19 June 1998, there were submitted Minutes of meetings of the following Community Councils viz: (1) Balloch/Eastfield Community Council AGM - 2 September 1998; (2) Blackwood/Craiglinn Community Council - 6 May, 3 June and 1 July 1998, and (3) Westfield Community Council - 13 and 20 May 1998.

Decided: that the Minutes be noted.

ESTABLISHMENT OF TOWN TWINNING LINK - AREA COMMITTEES

3. Under reference to paragraph 29 of the Minute of the meeting of the General Purposes Committee held on 26 August 1998, wherein that Committee had approved 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 of twinning relationships of strong local groups, the Council had included, in the terms of reference of Area Committees, a requirement to assist in the development of twinning links; (2) that the appropriate Area Committee for each twinning link might be as follows, viz:-

Bron - Cumbernauld Area Committee;

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Meulan - Kilsyth and Villages Area Committee;
Saint Denis - Coatbridge Area Committee;
Campi Bisenzio - Airdrie and Coatbridge Area Committees;
Gatchina - Airdrie and Coatbridge Area Committees, and
Schweinfurt - Bellshill, Motherwell, Shotts and Harthill and Wishaw and Newmains Area Committees,

and (3) that with regard to Friendship Links, the appropriate Area Committees might be as follows, viz:-

Airdrie, Alberta - Airdrie Area Committee
Les Marches - Northern Corridor Area Committee

The Area Committee thereafter gave consideration to the Director of Administration's report.

Decided:

- (1) that it be noted that, in incidences where it is practical, the advice of the appropriate Area Committee(s) be obtained to inform the decisions to the General Purposes Committee on twinning matters, and
- (2) that the report be otherwise noted.

CENTRAL SCOTLAND COUNTRYSIDE TRUST - "CONNECTING PEOPLE WITH THE FOREST" - COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT PLAN (FINAL DRAFT) MAY 1998

4. Under reference to paragraph 14 of the Minute of the meeting of the Planning and Development Committee held on 19 August 1998, wherein that Committee had referred to this Committee a report dated 19 August 1998 by the Director of Planning and Development advising of the publication of the Central Scotland Countryside Trust (CSCT) Community Involvement Plan, (Final Draft) entitled "Connecting People with the Forest", and recommending that the Committee note the publication of the document. The Area Committee thereafter gave consideration to the Director of Planning and Development's report.

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

LEISURE PLAN

5. Under reference to paragraph 7 of the Minute of the Leisure Services Committee held on 2 September 1998, wherein that Committee had approved and referred to this Committee a report dated 24 August 1998 by the Director of Leisure Services proposing that the Draft Leisure Plan be approved as the basis of a comprehensive public consultation exercise. The Area Committee thereafter gave consideration to the Director of Leisure Services' report.

Decided: that consideration of the matter be continued pending a presentation by the Head of Sport and Recreation to the next meeting of the Committee.

IDENTIFICATION OF PROPOSED FAIRGROUND SITES WITHIN THE CUMBERNAULD AREA

6. Under reference to paragraph 11 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 19 June 1998, the Liaison Director advised that a study of appropriate locations for fairground sites was

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currently being undertaken, and that he would submit his report, identifying appropriate sites within the Cumbernauld area to the next meeting.

Decided: that consideration of the matter be continued pending the report by the Liaison Director previously called for.

DECENTRALISATION - REVIEW OF PROGRESS

7. There was submitted a report dated 1 September 1998 by the Chief Executive (1) advising of the arrangements for the first annual review of decentralisation; (2) outlining the progress, to date, with regard to decentralisation, and (3) recommending that the Area Committee give consideration to a number of questions, as detailed therein, regarding various aspects of decentralisation.

Decided: that consideration of the matter be continued to the next meeting of the Committee.

CUMBERNAULD COMMUNITY FORUM - PROGRESS REPORT

8. There was submitted a report dated 8 September 1998 by the Chief Executive (1) informing the Area Committee of progress made, to date, in establishing the Cumbernauld Community Forum, and (2) recommending appropriate action.

Decided:

- (1) that the proposed arrangements for the launch of the Community Forum be noted;
- (2) that the proposed operational framework of the Forum, which will be submitted to the Forum for approval, be noted;
- (3) that a proposal that the Chairman and Secretary of the Forum be granted full membership of the Area Committee be referred to the Policy and Resources Committee for further consideration, and
- (4) that the report be otherwise noted.

INTERIM COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME

9. Under reference to paragraph 14 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 19 June 1998 there was submitted a report dated 2 September 1998 by the Chief Executive, together with an Appendix (tabled), detailing applications for Community Grants continued from that meeting, together with new applications.

Decided: that the applications for a Community Grant be dealt with as follows, subject to the receipt of any outstanding information, viz:-

CONTINUED APPLICATIONS

Group: Our Lady and St. Helen's St. Vincent De Paul - CUM/97/98/830

Purpose of Application: To assist with purchase of equipment .
(Cheque previously issued for £400)

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Grant Requested: £600

Decision: that a further grant of £100 be awarded.

Group: **Our Lady's High School PTA - CUM/97/98/872**

Purpose of Application: To assist with purchase of equipment.
(Cheque previously issued for £380)

Grant Requested: £1,000

Decision: that consideration of the application be further continued.

Group: **Cumbernauld South Credit Union - CUM/97/98/875**

Purpose of Application: To assist with cost of attending and participating in workshops in Newcastle.
(Cheque previously issued for £200)

Grant Requested: £350

Decision: that consideration of the application be further continued.

Group: **Westfield Out of School Care - CUM/97/98/949**

Purpose of Application: To assist with purchase of equipment.
(Cheque previously issued for £100)

Grant Requested: £1,000

Decision: that a further grant of £100 be awarded.

Group: **Cumbernauld Hearts Boys' Club - CUM/97/98/999**

Purpose of Application: To assist with purchase of football equipment.
(Cheque previously issued for £700)

Grant Requested: £1,000

Decision: that consideration of the application be further continued.

Group: **Volunteer Entertainers Group (Lanarkshire) - CUM/98/99/007**

Purpose of Application: To assist with purchase of musical instruments and insurance.
(Cheque previously issued for £229)

Grant Requested: £1,500

Decision: that a further grant of £60 be awarded, and that consideration be further continued.

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Group:	Kildrum Colts Boys' Club - CUM/98/99/062
Purpose of Application:	To assist with purchase of sports equipment. (Cheque previously issued for £150)
Grant Requested:	£400
Decision:	that consideration of the application be further continued.
Group:	Alpha Project - CUM/98/99/126
Purpose of Application:	To assist with purchase of gardening equipment. (Cheque previously issued for £327)
Grant Requested:	£750
Decision:	that a further grant of £423 be awarded with the total grant of £750 being met from the Top Sliced element of the Community Grant Scheme.
Group:	Cumbernauld and Kilsyth Central Council for Welfare of Senior Citizens - CUM/98/99/171
Purpose of Application:	To assist with purchase of framed certificates and provision of catering for Old People's Week. (Cheque previously issued for £165)
Grant Requested:	£500
Decision:	that a further grant of £335 be awarded with the total grant of £500 being met from the Top Sliced element of the Community Grant Scheme.
Group:	Cumbernauld and District Burns Club - CUM/98/99/210
Purpose of Application:	To assist with cost of School Burns Competition. (Cheque previously issued for £412)
Grant Requested:	£1,200
Decision:	that a further grant of £388 be awarded with the total grant of £800 being met from the Top Sliced element of the Community Grant Scheme.
Group:	Kirkintilloch and District Bowling Club - CUM/98/99/213
Purpose of Application:	To assist with the purchase of prizes, cost of meals and general running costs of Tournaments. (Cheque previously issued for £110)
Grant Requested:	Unknown

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Decision: that a further grant of £40 be awarded, and that consideration of the application be further continued.

Group: **Cumbernauld Foyer Youth Exchange Group - CUM/98/99/230**

Purpose of Application: To assist with costs of Youth Exchange.
(Cheque previously issued for £180)

Grant Requested: £490

Decision: that a further grant of £310 be awarded with the total grant of £490 being met from the Top Sliced element of the Community Grant Scheme.

Group: **Strathclyde Fire Brigade Pipe Band - CUM/98/99/232**

Purpose of Application: To assist with costs of renewing equipment.
(Cheque previously issued for £394)

Grant Requested: £1,500

Decision: that a grant of £150 be awarded from the Top Sliced element of the Community Grant Scheme.

NEW APPLICATIONS

Group: **Burns Road Residents' Group - CUM/98/99/175**

Purpose of Application: To assist with general running costs.

Grant Requested: £250

Decision: that consideration of the application be continued.

Group: **Cardowan and Dysart Residents' Association - CUM/98/99/223**

Purpose of Application: To assist with cost of hosting Music Festival for young people, and general running costs.

Grant Requested: £600

Decision: that consideration of the application be continued.

Group: **Cumbernauld Action for Care of the Elderly - CUM/98/99/253**

Purpose of Application: To assist with cost of hosting health and advice event to coincide with National Older People's Week

Grant Requested: £1,000

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Decision: that a grant of £500 be awarded from the Top Sliced element of the Community Grant Scheme.

Group: **Struthers Memorial Church - CUM/98/99/267**

Purpose of Application: To assist with cost of erection of signage for premises.

Grant Requested: £1,000

Decision: that a grant of £1,000 be awarded.

Group: **Seafar and Ravenswood Community Council - CUM/98/99/271**

Purpose of Application: To assist with costs of hosting local history lectures.

Grant Requested: £1,500

Decision: that it be noted that the application had been subsequently withdrawn by the applicant.

Group: **Hilltop Play Group - CUM/98/99/272**

Purpose of Application: To assist with purchase of new equipment and books.

Grant Requested: £1,500

Decision: that consideration of the application be continued.

Group: **St. Mungo's Senior Fellowship - CUM/98/99/273**

Purpose of Application: To assist with general running costs, purchase of stationery and Christmas dinner and outings

Grant Requested: £850

Decision: that a grant of £284 be awarded, and that consideration be further continued.

Group: **Balloch and Eastfield Senior Citizens' Club - CUM/98/99/281**

Purpose of Application: To assist with cost of outing on MV Garelochhead.

Grant Requested: £500

Decision: that a grant of £500 be awarded.

ESTABLISHMENT OF WORKING GROUP TO INITIATE CUMBERNAULD ACCESS FORUM ON DISABILITY ISSUES

10. Under reference to paragraph 12 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 19 June 1998, there was submitted a report dated 8 September 1998 by the Director of Administration (1) advising of the outcome of an exploratory meeting held in the Muirfield Community Centre, Cumbernauld on 4 September 1998 involving Officers of the Council, including the Council's Building Control Manager as the Officer responsible for advising on disability matters insofar as they relate to buildings, together with representatives of Disabled Groups in Cumbernauld, at which Depute Provost McCulloch was in attendance, to consider issues which might assist the Working Group to discharge its remit, and (2) recommending appropriate action.

Depute Provost McCulloch also advised the Committee of some of the issues raised at that meeting which could be brought to the attention of the appropriate bodies, ie. Strathclyde Passenger Transport, and the Cumbernauld T.O.A., through existing channels of communication.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the steps taken to establish the Working Group of the Cumbernauld Access Forum, and
- (2) that arrangements be made to convene the inaugural meeting of the Working Group on the establishment of the Cumbernauld Access Forum.