

MOTHERWELL AREA – 3 February 1999

Motherwell, 3 February 1999 at 2 pm.

A Meeting of the **MOTHERWELL AREA COMMITTEE**

PRESENT

Provost Mathieson, Vice-Convener; Councillors Connelly, Craig, McLaughlin, Scott and Wilson.

CHAIR

Provost Mathieson, Vice-Convener presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

The Chief Committee Services Officer; Director of Social Work (Liaison Director); Local Officer, Chief Executive's Department; Head of Quality Development Service, Department of Education, and Planning Team Manager.

APOLOGIES

Councillors W. Martin and Ross.

MOTHERWELL CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU

1. With reference to paragraph 7 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 28 October 1998, when it was agreed that the invitation received from the Citizens Advice Bureau to give a presentation to this Committee be accepted, the Committee heard the Bureau Manager (1) outline the profile of the Citizens Advice Bureau; (2) detail the various range of services provided in the area; (3) provide information as to the number and type of enquiry which the Bureau received, and (4) detail the financing of the Bureau's activities.

Decided: that the presentation be noted.

COMMUNITY COUNCILS

(1) MINUTES

2. It was reported that no Minutes from Community Councils in the Motherwell area had been received.

Decided: that the position be noted.

(2) CONSULTATION EXERCISE - UPDATE

3. There was submitted a report dated 2 February 1999 by the Director of Administration (1) advising of the ongoing consultation exercise on the proposals for a North Lanarkshire Scheme for Community Councils, and (2) detailing the current position together with future developments.

Decided: that the report be noted.

MOTHERWELL TOWN CENTRE CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES

4. With reference to paragraph 2 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 12 November 1998, when it was agreed that an award of £1,500 be granted to the Motherwell Town Centre Management Group, there was submitted a report dated 26 January 1999 by the Interim Town Centre Manager, Motherwell advising that the financial assistance provided by the Area Committee had been used as part of the ongoing initiative to provide a suitable Christmas ambience in Motherwell Town Centre, including the provision of musical bands and street entertainers.

Decided: that the report be noted.

MOTHERWELL TOWN CENTRE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENTS

5. With reference to paragraph 6 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 9 December 1998 when it was agreed that a further report in relation to the appearance of Motherwell Town Centre be brought forward, there was submitted a report dated 19 January 1999 by the Director of Planning and Development setting out a series of short and medium term projects to improve Motherwell Town Centre.

Decided:

- (1) that the intention of the Director of Planning and Development to proceed with the programme of works as outlined within the report be noted;
- (2) that the Director of Planning and Development bring forward to a future meeting of the Area Committee
 - (a) a report regarding the proposed demolition of the Candy Box building on Hamilton Road, and
 - (b) progress reports on the development of the programme of works, and
- (3) that the Director of Housing bring forward a report to a future meeting of the Area Committee regarding the Council's Rough Sleepers Initiative, and in particular the identification of a possible homeless unit within the Motherwell area.

REMIT FROM POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE OF 8 DECEMBER 1998 - NORTH LANARKSHIRE COMMUNITY SAFETY STRATEGY

6. With reference to paragraph 21 of the Minute of the meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee held on 8 December 1998 when the development of a Community Safety Strategy for North Lanarkshire was noted, there was submitted a report dated 27 November 1998 by the Chief Executive advising of the background and the future development of the Community Safety Strategy.

With regard to the foregoing it was reported that an invitation had been received from the local Divisional Fire Officer to visit the local Brigade Fire Station and meet Senior Officers.

Decided:

- (1) that the Director of Administration initiate arrangements to accept, on behalf of the Area Committee, the invitation to visit Motherwell Fire Station and meet the Local Firemaster, and

- (2) that the contents of the report be otherwise noted.

COMMUNITY FORUM UPDATE

7. With reference to paragraph 7 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 9 December 1998, when an update on the meeting of the Community Forum of 7 December 1998 was provided, there was submitted a report dated 22 January 1999 by the Liaison Director advising of the arrangements for the Community Forum meeting scheduled for 22 February 1999.

Decided: that the report be noted.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION - RAISING ACHIEVEMENT STRATEGY

8. There was submitted a report dated 5 October 1998 by the Director of Education which detailed the Department's Strategy entitled "Raising Achievement for All".

In this regard the Head of Quality Development Services gave a brief presentation on the strategy for education in North Lanarkshire.

Decided: that the report be noted.

DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE PLANS 1999/2000 - SUMMARY

9. With reference to paragraph 25 of the Minute of the meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee held on 2 February 1999 when, *inter alia*, the summary draft service plans were referred to the Area Committees for information there were submitted (1) reports dated 11 and 19 January 1999 by the Chief Executive outlining the role of the Council's corporate planning process, and (2) summary service plans for 1999/2000 for all Council departments.

Decided: that the reports be noted.

COMMUNITY GRANT SCHEME CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATIONS

10. There was submitted a report dated 27 January 1999 by the Chief Executive detailing applications for Community Grants.

Decided: that the applications for Community Grants be dealt with as follows:-

Group:	North Motherwell Parish Church of Scotland - CG98/99-656
Purpose of Application:	To assist with the costs of replacing the Church windows and cleaning graffiti from the walls
Grant Requested:	£1,500
Decision:	Grant £100

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Group: Jerviston Tenants and Residents Association - CG98/99-657

Purpose of Application: To assist with the costs of starting up a Drop-In Centre

Grant Requested: £1,200

Decision: Grant £500

Group: Over 60 Club - CG98/99-658

Purpose of Application: To assist with the purchase of equipment and the cost of bus runs

Grant Requested: £300

Decision: Grant £300

Group: New Stevenston Community Council - CG98/99-628

Purpose of Application: To assist with the costs of a Christmas carol service

Grant Requested: £500

Decision: Grant £250

Group: St. Thomas' Primary School Board - CG98/99-646

Purpose of Application: To assist with the purchase of a multi-sound centre

Grant Requested: £375

Decision: Continue

Group: Houldsworth Bowling Club - CG98/99-647

Purpose of Application: To assist with the costs of Christmas dinner for senior citizens

Grant Requested: £500

Decision: No grant

Group: St. Margaret's Church Men's Fellowship - CG98/99-669

Purpose of Application: To assist with the costs of a summer outing

Grant Requested: £350

Decision: Grant £350

Group: St. Bride's Bowling Club - CG98/99-670

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Purpose of Application:	To assist with the cost of upgrading facilities and equipment
Grant Requested:	£300
Decision:	Grant £160
Group:	10th Motherwell Scout Group - CG98/99-671
Purpose of Application:	To assist with the purchase of equipment, tents, training fees and transport etc.
Grant Requested:	£1,500
Decision:	Grant £200
Group:	Motherwell YMCA Weights Club - CG98/99-672
Purpose of Application:	To assist with the purchase of equipment
Grant Requested:	£1,500
Decision:	Grant £350 and continue consideration for details of certain Members recommendations.
Group:	Over 60s Club, Daisypark - CG98/99-705
Purpose of Application:	To assist with the costs of an annual outing and Christmas dinner
Grant Requested:	£500
Decision:	Grant £80
Group:	Forgewood Pensioners Group - CG98/99-706
Purpose of Application:	To assist with the costs of a bus run and general running costs
Grant Requested:	£300
Decision:	Grant £200
Group:	Netherdale Community Youth Club - CG98/99-707
Purpose of Application:	To assist with the purchase of sports equipment
Grant Requested:	Not known
Decision:	Grant £250

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Group: Motherwell Heritage Society - CG98/99-704

Purpose of Application: To assist with the costs of promoting heritage interests and re-erection of the town fountain

Grant Requested: £1,500

Decision: Continue