

Motherwell, 9 December 1998 at 2 pm.

A Meeting of the **MOTHERWELL AREA COMMITTEE**

PRESENT

Councillor Ross, Convener; Provost Mathieson, Vice-Convener; Councillors Connelly, Craig, McLaughlin, W. Martin and Wilson.

CHAIR

Councillor Ross (Convener) presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

The Chief Committee Services Officer; Director of Social Work (Liaison Director); Local Officer, Chief Executive's Department and Senior Planning Officer, Planning and Development Department.

APOLOGY

Councillor Scott.

MOTHERWELL CHALLENGE INITIATIVE - PRESENTATIONS BY SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS FOR 1997/98 COMMUNITY GRANTS

(1) NEAR NOT DEAR FOOD CO-OP

1. With reference to paragraph 2 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 10 December 1997 when it was agreed an award of £800 be granted to the "Near Not Dear Food Co-Op", the Committee heard Mr. W. Merritt from the Near Not Dear Food Co-operative as to how the grant had been utilised together with the benefits derived.

Decided: that the presentation by Near Not Dear Food Co-Op be noted.

(2) NORTH FORGE CREDIT UNION - JUNIOR SECTION

2. With reference to paragraph 2 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 10 December 1997 when it was agreed an award of £1,500 be granted to North Forge Credit Union Junior Section the Committee heard Ms. Janet Baird from the Credit Union given an update on how the money had been utilised advising that they decorated and furnished premises and purchased computer equipment.

Decided: that the presentation by North Forge Credit Union Junior Section be noted.

(3) LANARKSHIRE ELDERLY FORUM

3. With reference to paragraph 2 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 10 December 1997 when it was agreed an award of £1,500 be granted to Lanarkshire Elderly Forum the Committee heard a representative from the Lanarkshire Elderly Forum advise that the money had been utilised to facilitate an information and awareness day for elderly people within the Motherwell area, with a view

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to the establishment of a Motherwell Elderly Forum which had taken place on Wednesday, 18 November 1998.

Decided: that the presentation by Lanarkshire Elderly Forum be noted.

DECENTRALISATION REVIEW: TIMESCALE

4. With reference to paragraph 6 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 28 October 1998 when it was agreed that the timescale for completion of Area Profiles be revised, there was submitted a report dated 16 November 1998 by the Chief Executive advising, *inter alia*, that (1) the consultation process for the review of the Decentralisation Scheme would be concluded in January 1999 and be considered at the Sub-Committee meeting on 20 January 1999, and (2) a separate Special Meeting of the Sub-Committee would be held to consider financial and resource issues prior to this date.

Decided:

- (1) that the revised timescale for the review of the decentralisation scheme be noted, and
- (2) that the contents of the report be otherwise noted.

PRESENTATION ON FIRST DRAFT AREA PROFILE

5. With reference to paragraph 8 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 28 October 1998 when the ongoing collation of information towards a comprehensive Area Profile was noted, there was submitted a report (tabled) (docketed) dated 4 December 1998 by the Liaison Director (1) providing an update on the progress towards completion of an Area Profile for the Motherwell area, and (2) detailing the aims and objectives of the exercise.

Decided: that the report be noted.

MOTHERWELL TOWN CENTRE - ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

6. With reference to paragraph 2 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 28 October 1998, there was submitted a report (tabled and docketed) dated 9 December 1998 by the Director of Planning and Development advising of the current situation regarding (1) issues of concern relative to the condition of Motherwell Town Centre, and (2) proposed environmental improvements to the Town Centre.

Decided:

- (1) that an item be placed on the agenda of the next meeting relative to the general condition of Motherwell Town Centre with a view to initiating action to improve the appearance of the Town Centre, and
- (2) that the contents of the report be otherwise noted.

UPDATE ON COMMUNITY FORUM MEETING OF 7 DECEMBER 1998

7. With reference to paragraph 7 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 28 October 1998 when an update on the meeting of the Community Forum of 21 September and 19 October 1998
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was provided, there was submitted a report (tabled and docketed) dated 8 December 1998 by the Liaison Director advising that (1) the discussion topic for the meeting on 7 December 1998 was Community Safety in the Motherwell Area; (2) the presentation had been undertaken by the Chief Executive's Department and Strathclyde Police, and (3) the level of debate which took place highlighted that Forum Members welcomed the opportunity to receive information and participate in discussions that have implications for the Motherwell area.

Decided: that the report be noted.

INTERIM COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME - CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATIONS

8. With reference to paragraph 9 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 28 October 1998, there was submitted a report dated 30 November 1998 by the Chief Executive detailing applications for community grants.

Decided: that the applications for community grants be dealt with as follows:

Group: Cathedral Senior Citizens' Club - CG/98/99-326

Purpose of Application: To assist with Christmas celebration and outings.

Grant Requested: Not known.

Decision: Grant £50.

Group: Burnside Tower Social Club - CG98/99-327

Purpose of Application: To assist with costs for outings and activities throughout the year.

Grant Requested: £100

Decision: Grant £100.

Group: Galaxy Explorers After School Club - CG98/99-466

Purpose of Application: To assist with purchase of equipment and arts/crafts material.

Grant Requested: £500

Decision: Grant £300.

Group: Muirhouse Playgroup - CG98/99-467

Purpose of Application: To assist with costs of outing and purchase of equipment.

Grant Requested: Not known.

Decision: Grant £200.

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Group: **The Over 55 Club - CG98/99-468**
Purpose of Application: To assist with costs of Christmas dinner.
Grant Requested: Not known.
Decision: Grant £600.

Group: **Muirhouse Men's Senior Citizens Club - CG98/99-469**
Purpose of Application: To assist with costs of Christmas Dinner Dance.
Grant Requested: £500
Decision: Grant £500.

Group: **9th Brownies Motherwell - CG98/99-470**
Purpose of Application: To assist with costs of Christmas Party.
Grant Requested: £150
Decision: Grant £100.

Group: **Miller Houses Tenants and Residents Association - CG98/99-471**
Purpose of Application: To assist with costs of Christmas treat.
Grant Requested: £350
Decision: Grant £300.

Group: **Over 55 Club - CG98/99-472**
Purpose of Application: To assist with costs of Christmas dinner and party.
Grant Requested: £500
Decision: Grant £400.

Group: **Muirhouse Lunch Club - CG98/99-473**
Purpose of Application: To assist with costs of Christmas dinner and decorations for hall.
Grant Requested: Not known.
Decision: Grant £650.

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Group: **Good Neighbours of Muirhouse - CG98/99-474**

Purpose of Application: To assist with costs of Christmas dinner.

Grant Requested: Not known.

Decision: Grant £750.

Group: **Church of the Nazarene Silver Liners - CG98/99-528**

Purpose of Application: To assist with costs of Christmas dinner and small gift for each member.

Grant Requested: £100

Decision: Grant £100.

Group: **North Forge Credit Union Limited - CG98/99-529**

Purpose of Application: To assist with costs of sending Member to AGM in Bournemouth.

Grant Requested: £350

Decision: Grant £250.

Group: **Vicars Street Thursday Group - CG98/99-530**

Purpose of Application: To assist with purchase of craft materials, photocopying and stationery.

Grant Requested: £345

Decision: Grant £200.

Group: **St. Brendan's Senior Citizens Club - CG98/99-531**

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

Grant Requested: £300

Decision: Grant £300.

Group: **New Stevenston Senior Citizens' Centre - CG98/99-549**

Purpose of Application: To assist with costs of Christmas festivities and dinner.

Grant Requested: £1,000

Decision: That authority be delegated to the Chief Executive to determine the grant after consultation with the local Member.

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Group: Fir Park School Board - CG/98/99-585
Purpose of Application: To assist with costs of purchasing new computer equipment.
Grant Requested: £300
Decision: Grant £300.

Group: Ladywell Primary School Board - CG98/99-586
Purpose of Application: To assist with costs of posters being placed on school walls and other playground activities.
Grant Requested: £200
Decision: Grant £200.

Group: Wrangholm Kirk Women's Guild - CG98/99-587
Purpose of Application: To assist with purchase of Christmas gifts for house bound.
Grant Requested: £100
Decision: That authority be delegated to the Chief Executive to determine the grant after consultation with the local Member.

Group: Crosshill Lunch Club - CG98/99-588
Purpose of Application: To assist with costs of Christmas treat.
Grant Requested: £150
Decision: Grant £150.

Group: SVDP Wishaw Press Toy Appeal - CG98/99-590
Purpose of Application: To assist with purchase of gifts for under-privileged children.
Grant Requested: Not known.
Decision: Grant £300.

AREA COMMITTEE BUSINESS

9. The Committee heard the Convener express concerns at the number of reports being tabled at meetings and affirmed that reports be distributed together with Agenda timeously.

Decided: that the position be noted.