

Cumbernauld, 15 December 1998 at 6.00 pm.

A Meeting of the CUMBERNAULD AREA COMMITTEE

PRESENT

Councillor Chadha, Convener; Councillor Macleod, Vice-Convener; Councillors Beekman, Carmichael, Grant, McCulloch, McElroy, McGlashan, G. Murray, M. Murray and S.V. Murray.

CHAIR

Councillor Chadha (Convener) presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

The Committee Services Officer; Liaison Director; Local Officer, Chief Executive's Department and Area Manager, Department of Social Work.

APOLOGY

Councillor McKenna.

WELCOME TO COUNCILLOR MARGARET MURRAY

1. Prior to the commencement of the meeting, Councillor Chadha, Convener, welcomed Councillor Margaret Murray to her first meeting of the Area Committee following her recent election to the Council. Councillor Margaret Murray suitably replied.

MINUTE OF MEETING OF CUMBERNAULD AREA COMMITTEE OF 30 OCTOBER 1998

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

Decided: that the Minute be noted.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES

3. Under reference to paragraph 3 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 30 October 1998, there were submitted Minutes of meetings of the following Community Councils, viz:- (1) Abrohill Community Council - 30 September and 27 October 1998; (2) Balloch Eastfield Community Council - 4 November and 2 December 1998; (3) Condorrat Community Council - 15 October 1998, and (4) Westfield Community Council - 9 September and 7 October 1998. There were then submitted (tabled) Minutes of the following Community Councils, viz:- (a) Kildrum Community Council - 28 October 1998, and (b) Village and Castlecary Community Council - 8 October and 12 November 1998.

Decided: that the Minutes be noted.

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IDENTIFICATION OF PROPOSED FAIRGROUND SITES WITHIN THE CUMBERNAULD AREA

4. Under reference to paragraph 5 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 30 October 1998, the Liaison Director advised the Committee that a study of appropriate locations for fairground sites within the Cumbernauld area was currently being undertaken and that he would submit a report, identifying appropriate sites, to a future meeting.

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

DECENTRALISATION - REVIEW OF PROGRESS

5. Under reference to paragraph 6 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 30 October 1998, there was submitted a report dated December 1998 by the Liaison Director outlining the main areas of progress, to date, with regard to the Review of Decentralisation, and proposing that the report be submitted to the Policy and Resources (Community Development) Sub-Committee as the Cumbernauld Area Committee's response to the Review. There was then submitted a copy of a letter (tabled) dated 15 December 1998 which Councillor G. Murray had sent to the Convener of the Committee identifying various issues which, in his opinion, should have been considered by the Area Committee.

Decided:

- (1) that the report be approved, subject to the inclusion of the following paragraph, viz:-
"2.4.3 that North Lanarkshire Council consider augmenting each Councillors' individual community grant allocation by £500 to enable Millennium projects to be funded.";
- (2) that the amended report be submitted to the Policy and Resources (Community Development) Sub-Committee, as part of the first annual review of the Council's Decentralisation Scheme, and
- (3) that the letter from Councillor G. Murray be noted.

ESTABLISHMENT OF CUMBERNAULD DISABILITIES ISSUES FORUM

6. Under reference to paragraph 4 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 30 October 1998, there was submitted a report by the Director of Administration updating Members on the current position with regard to the proposed establishment of the Cumbernauld Disabilities Issues Forum, and advising of the membership of the Steering Group which had been established following a public meeting which had been held on 1 December 1998.

Decided: that the report be noted.

INTERIM COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME

7. Under reference to paragraph 7 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held 30 October 1998, there was submitted a report dated 9 December 1998 by the Chief Executive, together with an Appendix (tabled) detailing applications for Community Grants continued from that meeting, together with new applications.

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

CONTINUED APPLICATIONS

Group: **Kildrum Colt Boys' Club - CUM/CG98/99/62**
Purpose of Application: To assist with the purchase of football equipment (cheque previously issued for £150)
Grant Requested: £400
Decision: That a further grant of £250 be awarded.

Group: **Domestic Violence Action Group - CUM/CG98/99/299**
Purpose of Application: To assist with start-up costs
Grant Requested: £300
Decision: That a grant of £300 be awarded from the Top Sliced element of the Community Grants Scheme.

Group: **Baird Memorial Primary - Out of School Care - CUM/CG/98/99/301**
Purpose of Application: To assist with general running costs and purchase of equipment
Grant Requested: £1,500
Decision: That a grant of £400 be awarded.

NEW APPLICATIONS

Group: **CDC Amateur Football Club - CUM/CG/98/99/420**
Purpose of Application: To assist with general running costs and purchase of first aid equipment
Grant Requested: £900
Decision: That a grant of £500 be awarded from the Top Sliced element of the Community Grants Scheme.

Group: **Abrohill South Senior Citizens - CUM/CG/98/99/422**
Purpose of Application: To assist with the cost of Christmas dinners
Grant Requested: £600
Decision: That a grant of £600 be awarded.

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Group: Cumbernauld and Kilsyth Central Council for the Welfare of Senior Citizens (Seafar Senior Citizens' Committee) - CUM/CG/98/99/423

Purpose of Application: To assist with the cost of Christmas and Easter parties

Grant Requested: £300

Decision: That a grant of £300 be awarded.

Group: Whitelees Primary School PTA - CUM/CG/98/99/424

Purpose of Application: To assist with the cost of starting a Community Arts Project

Grant Requested: £1,000

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

Group: Abronhill Peace of Mind Programme - CUM/CG/98/99/552

Purpose of Application: To assist with the purchase of new equipment

Grant Requested: £600

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

Group: Condorrat Peace of Mind Programme - CUM/CG/98/99/553

Purpose of Application: To assist with the purchase of new equipment

Grant Requested: £600

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

Group: Kildrum Peace of Mind Programme - CUM/CG/98/99/554

Purpose of Application: To assist with the purchase of new equipment

Grant Requested: £1,000

Decision: (1) That a grant of £500 be awarded from the Top Sliced element of the Community Grants Scheme, and (2) that the application be otherwise referred to the Northern Corridor and Kilsyth and Villages Area Committees for consideration.

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Group:	Cumbernauld Choir - CUM/CG/98/99/559
Purpose of Application:	To assist with the general running costs of Group
Grant Requested:	£1,500
Decision:	That a grant of £1,000 be awarded from the Top Sliced element of the Community Grants Scheme.
Group:	Cardowan and Dysart Residents' Association - CUM/CG/98/99/560
Purpose of Application:	To assist with the cost of hosting a Children's Christmas Street Fun Day
Grant Requested:	£400
Decision:	That a grant of £300 be awarded.
Group:	ACE Girls - CUM/CG/98/99/561
Purpose of Application:	To assist with the start-up costs and purchase of equipment
Grant Requested:	£250
Decision:	That a grant of £250 be awarded.
Group:	Cumbernauld and Kilsyth Central Council for the Welfare of Senior Citizens - CUM/CG/98/99/562
Purpose of Application:	To assist with the cost of hosting Senior Citizens' Gift Fayre in Cumbernauld
Grant Requested:	£200
Decision:	That a grant of £200 be awarded from the Top Sliced element of the Community Grants Scheme.
Group:	Cumbernauld Action for Care of the Elderly - CUM/CG/98/99/563
Purpose of Application:	To assist with the cost of Christmas Activities Programme
Grant Requested:	£600
Decision:	That a grant of £400 be awarded from the Top Sliced element of the Community Grants Scheme.
Group:	Balloch and Eastfield Senior Citizens' Club - CUM/CG/98/99/564
Purpose of Application:	To assist with the cost of Christmas dinner and entertainment
Grant Requested:	£500
Decision:	That a grant of £400 be awarded.

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Group: Condorrat and Kilsyth Arthritis Care - CUM/CG/98/99/593
Purpose of Application: To assist with the cost of Christmas entertainment
Grant Requested: £300
Decision: That a grant of £240 be awarded from the Top Sliced element of the Community Grants Scheme.

Group: Cumbernauld Central Credit Union - CUM/CG/98/99/608
Purpose of Application: To assist with the cost of publicity leaflets
Grant Requested: £500
Decision: That a grant of £490 be awarded.

Group: Glencryan Club - CUM/CG/98/99/609
Purpose of Application: To assist with the cost of transport for Club Members
Grant Requested: £1,500
Decision: That a grant of £750 be awarded from the Top Sliced element of the Community Grant Scheme.

COMMUNITY FORUM - REPRESENTATION ON CUMBERNAULD AREA COMMITTEE

8. Under reference to paragraph 8 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 15 September 1998, there was submitted a report dated 10 December 1998 by the Chief Executive reminding Members that, at that meeting, it had been proposed that the Chairman and Secretary of the Cumbernauld Community Forum be granted full membership of the Area Committee, and advising that the Chairman and Secretary of the Forum had subsequently requested that they represent the Forum on the Cumbernauld Area Committee as observers.

Decided:

- (1) that the Cumbernauld Community Forum be represented on the Area Committee by the Chairperson and Secretary, in an observational capacity, and
- (2) that the report be otherwise noted.

MINUTE OF MEETING OF CUMBERNAULD COMMUNITY FORUM OF 24 NOVEMBER 1998

9. There was submitted the Minute of the meeting of Cumbernauld Community Forum held on 24 November 1998.

Arising from discussions thereon, it was proposed that a joint meeting of the Cumbernauld Area Committee and the Cumbernauld Community Forum be held on a date to be arranged with a view to discussing proposals for Cumbernauld Town Centre.

Decided:

- (1) that a joint meeting of the Cumbernauld Community Forum and the Cumbernauld Area Committee be held, on a date to be arranged, at which there would be a presentation on the proposals for the redevelopment of Cumbernauld Town Centre, and
- (2) that the Minute be otherwise noted.

The Convener, being of the opinion that the following item was competent, relevant and urgent, authorised its consideration to enable Members to be appraised of the current situation.

REVIEW OF SUPPORT GIVEN LOCAL OAP CLUBS/ORGANISATIONS

10. Under reference to paragraph 8 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 30 October 1998, the Liaison Director, having orally reminded Members that a report had been sought reviewing the support given to local OAP Clubs/Organisations, advised that, in the financial year 1997/98, the sum of £10,000 had been awarded from the Interim Community Grants Scheme to local OAP Clubs/Organisations, and that, to date, awards amounting to £4,000 had been awarded during the current financial year.

Decided: that the position be noted.