

Garrell Vale Community Education Centre, Kilsyth, 4 November 1998 at 2.30 pm.

A Meeting of the KILSYTH AND VILLAGES AREA COMMITTEE

PRESENT

Councillor Craigie (Convener); Councillor Barrie (Vice-Convener) and Councillor Griffin.

CHAIR

Councillor Craigie (Convener) presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

The Administrative Officer; Local Officer, Chief Executive's Department; Head of Sport and Recreation, and Policy, Marketing and Tourism Manager, Department of Leisure Services.

LEISURE PLAN - PRESENTATION

1. Reference was made to paragraph 6 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 16 September 1998, when, inter alia, it was agreed that a short presentation on the Leisure Plan be made at the next meeting of the Committee. The Policy, Marketing and Tourism Manager, was then heard regarding the Leisure Plan and in particular (1) the importance of the service being customer designed and led; (2) the significance of the service provided being relevant and prioritised, particularly with competing resources; (3) the public consultation exercise to be undertaken on the Plan, and (4) the aims and priorities of the Leisure Services Department. Thereafter the Head of Sport and Recreation, responded to Members' questions and noted Members' comments to the effect that the consultation exercise be undertaken on the basis of a questionnaire which should be unbiased and easy to complete.

Decided:

- (1) that it be noted that consideration would be given to the comments of the Area Committee by the Leisure Services Department.
- (2) that the presentation by the Policy, Marketing and Tourism Manager be otherwise noted.

The Convener exercised her discretion to vary the order of business as hereinafter minuted.

INTERIM COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME - CONSIDER APPLICATIONS

2. With reference to paragraph 7 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 16 September 1998, there was submitted a report dated 27 October 1998 by the Chief Executive detailing applications for Community Grants continued from that meeting together with new applications.

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

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CONTINUED APPLICATIONS

Group: **Croy Adventure Project - CG97/98-798**
Purpose of Application: To assist with the purchase of all weather clothing and running costs.
Grant Requested: £800
Decision: Application withdrawn.

Group: **Townhead Activities Club, Kilsyth - CG98/99-069**
Purpose of Application: To assist with the cost of furnishing a caravan.
Grant Requested: £1,500
Decision: Application withdrawn.

NEW APPLICATIONS

Group: **Queenzieburn Dance School - CG98/99-305**
Purpose of Application: To assist with running costs and purchase of equipment.
Grant Requested: £1,200
Decision: Continue.

Group: **Queenzieburn Under 5s - CG98/99-306**
Purpose of Application: To assist with the purchase of a portacabin to house the group.
Grant Requested: £1,500
Decision: Continue.

Group: **Croy Senior Citizens' Lunch Club - CG98/99-333**
Purpose of Application: To assist with the cost of a Christmas activities programme.
Grant Requested: £500
Decision: Grant of £200.

Group: **Croy Miners Male Voice Choir - CG98/99-415**
Purpose of Application: To assist with the purchase of sheet music and holders.
Grant Requested: £500
Decision: Grant of £225.

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Group:	St Monica's Guild, Kilsyth - CG98/99-416
Purpose of Application:	To assist with the cost of a Christmas outing.
Grant Requested:	£250
Decision:	Grant of £150.

MINUTES OF MEETINGS OF COMMUNITY COUNCILS

3. There was submitted the Minutes of the meetings of the undernoted Community Councils held on the dates specified:-

(1) Kilsyth Community Council	17 June 1998
(2) Banton and Kelvinhead Community Council	24 June 1998
(3) Queenzieburn Community Council	3 September 1998

Decided: that the terms of the Minutes be noted.

ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMUNITY FORUM - UPDATE

4. With reference to paragraph 2 of the Minute of the meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 16 September 1998, there was submitted a report dated 19 October 1998 by the Liaison Director (1) referring to the second consultation meeting held on 22 June 1998 to progress the establishment of a Kilsyth and Villages Community Forum, when it had been agreed that the structure of the Forum would be two representatives from each of the four Community Council areas and one representative from each of the four issue based groups (a) local churches; (b) elderly groups; (c) Pre-5 groups, and (d) youth groups; (2) indicating that three of the four Community Council areas had identified representatives for the Forum and the other representative was to be appointed at a meeting to take place in late November; (3) outlining the meetings which had been arranged for each of the issue based groups to identify a representative, and (4) stating that it was anticipated that the inaugural meeting of the Forum would take place in early January 1999 at which decisions could be taken on (a) dates, times and venues for future meetings, and (b) topics and issues for debate.

The Local Officer then advised that the local churches meeting was now scheduled for 17 November 1998.

Decided: that the progress towards the establishment of a Community Forum be noted.

AREA PROFILE COMPLETION - UPDATE ON PROGRESS

5. With reference to paragraph 2 of the Minute of the meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 24 June 1998, there was submitted a report dated 26 October 1998 by the Liaison Director (1) referring to the revised timescale for completion of Area Profiles of 30 November 1998; (2) outlining the progress to date in obtaining the information required; (3) indicating that the Area Profiles would not be completed in the scheduled timescale as the Area Team required to give the matter further consideration to enable a comprehensive profile to be produced which would identify the local needs and issues for use in planning, co-ordination, prioritisation and informed decision-making, and (4) advising that the information would be developed by the Area Team for future presentation to this Committee.

Decided:

- (1) that the ongoing collation of information towards a comprehensive Area Profile be approved;
- (2) that a meeting be arranged between the Members and the Area Team to progress the development of the Area Profile, and
- (3) that the contents of the report be otherwise noted.

DECENTRALISATION: REVIEW OF SCHEME

6. With reference to paragraph 3 of the Minute of the meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 16 September 1998, there was submitted a report dated 26 October 1998 by the Liaison Director (1) advising that the Policy and Resources (Community Development) Sub-Committee at its meeting on 26 August 1998 had agreed the arrangements for the review of the Decentralisation Scheme which was to be concluded at the Sub-Committee meeting to be held on 25 November 1998; (2) outlining the progress during the first year of the Scheme, and (3) detailing the issues which required consideration.

During consideration of the report the Convener expressed her concern at the lack of progress in relation to the setting up of 'first stop' shops and proposed that the need to pursue this be included in the Chief Executive's report to the Policy and Resources (Community Development) Sub-Committee.

Decided:

- (1) that the comments set out in the report on the Scheme of Decentralisation be approved for transmission to the Chief Executive's Department for inclusion in the further report to be submitted to the Policy and Resources (Community Development) Sub-Committee for consideration;
- (2) that the report also include the progression of "first stop" shops;
- (3) that the Area Team be requested to progress the implementation of a "first stop" shop in the Kilsyth and Villages Area, and
- (4) that the contents of the report be otherwise noted.