

NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL

REPORT

TO: Social Work (Operation and Services) Sub-Committee	Subject:
FROM: Jim Dickie Director of Social Work	EVENING TIMES CARING CUP AWARD 1998
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1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To inform members of the progress made in the sponsoring by North Lanarkshire Council of the Evening Times "Caring Cup" Awards 1998.

2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The "Caring Cup" Awards were introduced over ten years ago as a joint initiative between the Editor of the Evening Times and the Convenor of Strathclyde Regional Council

The Awards are given annually for outstanding voluntary work by community groups from the participating authorities. Each year the theme for the Awards has changed and for this year the theme is "Young and Caring".

- 2.2 Members agreed at the Sub-Committee meeting of the 1st April that the Council should support the Evening Times "Caring Cup" Awards 1998 and in subsequent years and to host the Award in the year 2000.

This year the initiative is being sponsored jointly with the Evening Times by North Lanarkshire Council, South Lanarkshire Council, The City of Glasgow Council, East Ayrshire Council and The Princess Royal Trust for Carers.

East Ayrshire will host the "Caring Cup" Awards this year and the presentation ceremony will take place in The Royal Concert Hall, Glasgow, on the 16 November 1998.

- 2.3 The awards consist of :-
- ◆ 1st prize - The Caring Cup and a cheque for £1,000;
 - ◆ 2nd prize - a cup and a cheque for £750 and
 - ◆ two 3rd prizes of a cheque for £500 each.

In the past few years the remainder of the sponsorship monies have been awarded as a one off payment to a group with an outstanding need e.g. replacement of a central heating system for a community group.

3 NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

- 3.1 The Social Work Department has nominated four groups of young volunteers from North Lanarkshire for the "Caring Cup" Awards. Details of the groups are as follows:-

Ozanam Club

(Carfin, Motherwell)

The aim of the club is to provide a safe and enjoyable social club for adults & young people with a variety of special needs. Currently there are 30 people who attend the Club with approximately 30 volunteers under the age of 25. Various social activities take place each week which include arts & crafts, soft play, games, videos, computer use etc. Outings are organised over the school summer holidays.

Orbiston Centre Users "Cash for the Community"

(Orbiston Day Centre, Register Avenue, Bellshill)

Orbiston is a day centre for adults with learning disabilities. The users of the Centre are usually the beneficiaries of generous fund-raising activities by other members of the local community. The users decided that it was time that they put back something into their community. Through a series of fund-raising events they have raised enough money to enable the local Under 10's Boys Club to buy their own football strips; have raised money for the Orbiston Neighbourhood Centre and are in the process of organising further community fund-raising events to benefit other community groups.

New Venture Youth Club for People with Disabilities

(Old Monklands Primary School, Coatbridge)

The club is aimed at children & young people with special needs. This includes children who are blind, have spina bifida and are autistic. The club is split into two sections, one for the younger children and the other for older children. 30 children and young people regularly attend the club. Their activities cover after school care in summer playschemes and residential holidays.

Young People's Drug & Alcohol Project

(Bellshill Cross, Bellshill)

The Project itself is funded by Urban Aid, but the work of the volunteers that is being put forward for the nomination is not part of the funded package for the Project. Their activities include running a voluntary drop in centre; run drug/ alcohol workshops in youth clubs; produce literature on alcohol use; run summer activity based programme for other young people and decorated the Project building.

3.2 The organisers of the "Caring Cup" Awards have agreed that North Lanarkshire Council will host the Award Ceremony in the year 2000 and be in a venue within North Lanarkshire.

3.3 The Judging Ceremony will take place on the 17 September and Councillor Martin will represent North Lanarkshire Council.

3.4 An independent researcher, employed by the Caring Cup organisers, will evaluate each of the nominations.

4 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1 The cost of hosting the "Caring Cup" Awards in the year 2000 would be approximately £1,000.

5 CONCLUSIONS

5.1 This is a worthwhile way to recognise publicly the large amount of caring that is done in the community by people who seek no financial rewards. It has the additional benefit of contributing to a positive public image of the Council.

6 RECOMMENDATIONS

6.1 Committee is asked to:-

- 1) note the progress made
- 2) agree the cost of hosting the "Caring Cup" Awards in 2000
- 3) that further reports should be brought to Committee from time to time.

7 LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION ACT) 1985

7.1 None

8 BACKGROUND PAPERS

8.1 Social Work (Operations & Services) Sub Committee 1 April 1998 Report "Evening Times Caring Cup Awards 1998"



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