

AGENDA ITEM No.(5)....
COATBRIDGE AREA – 9 February 1999

Coatbridge, 9 February 1999 at 2 pm.

A Meeting of the **COATBRIDGE AREA COMMITTEE**

PRESENT

Councillor Clarke, Vice-Convener; Councillors Brooks, Burns, Gordon, Maginnis and Smith.

CHAIR

Councillor Clarke (Vice-Convener) presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

The Director of Education (Liaison Director) and Office Manager, Department of Education; Senior Administrative Officer, Department of Administration and Social Strategy Officer, Chief Executive's Department.

APOLOGY

Councillor Leitch.

ALSO ATTENDING

Chief Superintendent K. Malgarin and Community Police Officer G. Walker, Strathclyde Police.

MINUTE OF MEETING OF TOWNHEAD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

1. There was submitted the Minute of the meeting of Townhead Community Council held on 20 January 1999.

Decided: that the terms of the Minute be noted.

The Convener being of the view that the following item of business was urgent, authorised its consideration to enable timeous consideration of the progress on the matter and exercised his discretion to vary the Order of Business as hereinafter minuted.

ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMUNITY FORUM - NOMINATION OF REPRESENTATIVES

2. With reference to paragraph 2 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 15 December 1998, when, inter alia the Committee had authorised the Liaison Director to place an advert in the North Lanarkshire News inviting further nominations for representation to the Community Forum, the Liaison Director reported that, as the next edition of the North Lanarkshire News was not due to be published until March 1999, he had, following consultation with the Vice-Convener, placed an advert in the Airdrie and Coatbridge Advertiser for nominations by 22 February 1999.

Decided:

- (1) that the action taken by the Liaison Director, following consultation with the Vice-Convener, in placing an advert in the Airdrie and Coatbridge Advertiser for further nominations for representation to the Community Forum be homologated, and

- (2) that the Liaison Director prepare a report on the feedback received from the further advertisement, for submission to the Committee.

SERVICE PLANS 1999/2000

3. 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, that Committee, having considered a report dated 11 January 1999 by the Chief Executive regarding the service plan produced by all departments of the Council for 1999/2000 and enclosing executive summaries of all service plans, (1) had continued the draft service plans for consideration during the budget preparation process, and (2) had remitted the report together with the executive summaries of all service plans to Area Committees for their interest, there were submitted (a) a report (docketed) dated 11 January 1999 by the Chief Executive enclosing the executive summaries of all service plans, and (b) a report dated 19 January 1999 by the Chief Executive outlining the role of the service plans in the Council's corporate planning process.

Decided: that the terms of the reports by the Chief Executive and the executive summaries of all service plans for 1999/2000 be noted.

NORTH LANARKSHIRE COMMUNITY SAFETY STRATEGY

4. With reference to paragraph 21 of the Minute of the meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee held on 8 December 1999 when that Committee, inter alia, having considered a report by the Chief Executive (1) advising of the development of the Community Safety Strategy for North Lanarkshire in partnership with Lanarkshire Health Board, Strathclyde Police, Strathclyde Fire Brigade, Rospa and other interested agencies to tackle issues such as home safety, transport safety, domestic violence, opportunities for young people, alcohol and drug abuse, and (2) highlighting the importance of the roles of the Area Committees and the partnership agencies in the promotion of the profile of community safety issues, noted the Community Safety Strategy and requested that Area Committees consider the issues contained therein and seek the views of the Community Forums, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated 27 November 1998 by the Chief Executive thereon.

Decided: that the terms of the report be noted.

FUNDING OF LOCAL ORGANISATIONS

5. With reference to paragraph 5 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 15 December 1998 when, inter alia, the Committee had requested the Liaison Director to report on the funding of organisations, detailing the criteria of qualification of funding and of the allocation of funds from various budgets of the Council, the Liaison Director (1) referred to the organisational restructure proposals by the Chief Executive which had been approved by the Council at its special meeting on 28 January 1999, and, in particular, to the proposed establishment of a Department of Community Services, and (2) suggested that, given the proposed functions of the new department, it might be more appropriate for that department to produce comprehensive information on the funding of local organisations in Coatbridge and to prepare a simple guide to applying for grants within the Council for the benefit of Community Groups and Voluntary Organisations.

Decided: that a representative of the Community Services Department be invited to a future meeting of the Committee to discuss the provision of information on the funding of local organisations and the possibility of preparing a simple guide to grants for the benefit of Community Groups and Voluntary Organisations.

CRIME STATISTICS

6. Chief Superintendent K. Malgarin, Strathclyde Police, summarised crime statistics in each of the wards in the area appropriate for the period from 15 December 1998 to 6 February 1999 and provided a comparison with statistics of the same period in 1997/98.

Decided:

- (1) that the Director of Leisure Services be invited to attend the next meeting of the Committee to report on the feasibility of (a) Old Monkland Parish Church and the adjoining graveyard, Coatbridge being repaired and maintained, and (b) the Council submitting an application to the Millennium Lottery Fund for funding therefor, and
- (2) that the terms of the report by Strathclyde Police be otherwise noted.

COMMUNITY GRANT SCHEME - APPLICATIONS 1998/99

7. With reference to paragraph 5 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 15 December 1998, there was submitted a report dated 1 February 1999 by the Chief Executive detailing the applications for community grants continued from that meeting, together with new applications.

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

CONTINUED APPLICATIONS

Group: Kirkwood Care for the Elderly - CG98/99-492

Purpose of Application: To assist with the cost of the annual Burns Supper.

Grant Requested: £200

Decision: Grant £200

Group: Young at Heart Open Organisation - CG98/99-599

Purpose of Application: To assist with the purchase of equipment and with rental costs and travelling expenses etc.

Grant Requested: £1,500

Decision: Grant £362 (£332 to be met from the top-sliced element of the budget for the scheme).

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NEW APPLICATIONS

Group: **The Hospitality Group - CG98/99-490**

Purpose of Application: To assist with the cost of Christmas meals and gifts for the elderly and housebound.

Grant Requested: £450

Decision: Grant £250

Group: **Whifflet Community Centre Senior Citizens' Club - CG98/99-692**

Purpose of Application: To assist with the costs of a day trip.

Grant Requested: £250

Decision: Grant £200

Group: **Dunbeth Senior Citizens' Club - CG98/99-693**

Purpose of Application: To assist with the costs of an annual treat and the purchase of a bingo machine.

Grant Requested: £300

Decision: Grant £300

Group: **Monklands Youth (Rugby) Club - CG98/99-694**

Purpose of Application: To assist with the costs of a rugby tournament.

Grant Requested: £400

Decision: Grant £370 (£300 to be met from the top-sliced element of the budget for the scheme).

Group: **Calder Church Nearly New Club - CG98/99-695**

Purpose of Application: To assist with the cost of a day trip.

Grant Requested: £350

Decision: Grant £150.

Group: **Pied Piper Playgroup - CG98/99-696**

Purpose of Application: To assist with the cost of hall rent.

Grant Requested: £500

Decision: Continue for further information.

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Group: **Kirkshaws Ladies Keep Fit Club - CG98/99-697**

Purpose of Application: To assist with the cost of a training course.

Grant Requested: £300

Decision: Grant £200

Group: **St. Bernard's Women's Guild - CG98/99-703**

Purpose of Application: To assist with the purchase of a cooker, fridge, tables and chairs.

Grant Requested: £1,000

Decision: Grant £1,000

Group: **Gartsherrie Boys' Club - CG98/99-711**

Purpose of Application: To assist with the cost of a bus trip to a tournament in York.

Grant Requested: £400

Decision: Continue.

Group: **Old Monkland Parish Church - CG98/99-712**

Purpose of Application: To assist with the cost of replacing windows and repairing window grills.

Grant Requested: £500

Decision: Grant £500.