

SHOTTS AND HARTHILL AREA - 10 February 1998

SHOTTS, 10 February 1998 at 2 pm.

A Meeting of the SHOTTS AND HARTHILL AREA COMMITTEE

PRESENT

Councillor Gormill, Convener and Councillor Robertson, Vice-Convener.

CHAIR

Councillor Gormill (Convener) presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

The Director of Administration, Liaison Director and Administrative Officer, Department of Administration, Senior Officer, Urban Programme, Chief Executive's Department, Area Housing Manager, Senior Community Education Officer and Senior Community Development Worker.

APOLOGY

Councillor Cefferty.

TOWN TWINNING

1. With reference to paragraph 7 of the Minute of the meeting of North Lanarkshire Council held on 18 December 1997, when it was agreed that the report on Town Twinning prepared by the Working Party on Twinning dated 13 October 1997 be issued to Area Committees for their views, there was submitted the report by the Working Party on Twinning (1) outlining the background to and the membership of the Working Party on Town Twinning; (2) intimating the historical background to Twinning; (3) advising of all twinning links within the North Lanarkshire area inherited from previous authorities; (4) indicating all assistance given to Exchange Groups undertaking Town Twinning Visits and the objectives of Twinning Associations, and (5) detailing the recommendations of the Working Party as set out within the report.

Decided: that the recommendations detailed within the report by the Working Party be supported.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A COMMUNITY FORUM

2. With reference to paragraph 2 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 16 December 1997 when arrangements for the public meeting on 18 February 1998 to discuss proposals for establishing a Community Forum for the Shotts and Harthill Area had been noted, there was submitted a report dated 4 February 1998 by the Liaison Director (1) detailing the response to the invitations sent to the Community and Voluntary Organisations across the Shotts and Harthill area; (2) indicating the proposed format of the Public Meeting, and (3) advising that a report on the outcome of Public Meeting would be prepared for a subsequent meeting of the Area Committee.

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Decided: that the arrangements and format for the Public Meeting to be held on 18 February 1998 to discuss the establishment of a Community Forum for the Shotts and Harthill Area be approved.

INTERIM COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME - CONSIDER APPLICATIONS

3. With reference to paragraph 7 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 16 December 1997, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated 3 February 1998 by the Chief Executive detailing the applications continued from the Area Committee meeting of 16 December 1997 and new applications received.

Decided: that subject to the receipt of any outstanding information, the applications for Community Grants be dealt with as follows:

Group: Centra L, Shotts - SHO/CG97/98-335

Purpose of Application: to assist with running costs and purchase of new equipment

Grant Requested: £500 (previously issued with a cheque for £50)

Decision: Continued

Group: Allanton Flute Band - SHO/CG97/98-655

Purpose of Application: Purchase of new flutes

Grant Requested: £432

Decision: Continued

Group: St Vincent De Paul Society - SHO/CG97/98-656

Purpose of Application: To continue to help and assist the needy in the area both spiritually and financially

Grant Requested: £100

Decision: Agreed £100

Group: Harthill Youth and Outdoor Club - SHO/CG97/98-693

Purpose of Application: Mural Design in Community Education Centre and Catering on completion of Mural (Open Day)

Grant Requested: £750

Decision: Agreed £150

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Group:	Shotts Scottish Country Dancing Club - SHO/CG97/98-694
Purpose of Application:	To upgrade book, music and recorder tapes and renew kettle and teapot
Grant Requested:	£700
Decision:	Continued
Group:	Harthill, Eastfield and Greenrigg Gala-Day - SHO/CG97/98-726
Purpose of Application:	Supply of entertainment, equipment and transport for future events
Grant Requested:	£1,000
Decision:	Continued
Group:	Shotts Highland Games Association - SHO/CG97/98-800
Purpose of Application:	Annual Ball
Grant Requested:	£1,000
Decision:	Agree £100 meantime and continue for further information
Group:	Shotts Highland Games Association - SHO/CG97/98-801
Purpose of Application:	Annual Games
Grant Requested:	£5,000
Decision:	Agree £800 meantime and continue for further information.

INTERIM COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME PROPOSALS FOR USE OF TOP SLICE ALLOCATION

4. With reference to paragraph 8 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 16 December 1997 when it had been agreed that recommendations be made to the next meeting in respect of area-wide projects to be funded from the top slice element of the Interim Community Grants Scheme which would assist the voluntary and community groups in the Shotts and Harthill Area to widen the scope of their activity, or which would provide an additional service or tackle a particular priority, there was submitted a report dated 6 February 1998 by the Chief Executive (1) advising that the maximum grant for consideration would, as with the Interim Community Grants Scheme, remain at £1,500, with any successful applicant for top slice grant aid being made aware that funding would be given on a "one-off" basis, and (2) intimating that all Council Departments had been contacted to seek their views with regard to specific areas of operation.

Decided:

- (1) that £1,500 from the top slice element of the Interim Community Grants Scheme be awarded to each of the House Committee for the Community Education Centre, Kirk Road, Shotts and the Shotts Disabled Club towards the cost of upgrading the current disabled toilets at the Community Education Building, Kirk Road, Shotts at an estimated cost of £4,000, and
- (2) to note that the balance of £1,000 of funding for the project would be met by the Education and Social Work Departments.