

**Motherwell, 28 October 1998 at 2 pm.**

**A Meeting of the MOTHERWELL AREA COMMITTEE**

**PRESENT**

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

**CHAIR**

Provost Mathieson (Vice Convener) presided.

**IN ATTENDANCE**

The Chief Committee Services Officer; Local Officer, Chief Executive's Department, Head of Social Work Services; Head of Culture and Central Services, Department of Leisure Services.

**APOLOGIES**

Councillors Ross, Connelly and Wilson.

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE**

Depute Commander, Strathclyde Fire Brigade and Motherwell Town Centre Manager.

**FIRE SAFETY IN THE MOTHERWELL AREA**

1. With reference to paragraph 2 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 18 March 1998 when reference was made to the establishment of a Community Safety Task Group, the Convener advised that the Depute Commander, East Command, Strathclyde Fire Brigade had been invited to attend the meeting for the purpose of making a presentation on fire services and in particular fire safety in the Motherwell Area. Mr. David Hutchison, Depute Commander then advised the Committee of the resources available in the Motherwell Area (1) advising of the manpower employed and the fire fighting equipment used; (2) explaining the remit of the two Fire Safety Officers with particular emphasis on the education of youths with regard to fire safety and also their involvement with the Prince's Trust, and (3) detailing statistical information in relation to hoax calls and incidences where fires had occurred.

There then followed a question/answer session at the conclusion of which the Chair thanked the Deputy Commander for his attendance.

**Decided:** that the presentation on Fire Safety in the Motherwell Area be noted.

**TOWN CENTRE FORUM**

2. With reference to paragraph 5 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 9 September 1998 when it was agreed that an invitation be extended to the Motherwell Town Centre Manager to attend the next meeting of the Committee, there was submitted a report dated 4 September 1998 by the Town Centre Manager, Motherwell, who was in attendance for this item, (1) advising of the role of Town Centre Initiatives Limited and the Motherwell Town Centre Management Group in the promotion of the Town as a retail centre; (2) detailing current issues relating to the Town Centre together with proposals for future projects, and (3) giving a brief outline for proposals to recognise the forthcoming festive season.

There then followed a question/answer session at the conclusion of which the Chair thanked Mr. Fred Landery, Town Centre Manager for his attendance.

**Decided:**

- (1) that the report and the attendance of the Town Centre Manager be noted, and
- (2) that it be remitted to the Chief Executive, Director of Administration and Liaison Director, after consultation with the Convener and Vice-Convener to progress specific proposals in relation to providing assistance to the Town Centre Forum to promote festive events at the Town Centre.

**LEISURE SERVICES PLAN**

3. With reference to paragraph 7 of the Minute of the meeting of the Leisure Services Committee held on 2 September 1998 when it was agreed that the Leisure Plan be referred to the Area Committees for their interest, the Convener introduced the Marketing and Tourism Manager of the Leisure Services Department who gave a presentation on the draft Leisure Plan detailing (1) the level of provision; (2) leisure services in North Lanarkshire; (3) the level of usage of leisure facilities, and (4) the framework of the Plan including its mission statement and policy principles,

**Decided:** that the presentation on the Leisure Plan be noted.

**SUBMISSION OF COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

**(1) CARFIN COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

4. 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 Carfin Community Council held on 12 January, 2 February, 9 March, 6 April and June 1998.

**Decided:** that the Minutes be noted.

**(2) MUIRHOUSE AND FLEMINGTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

5. With reference to paragraph 5 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 6 May 1998 there were submitted the Minute of the meetings of Muirhouse and Flemington Community Council held on 2 February, 6 April, 1 June and 7 September 1998.

**Decided:** that the Minutes be noted.

**REVIEW OF SCHEME OF DECENTRALISATION**

6. With reference to paragraph 7 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 9 September when it was agreed, *inter alia*, that the Motherwell Area Team give consideration to the issues identified in the report regarding the review of the Scheme of Decentralisation and bring forward comments, there was submitted a report dated 8 October 1998 by the Liaison Director advising of the background to the Review and identifying issues for consideration.

**Decided:**

- (1) that the report be remitted to the Policy and Resources (Community Development) Sub-Committee for its interests, and
- (2) that the report be otherwise noted.

**COMMUNITY FORUM MEETINGS OF 21 SEPTEMBER AND 19 OCTOBER 1998 - FEEDBACK**

7. With reference to paragraph 9 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 9 September 1998 there was submitted a report dated 19 October 1998 by the Liaison Director (1) providing an update on the meeting of the Community Forum of 21 September and 19 October, 1998, and (2) detailing a timetable for future meetings and topics for discussion.

The Head of Social Work Services then advised the Committee that the Citizens Advice Bureau had written to the Liaison Director expressing an interest in giving a presentation to the Forum.

**Decided:**

- (1) that the invitation received from the Citizens Advice Bureau to give a presentation to the Community Forum be accepted for the interests of this Committee and be referred to the Community Forum, and
- (2) that the report be otherwise noted.

**AREA PROFILE COMPLETION - UPDATE OF PROGRESS**

8. With reference to paragraph 4 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 17 June 1998 when it was agreed that the timescale for completion of Area Profiles be revised to 30 November 1998, there was submitted a report dated 13 October 1998 by the Liaison Director (1) detailing the progress by Motherwell Area Team in the compilation of the Area Profiles, and (2) advising that the collation, dissemination and analysis of the information would not be completed by the required timescale.

**Decided:** that the ongoing collation of information towards a comprehensive Area Profile be noted.

**COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME - SCHEDULE OF APPLICATIONS**

9. With reference to paragraph 10 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 9 September 1998 there was submitted a report dated 19 October 1998 by the Chief Executive detailing applications for Community Grants.

**Decided:** that applications for Community Grants be dealt with as follows:-

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**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:** Grant £200

**Group:** North Motherwell Senior Citizens Club - CG98/99-325  
**Purpose of Application:** to assist with costs for Christmas Dinner and Pantomime.  
**Grant Requested:** £400  
**Decision:** Grant £200

**Group:** Cathedral Senior Citizens Club - CG98/99-326  
**Purpose of Application:** to assist with Christmas celebration and outings.  
**Grant Requested:** Not known  
**Decision:** Grant £150 and continue

**Group:** Burnside Tower Social Club - CG98/99-327  
**Purpose of Application:** to assist with costs for outing and activities throughout year.  
**Grant Requested:** £100  
**Decision:** Continue

**Group:** Motherwell Karate Club (Shoto Budo) - CG98/99-328  
**Purpose of Application:** to assist with purchase of equipment.  
**Grant Requested:** £250  
**Decision:** Grant £68

**Group:** North Motherwell Play Scheme - CG98/99-426  
**Purpose of Application:** to assist with cost of Christmas Pantomime and Circus  
**Grant Requested:** £400  
**Decision:** Grant £200

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**Group:** Carfin Childrens Carnival Fund - CG98/99-427

**Purpose of Application:** to assist with cost of Christmas Treat

**Grant Requested:** £250

**Decision:** Grant £150

**Group:** Lanarkshire Elderly Forum - CG98/99-414

**Purpose of Application:** to assist with costs of one day event.

**Grant Requested:** £400

**Decision:** Grant £400 from Ward Contributions.