

NORTH LANARKSHIRE
COUNCIL

REPORT

To : ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE		Subject : ESTABLISHMENT OF SHOTTS TOWN CENTRE FORUM
From : DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT		
Date : 5 MARCH 1998	Ref. CMcA/FAL/LC/REP.378	

1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This report seeks to inform Committee members of the progress in the development of a Town Centre Forum in Shotts and the appointment of an elected member representative for the Forum.

2 Town Centre Initiatives Ltd

- 2.1 Town Centre Initiatives Ltd, the town centre management project funded by North Lanarkshire Council and British Steel (Industry) Ltd and supported by Imex Enterprise Ltd., has initiated the creation of the Forum in partnership with the Planning and Development departments divisional office. TCI has developed town centre forums in Kilsyth, Airdrie, Coatbridge, Wishaw, Motherwell and Bellshill.

3 Background

- 3.1 Members may recall in a previous report to committee (April 1997) approval was given to the establishment of a Town Centre Forum for Shotts. The report informed members that TCI could only be involved in the establishment of the forum and that town centre management services could not be extended to a seventh town. It was felt that there was sufficient interest and commitment among traders and community representatives to maintain a forum without the need of a town centre manager.

4 Public Meeting

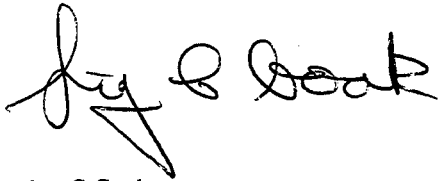
- 4.1 A public meeting was held in Shotts on 5 February to ascertain the demand for such a Forum. A letter was sent to 88 Shotts town centre businesses. In addition a follow-up leaflet drop was done on the morning of the meeting. The meeting was well attended by traders and town centre users and it was agreed that moves should proceed to establish a Forum. A Chair was chosen from the local community and Town Centre Initiatives will provide secretarial facilities via their Administrative Assistant until a Secretary is elected by the Forum. The Forum will meet again on 26 February.

The intention is that once the Forum is established, Town Centre Initiatives will withdraw and leave the Forum to be run by the community. The Town Centre Manager will write to the Divisional Planning Manager, Southern Division, requesting that a Planning Officer be nominated to attend meetings of the Forum.

5 RECOMMENDATION

5.1 That the members :

- i) note the content of the report

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Stanley C Cook
Director of Planning and Development

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