

**EXCERPT OF MINUTE OF MEETING OF COMMUNITY SERVICES (COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT)
SUB-COMMITTEE HELD ON 16 AUGUST 2005**

ANNUAL GRANTS TO VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS

AGENDA ITEM No. 5

**(2) COMMUNITY LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT - PROPOSED REVIEW OF FUNDING OF
HOLIDAY CARAVAN PROJECTS**

2. There was submitted a report dated 4 July 2005 by the Director of Community Services (1) advising (a) that, since its inception, the Council has provided funding to the five voluntary organisations and community groups within the Council's area to operate caravan projects; (b) that the caravans, located in seaside towns, provide holiday opportunities for families and individuals during the summer months; (c) that all of these projects were initially supported via the former Urban Programme, funded through the then Scottish Office, and the previous local authorities, and (d) that the Departments of Community Services and Social Work currently provide funding for these projects, and (2) proposing a review to consider the operational arrangements of the holiday caravan projects in terms of value for money and relevance to the promotion of Community Learning and Development, together with social welfare and the priorities therein.

Decided:

- (1) that the Director of Community Services, in conjunction with the Director of Social Work, be instructed to undertake a review of the operational arrangements of the five holiday caravan projects within the Council's area supported by the Council;
- (2) that a further report on the findings of the review be submitted to a future meeting of this Sub-Committee, and
- (3) that the report be otherwise noted.

NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL
REPORT

To: COMMUNITY SERVICES (COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT) SUB COMMITTEE		Subject: ANNUAL GRANTS TO VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS COMMUNITY LEARNING & DEVELOPMENT - PROPOSED REVIEW OF FUNDING OF HOLIDAY CARAVAN PROJECTS
From: DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES		
Date: 4 JULY 2005	Ref: PW/BP/JS/LMcM	

1. INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this report is to seek committee approval to review the funding arrangements for voluntary organisations, which run holiday caravan projects.

2. BACKGROUND

2.1 Since its inception, the Council has provided funding to voluntary organisations and community groups, which operate caravan projects. These caravans, located in seaside towns provide holiday opportunity for families and individuals during the summer months. All of these projects were initially supported via the former Urban Programme which was in turn funded through the then Scottish Office and the previous local authority.

2.2 The projects which currently operate within the Coatbridge and Airdrie areas are :-

- Langloan / Dundyvan Community Care Caravan;
- Calder Senior Citizens Caravan Scheme;
- Kirkshaws Single Parents Holiday Scheme;
- Kirkwood Family Holiday Scheme; and
- Anstruther Holiday Project.

2.3 The funding structure of each project is different. some projects operate a charging structure. The grant funding accounts for differing levels of contribution in percentage terms to the projects overall costs.

3. CORPORATE CONSIDERATIONS

3.1 Through the Council's annual grants arrangements, Community Services and Social Work Departments at present provide a total of £12,627 to these projects. Community Services allocates £11,627 to four projects with Social Work Department providing £1,000 to the one project.

4. **CONCLUSIONS**

- 4.1 The purpose of the review is to consider the operating arrangements of these groups in terms of value for money and relevance to the promotion of community learning and development and social welfare and the priorities therein.
- 4.2 Some of these projects have also been in receipt of Community Grant Funding but this is considered to be outwith the scope of the review.
- 4.3 It is intended that findings of the review will inform recommendations for annual grants funding in 2006-2007.

5. **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Committee :-

- agree to the terms of the review;
- ask the Director of Community Services in conjunction with the Director of Social Work to bring forward a report to a future meeting;
- refer this report for approval to the Social Work Committee; and
- otherwise note the report.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul Gutz". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped 'G'.