

Community Education Centre, Garrell Vale, Kilsyth, 16 December 1998 at 3 pm.

An Adjourned 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; Director of Finance (Liaison Director); Libraries and Information Manager, Department of Leisure Services and Local Officer, Chief Executive's Department.

MINUTES OF MEETINGS OF COMMUNITY COUNCILS

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

(1)	Kilsyth Community Council	16 September 1998
(2)	Queenzieburn Community Council	8 October 1998
(3)	Queenzieburn Community Council	12 November 1998

Decided: that the terms of the Minutes be noted.

INFOSHOPS: CHALLENGE FUND PROJECT

2. With reference to paragraph 34 of the Minute of the meeting of the Leisure Services Committee held on 2 December 1998, there was submitted a report dated 18 November 1998 by the Director of Leisure Services (1) intimating that in January 1998 the Council had been successful in securing £40,932 from the Challenge Fund for Public Libraries to establish a number of pilot "first stop" shop information services, known as "InfoShops", in the current financial year; (2) advising that, to date, a number of pilot "InfoShops" had been established in Cumbernauld, Chryston, Moodiesburn, and Kilsyth Libraries; (3) indicating that it was anticipated that further "InfoShops" would be opened before the end of the year; (4) stating that the purpose of the pilot "InfoShops" was to assess their requirements across the North Lanarkshire Area, and (5) giving details of enquiries received for the period from July 1997 to September 1998 by the pilot "InfoShops" and the use of the Open Learning Services provided by them.

The Committee then heard the Libraries and Information Manager in relation to the facilities provided at the Kilsyth InfoShop.

Decided:

- (1) that arrangements be made for a visit to the Kilsyth InfoShop by the Members, and
(2) that the establishment of an "InfoShop" in Kilsyth Library be noted.

DECENTRALISATION REVIEW: TIMESCALE

3. With reference to paragraph 12 of the Minute of the meeting of the Policy and Resources (Community Development) Sub-Committee, there was submitted a report dated 16 November 1998 by the Chief Executive (1) advising that most Area Committees at their meetings in September 1998 had deferred or continued consideration of their contributions to the review of decentralisation to later meetings; (2) indicating that 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; (3) pointing out that it had been previously intended that the review be concluded in November 1998, and (4) proposing 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.

The Local Officer then advised that a Special meeting of the Policy and Resources (Community Development) Sub was to be held on 7 January 1999 to consider the financial concerns and other matters continued from the Sub-Committee's meeting on 7 October 1998.

Decided:

- (1) that the new timescale for the conclusion of the review of decentralisation of 20 January 1999 be noted, and
- (2) that it be noted that the previous comments of this Area Committee would be included in the report by the Chief Executive to be submitted to the Policy and Resources (Community Development) Sub-Committee at a special meeting to be held on 7 January 1999.

COMMUNITY FORUM UPDATE

4. With reference to paragraph 4 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 4 November 1998, there was submitted a report dated 7 December 1998 by the Liaison Director (1) reporting that from the four meetings which had been arranged for each of the issue based groups to identify a representative, only two people representing OAP groups had attended; (2) advising that Kilsyth Community Council had suggested that with four active Community Councils in the Kilsyth and Villages area these should be the focus of any Forum and this option had been pursued; (3) proposing (a) that the structure for a Community Forum be reconsidered; (b) that an umbrella group consisting of the four Community Councils meet either bi-monthly or quarterly to discuss relevant issues, and (c) that a meeting be organised between representatives of the Community Councils, Area Committee Members and Area Team Members to discuss the proposals.

Decided:

- (1) that the Liaison Director be authorised to organise a meeting for early January 1999 with the four Community Councils for the Kilsyth and Villages area and the two representatives of the OAP Groups to discuss proposals for progressing a Community Forum;
- (2) that the two representatives from the elderly groups who attended the meeting held on 5 November 1998 be informed of the proposed change to the structure of the Community Forum, and
- (3) that the contents of the report be otherwise noted.

TOP SLICE FUND

5. There was submitted a report dated 10 December 1998 by the Liaison Director (1) indicating that the total top sliced budget for this Area Committee for 1998/99 was £3,150; (2) advising that, to date, no grants had been awarded from this element, and (3) proposing that consideration be given to the most

effective way of allocating the top sliced element prior to 31 March 1999 to any local projects or initiatives which could be considered for support from this element.

Decided:

- (1) that the Liaison Director be instructed to make an approach to the relevant organisations to request that they submit the appropriate application form for funding, and
- (2) that the contents of the report be otherwise noted.

INTERIM COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME - CONSIDER APPLICATIONS

6. 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 9 December 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:-

CONTINUED APPLICATION

Group: Queenzieburn Dance School - CG98/99-305
Purpose of Application: To assist with the running costs and purchase of equipment.
Grant Requested: £1,200
Decision: No grant.

NEW APPLICATIONS

Group: Kildrum Peace of Mind Programme - CG98/99-554
Purpose of Application: To assist with the purchase of new equipment.
Grant Requested: £1,000
Decision: Continue.

Group: Croy Peace of Mind Programme - CG98/99-555
Purpose of Application: To assist with the purchase of new equipment.
Grant Requested: £500
Decision: Continue.

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Group: Garrell Vale Mothers and Toddlers, Kilsyth - CG98/99-565

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

Grant Requested: £512

Decision: Grant of £200.

Group: Balmalloch Primary School Board, Kilsyth - CG98/99-566

Purpose of Application: To assist with the costs of establishing a woodland project garden for the school.

Grant Requested: £1,500

Decision: Continue.

Group: St. Patrick's Women's Guild, Kilsyth - CG98/99-567

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

Grant Requested: £200

Decision: Grant of £150.

Group: Garrell Lunch Club, Kilsyth - CG98/99-568

Purpose of Application: To assist with the purchase of replacement catering equipment.

Grant Requested: £120

Decision: Grant of £120.

Group: Garrell Vale Youth Clubs, Kilsyth - CG98/99-569

Purpose of Application: To assist with the purchase of arts and crafts materials and an activities programme.

Grant Requested: £600

Decision: Grant of £300.

Group: Banton Junior Youth Club - CG98/99-571

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

Grant Requested: £300

Decision: Grant of £200.

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Group: Kilsyth Homing Pigeon Society - CG98/99-572
Purpose of Application: To assist with the renovation of hut.
Grant Requested: £400
Decision: Grant of £200.

Group: Condorrat and Kilsyth Arthritis Care - CG98/99-593
Purpose of Application: To assist with the cost of Christmas entertainment.
Grant Requested: £300
Decision: Grant of £60.

LATE APPLICATION

Group: Croy Cuddlies - CG98/99-610
Purpose of Application: To assist with the cost of creche workers wages, administration and sundries.
Grant Requested: £450
Decision: The Local Officer advised that an investigation by the Audit Section of the Finance Department was currently being carried out into the misappropriation of funds which had occurred prior to the changeover in management and proposed that consideration of the application be continued meantime.
Grant of £300.