

**POLICY AND RESOURCES (COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT) SUB –  
25 November 1998**

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**Motherwell, 25 November 1998 at 11 am.**

**A Meeting of the POLICY AND RESOURCES  
(COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT) SUB-COMMITTEE**

**PRESENT**

Councillor Moran, Convener; Councillors Chadha, Gormill, Heberton, Lafferty, McKeown, Pentland, Robertson, Ross, Russell and Wallace.

**CHAIR**

Councillor Moran (Convener) presided.

**IN ATTENDANCE**

The Principal Administrative Officer, Assistant Chief Executive (Operations), Community Development Manager, Chief Executive's Department and Principal Officer, Social Work Department.

**APOLOGIES**

Councillors Craigie, Leitch, Lucas, McLaughlin and Maginnis.

**MINUTES OF MEETINGS OF AREA COMMITTEES**

**(1) AIRDRIE AREA COMMITTEE OF 27 OCTOBER 1998**

1. There was submitted the Minute of the meeting of the Airdrie Area Committee held on 27 October 1998.

**Decided:**

- (1) that, with reference to paragraph 8 of the Minute, the Sub-Committee note the decision of the Area Committee on the review of progress of the Decentralisation Scheme, and
- (2) that the Minute be otherwise approved.

**(2) MOTHERWELL AREA COMMITTEE OF 28 OCTOBER 1998**

2. There was submitted the Minute of the meeting of Motherwell Area Committee held on 28 October 1998.

**Decided:**

- (1) that, with reference to paragraph 6 (1) of the Minute, the Sub-Committee note the decision of the Area Committee on the review of progress of the Decentralisation Scheme, and
  - (2) that the Minute be otherwise approved.
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**(3) WISHAW AND NEWMAINS AREA COMMITTEE OF 28 OCTOBER 1998**

3. There was submitted the Minute of the meeting of the Wishaw and Newmains Area Committee held on 28 October 1998.

**Decided:**

- (1) that, with reference to paragraph 8 of the Minute, the Sub-Committee note the decision of the Area Committee on the review of progress of the Decentralisation Scheme, and
- (2) that the Minute be otherwise approved.

**(4) NORTHERN CORRIDOR AREA COMMITTEE OF 29 OCTOBER 1998**

4. There was submitted the Minute of the meeting of the Northern Corridor Area Committee held on 29 October 1998.

**Decided:** that the Minute be approved.

**(5) BELLSHILL AREA COMMITTEE OF 29 OCTOBER 1998**

5. There was submitted the Minute of the meeting of the Bellshill Area Committee held on 29 October 1998.

**Decided:** that the Minute be approved.

**(6) CUMBERNAULD AREA COMMITTEE OF 30 OCTOBER 1998**

6. There was submitted the Minute of the meeting of the Cumbernauld Area Committee held on 30 October 1998.

**Decided:**

- (1) that, with reference to paragraph 8 (2) of the Minute, the request received for a further Information Fayre be noted, and
- (2) that the Minute be otherwise approved.

**(7) COATBRIDGE AREA COMMITTEE OF 3 NOVEMBER 1998**

7. There was submitted the Minute of the meeting of the Coatbridge Area Committee held on 3 November 1998.

**Decided:** that the Minute be approved.

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**(8) SHOTTS AND HARTHILL AREA COMMITTEE OF 3 NOVEMBER 1998**

8. There was submitted the Minute of the meeting of Shotts and Harthill Area Committee held on 3 November 1998.

**Decided:**

- (1) that, with reference to paragraph 5 (2) of the Minute, the Sub-Committee note the decision of the Area Committee on the review of the progress of the Decentralisation Scheme, and
- (2) that the Minute be otherwise approved.

**(9) KILSYTH AND VILLAGES AREA COMMITTEE OF 4 NOVEMBER 1998**

9. There was submitted the Minute of the meeting of the Kilsyth and Villages Area Committee held on 4 November 1998.

**Decided:**

- (1) that, with reference to paragraph 6 (1) of the Minute, the Sub-Committee note the decision of the Area Committee on the review of the progress of the Decentralisation Scheme, and
- (2) that the Minute be otherwise approved.

**(10) SPECIAL MOTHERWELL AREA COMMITTEE OF 12 NOVEMBER 1998**

10. There was submitted the Minute of the meeting of the Special Motherwell Area Committee held on 12 November 1998.

With reference to paragraph 1 of the Minute, the Sub-Committee heard the Assistant Chief Executive (Operations) (1) report that an application for financial support for festive activities in Motherwell had been received from the Motherwell and District Chamber of Commerce, and (2) outline the provisions of the Council's policy on community grant assistance.

**Decided:**

- (1) that the Motherwell and District Chamber of Commerce be awarded £1,500 to assist with the enhancement of the Christmas lights at Motherwell Town Centre, subject to the receipt of any satisfactory outstanding information, and, compliance with the terms of the community grants scheme, and
- (2) that the Minute be otherwise approved.

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATE REVIEW**

11. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated 12 September 1998 by the Chief Executive (1) outlining for consideration, proposals for a corporate review of community development in accordance with the 1998/99 Service Plan for the Chief Executive's Department, in particular (a) the adoption of a twintrack approach with an in-house working group, led by the Chief Executive's Department and comprising a representative of each department reviewing community development, preparing an interim policy statement and developing a set of proposals on key issues, and (b) the
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development, as a pilot, of community development strategies in two geographic areas over a one year period; (2) suggesting that the purpose of the review should be to clarify the role of community development within the Council and to identify arrangements to ensure that community development would be effectively co-ordinated, directed and focused in relation to the Council's corporate policies, and (3) seeking the Sub-Committee's advice on the involvement of Elected Members in the working group.

**Decided:**

- (1) that the arrangements proposed for reviewing community development on a corporate basis be approved in the terms of the report;
- (2) that a future report identifying the two geographical areas for the pilot of community development strategies be brought forward;
- (3) that the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Convener, be authorised to make arrangements for the involvement of Elected Members in the working group, and
- (4) that the contents of the report be otherwise noted.

**DECENTRALISATION REVIEW: TIMESCALE**

12. With reference to paragraph 15 of the Minute of the meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 26 August 1998, when, *inter alia*, it was agreed that a report on the decentralisation review be brought forward for consideration in October 1998, there was submitted a report dated 16 November 1998 by the Chief Executive (1) advising (a) that most Area Committees at their meetings in September 1998 had deferred or continued consideration of their contributions to the review to later meetings; (b) that having considered a remit from the Northern Corridor Area Committee, the Sub-Committee had agreed to hold a special meeting to consider concerns about financial issues, including resources to support Community Forums and Area Committees in the context of the review, and (c) that it had been previously intended that the review would be concluded in November 1998, and (2) proposing for consideration that the timescale for the decentralisation review be extended for conclusion at the next scheduled meeting of the Sub-Committee to be held on 20 January 1999.

**Decided:**

- (1) that the revised timescale for reviewing decentralisation be approved, in the terms of the report, and
- (2) that the contents of the report be otherwise noted.

**REGENERATION PROGRAMME - UPDATE AND FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS 1999/2000 AND 2000/01**

13. With reference to paragraph 16 of the Minute of the meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 26 August 1998 when, *inter alia*, it was agreed that each of seven identified projects be invited to submit an application for extended Regeneration Programme funding, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated 18 November 1998 by the Chief Executive (1) advising (a) that the seven projects had been evaluated, and (b) that the funding recommendations had been set out, for consideration, in Appendix 1 of the report and would be conditional on approval from the Scottish Office of a transfer of capital to revenue funding in 1999/2000 and 2000/2001; (2) detailing in Appendix 2 of the report, projects which had requested funding adjustments, together with the recommendations of the Management Group, and (3) indicating that the Scottish Office (a) had provided further guidance on

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the next steps for the conversion of the Regeneration Programme to a Social Inclusion Partnership, and (b) required by 6 December 1998, a six page report, setting out how the Regeneration

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Programme met or would meet the Government's key priorities of Social Inclusion Partnerships - co-ordination, prevention and innovation.

**Decided:**

- (1) that the Regeneration Programme funding proposals outlined in Appendix 1 and Appendix 2 be approved in the terms of the report;
- (2) that the Assistant Chief Executive (Operations) be authorised to respond to the Scottish Office by 6 December 1998 on the Regeneration Programme conversion to Social Inclusion Partnership.
- (3) that the matter be referred to the Policy and Resources Committee for homologation of the action taken, and
- (4) that the contents of the report be otherwise noted.

**PROGRAMME FOR PARTNERSHIP - MOTHERWELL NORTH PRIORITY PARTNERSHIP AREA - UPDATE**

14. With reference to paragraph 12 of the Minute of the meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 7 October 1998, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated 18 November 1998 by the Chief Executive (1) advising on the funding recommendations identified by the Priority Partnership Management Area Group; (2) providing outline descriptions of the two projects identified, together with indicative costs, and (3) intimating that the Scottish Office (a) had provided further guidance on the next steps required for the conversion of the Priority Partnership Area to a Social Inclusion Partnership, and (b) required by 13 December 1998, a six page report setting out how the Priority Partnership Area met or would meet the Government's key priorities of Social Inclusion Partnerships.

**Decided:**

- (1) that the Priority Partnership funding proposals be approved in the terms of the report;
- (2) that the Assistant Chief Executive (Operations) be authorised to respond to the Scottish Office by 13 December 1998 on the Priority Partnership Area conversion to Social Inclusion Partnerships.
- (3) that the matter be referred to the Policy and Resources Committee for homologation of the action taken, and
- (4) that the contents of the report be otherwise noted.

**SOCIAL INCLUSION PARTNERSHIPS - OUTCOME OF FIRST STAGE**

15. With reference to paragraph 35 of the Minute of the meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee held on 8 September 1998 when it had been agreed that South Coatbridge be submitted to the Scottish Office as a proposed Social Inclusion Partnership Area, there was submitted a letter dated 16 November 1998 from the Scottish Office Development Department (1) inviting the North Lanarkshire Regeneration Management Group to proceed to the second stage of the selection process in their application to become a Social Inclusion Partnership, and (2) advising that full submission bids should be forwarded to the Scottish Office by 15 January 1999.

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**Decided:** that the Assistant Chief Executive (Operations) be authorised to prepare for submission to the Scottish Office by 15 January 1999 a proposal for consideration in the second stage of the selection process for Social Inclusion Partnership.

**SOCIAL STRATEGY - HEALTH AND HOMELESSNESS PROJECT**

16. With reference to paragraph 13 of the Minute of the meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 22 April 1998, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated 17 November 1998 by the Chief Executive (1) seeking approval for expenditure to develop the Social Strategy - Health and Homelessness Project; (2) advising Members on the outcome of a pilot project to promote health and fitness within a target group; (3) intimating that the Social Strategy Working Group had considered the evaluation report on the pilot project and had agreed to recommend support for extension of the project to cover all young homeless people in the six supported accommodation units throughout North Lanarkshire, and (4) outlining programme proposals and departmental commitments.

**Decided:**

- (1) that expenditure of approximately £3,000 be approved from the 1998/99 Payments to Agencies and Other Bodies budget to support the Health and Homelessness Programme in the current financial year, and
- (2) that the contents of the report be otherwise noted.

**YOUTH STRATEGY - UPDATE**

17. With reference to paragraph 14 of the Minute of the meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 26 August 1998, when it had been agreed, inter alia, that approval be given to the organisation of appropriate methods of consultation for a Youth Strategy, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated 6 November 1998 by the Chief Executive (1) advising that an Open Space event had taken place on Thursday, 19 November 1998 at Motherwell Concert Hall with the objective of highlighting and prioritising key issues affecting young people in North Lanarkshire, and (2) intimating (a) that as a result of the priorities identified, it was recommended for consideration that a further Open Space event be held in January 1999 at an additional cost of approximately £3,000; (b) that, subject to that approval, the priorities identified at both Open Space events would be fed into a Future Search conference scheduled to be held from Friday 22 January to Sunday 24 January 1999, with the objective of gathering information to enable the drafting of a Strategy for Young People for presentation at a conference in March 1999; (c) that following on from that conference a draft strategy would be presented to this Sub-Committee in May 1999, and (d) that the Council had established a partnership with the Lanarkshire Health Council who had agreed to fund part of the consultation process.

**Decided:**

- (1) that expenditure of £3,000 to fund an additional Open Space event be approved, and
- (2) that the contents of the report be otherwise noted.

**RURAL INITIATIVES SCOTLAND SCHEME 1998 - REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION  
BY THE RURAL FORUM SCOTLAND**

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18. With reference to paragraph 12 of the Minute of the meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 8 October 1997 when it was agreed, *inter alia*, that a donation of £500 to the Rural Initiatives Scotland Scheme 1997 be approved, there was submitted a report dated 12 November 1998 by the Chief Executive (1) advising that a request for funding in the sum of £500 had been received from Rural Forum Scotland to assist with the Rural Initiatives Scotland Scheme in 1998/99; (2) outlining the background to the Scheme and the funding provided from other sources, and (3) intimating (a) that in 1997, seven applications for funding from groups in North Lanarkshire had been submitted to the Scheme of which three had been successful, and (b) that Rural Forum Scotland had guaranteed that any monies awarded by the Council would be allocated to organisations within the North Lanarkshire area.

**Decided:** that a donation of £500 to the Rural Initiatives Scotland Scheme 1998/99 be approved.

**CHRYSTON AND DISTRICT CREDIT UNION - FUNDING REQUEST**

19. With reference to paragraph 12 of the Minute of the meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 22 April 1998 when it had been agreed, *inter alia*, that £5,000 be ring-fenced to support local Credit Unions, there was submitted a report dated 17 November 1998 by the Chief Executive (1) advising that a request for funding to upgrade computer equipment had been received from Chryston and District Credit Union, and (2) intimating that the Credit Union had been operational for 11 years and served a large rural bond including the villages of Chryston, Moodiesburn, Bridgend, Mount Ellen and Mollinsburn.

**Decided:**

- (1) that an award of £1,500 to Chryston and District Credit Union to assist in upgrading computer equipment be approved, and
- (2) that the contents of the report be otherwise noted.

**INTERIM COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME - CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATIONS**

20. With reference to paragraph 20 of the Minute of the meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 7 October 1998, there was submitted a report dated 18 November 1998 by the Chief Executive detailing applications for Community Grants continued from that meeting, together with applications referred to the Sub-Committee from the Cumbernauld and Wishaw and Newmains Area Committees and new applications.

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

**CONTINUED APPLICATIONS**

<b>Group:</b>	<b>Kilsyth &amp; District Horticultural Society - CG98/99-286</b>
<b>Purpose of Application:</b>	To assist with the cost of expenses, hall lets, stationery etc.
<b>Grant Requested:</b>	£400 (cheque previous issued for £143)
<b>Decision:</b>	No grant.

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<b>Group:</b>	<b>The McMullan Concert Party, Airdrie - CG98/99-287</b>
<b>Purpose of Application:</b>	To assist with the cost of a public address system.
<b>Grant Requested:</b>	£740
<b>Decision:</b>	Grant of £35.
<b>Group:</b>	<b>Lanarkshire Family History Society - CG98/99-289</b>
<b>Purpose of Application:</b>	To assist with the cost of hosting the 1999 annual conference.
<b>Grant Requested:</b>	£500
<b>Decision:</b>	Grant of £50.
<b>Group:</b>	<b>Monklands Carers Respite Group - CG98/99-290</b>
<b>Purpose of Application:</b>	To assist with the cost of hall hire, printing of reminiscence book and flag day stickers.
<b>Grant Requested:</b>	£429.10 (cheque previously for £155)
<b>Decision:</b>	Grant of £40.
<b>Group:</b>	<b>Middle Church Senior Citizens Club, Coatbridge - CG98/99-291</b>
<b>Purpose of Application:</b>	To assist with the cost of a Christmas lunch.
<b>Grant Requested:</b>	£345
<b>Decision:</b>	Grant of £20.
<b>Group:</b>	<b>Lanarkshire Self Help Group for Depressives - CG98/99-292</b>
<b>Purpose of Application:</b>	To assist with the cost of publicity, training, hire of halls, office materials and administration.
<b>Grant Requested:</b>	£900 (cheque previously issued for £190)
<b>Decision:</b>	Grant of £33.

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**Group:** **The Thursday Club for the Disabled Child, Wishaw - CG98/99-294**

**Purpose of Application:** To assist with the cost of equipment and arts and crafts materials etc. as a result of increasing the membership to 18-16 year olds.

**Grant Requested:** £300 (cheque previously issued for £150)

**Decision:** No grant.

**Group:** **Craigneuk Benefit Group, Wishaw - CG98/99-295**

**Purpose of Application:** To assist with running costs.

**Grant Requested:** £600 (Cheque previously issued for £95)

**Decision:** Grant of £25.

**Group:** **Parkinson's Self Help Group, Coatbridge - CG98/99-296**

**Purpose of Application:** To assist with transport and running costs.

**Grant Requested:** £700 (cheque previously issued for £100)

**Decision:** Grant of £50.

**APPLICATIONS REFERRED TO SUB-COMMITTEE**

**Group:** **Seafar and Ravenswood Community Council, Cumbernauld - CG98/99-330**

**Purpose of Application:** To assist with the cost of refurbishing a community room.

**Grant Requested:** £1,400

**Decision:** Grant of £1,400.

**Group:** **Greenlawn Social Club, Wishaw - CG98/99-359**

**Purpose of Application:** To assist with the cost of a Christmas dinner.

**Grant Requested:** £300

**Decision:** Grant of £300.

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**NEW APPLICATIONS**

**Group:** Carfin Play Group - CG98/99-336

**Purpose of Application:** To assist with general running costs.

**Grant Requested:** £600

**Decision:** Grant of £400.

**Group:** St Francis Xavier Parochial Committee, Carfin - CG98/99-337

**Purpose of Application:** To assist with the cost of a Christmas Treat for the elderly.

**Grant Requested:** £400

**Decision:** Grant of £400.

**Group:** Wishaw and Shotts Branch, Royal British Legion Scotland - CG98/99-338

**Purpose of Application:** To assist with the cost of Remembrance Day parades.

**Grant Requested:** £600

**Decision:** Grant of £175 and continue.

**Group:** Partners in Advocacy, Monklands - CG 98/99-342

**Purpose of Application:** To assist with the cost of maintaining and supporting 4 advocate volunteers, working with adults with learning difficulties.

**Grant Requested:** £400

**Decision:** Grant of £50 and continue.

**Group:** The John Rogers Memorial Foundation, Wishaw - CG98/99-357

**Purpose of Application:** To assist with start-up and running costs.

**Grant Requested:** Unknown.

**Decision:** Grant of £20 and continue.

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<b>Group:</b>	<b>ENABLE - Bellshill and District Branch - CG 98/99-358</b>
<b>Purpose of Application:</b>	To assist with hall let costs and an autumn activities programme including Halloween and Christmas.
<b>Grant Requested:</b>	£1,000
<b>Decision:</b>	Grant of £240 and continue.
<b>Group:</b>	<b>Wrangholm Play Group, New Stevenston - CG98/99-360</b>
<b>Purpose of Application:</b>	To assist with general running costs.
<b>Grant Requested:</b>	£500
<b>Decision:</b>	Continue.
<b>Group:</b>	<b>Monklands Carers Respite Group - CG98/99-382</b>
<b>Purpose of Application:</b>	To assist with the cost of a Christmas activities programme including Christmas dinner and pantomime.
<b>Grant Requested:</b>	£288
<b>Decision:</b>	Grant of £35 and continue.
<b>Group:</b>	<b>Coatbridge Indoor Bowling Club (Senior Section) - CG98/99-421</b>
<b>Purpose of Application:</b>	To assist with the cost of hosting finals day.
<b>Grant Requested:</b>	£200
<b>Decision:</b>	Grant of £15 and continue.
<b>Group:</b>	<b>Cumbernauld Gaelic Play Group (Rainbow Play Group/ Croileagan Bogha Frois) - CG98/99-456</b>
<b>Purpose of Application:</b>	To assist with start-up costs including publicity and the purchase of equipment.
<b>Grant Requested:</b>	£1,500
<b>Decision:</b>	Refer to Cumbernauld Area Committee.

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**Group:** **Scottish Deaf Women's Bowling Association, Motherwell - CG98/99-457**

**Purpose of Application:** To assist with the cost of attending international bowling championships.

**Grant Requested:** £750

**Decision:** Continue.

**Group:** **Airdrie and District Young Textile Group - CG 98/99-458**

**Purpose of Application:** To assist with hall rental costs and the purchase of equipment.

**Grant Requested:** £120

**Decision:** Grant of £20 and continue.

**Group:** **Motherwell District Child Minding Group - CG98/99-459**

**Purpose of Application:** To assist with general running costs and a Christmas activities programme.

**Grant Requested:** £600

**Decision:** Grant of £75 and continue.

**Group:** **Creative Crafts Group, Shotts - CG98/99-460**

**Purpose of Application:** To assist with the purchase of arts and crafts materials.

**Grant Requested:** £400

**Decision:** Continue.

**Group:** **Motherwell Photographic Society - CG98/99-461**

**Purpose of Application:** To assist with the purchase of photographic scanners and accessory equipment.

**Grant Requested:** £1,500

**Decision:** Grant of £60 and continue.

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**Group:** **British Korean Veterans Association, Motherwell - CG98/99-462**

**Purpose of Application:** To assist with the establishment of a woodland garden to commemorate soldiers who lost their lives during the Korean war.

**Grant Requested:** £1,500

**Decision:** Grant of £510 and continue.

**LATE APPLICATIONS**

**Group:** **Cairnhill Senior Citizens Group, Airdrie - CG98/99-452**

**Purpose of Application:** To assist with the cost of a Christmas dinner.

**Grant Requested:** £200

**Decision:** Grant of £200

**Group:** **Flowerhill Senior Citizens Club, Airdrie - CG98/99-463**

**Purpose of Application:** To assist with the cost of a Christmas dinner.

**Grant Requested:** £400

**Decision:** Grant of £160 and continue.

**Group:** **Monklands Ramblers - CG98/99-464**

**Purpose of Application:** To assist with the cost of a Christmas dinner.

**Grant Requested:** £1,300

**Decision:** Grant of £98 and continue.

**Group:** **United Against Drugs, Cumbernauld - CG98/99-465**

**Purpose of Application:** To assist with the launch costs of a new initiative.

**Grant Requested:** £500

**Decision:** Grant of £67 and continue.