

AGENDA ITEM No.(9)....
SHOTTS AND HARTHILL AREA - 15 September 1998

Shotts, 15 September 1998 at 2 pm.

A Meeting of the **SHOTTS AND HARTHILL AREA COMMITTEE**

PRESENT

Councillor Gormill, Convener and Councillor Cefferty.

CHAIR

Councillor Gormill (Convener) presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

The Director of Administration (Liaison Director); Administrative Officer, Department of Administration; Senior Officer, Urban Programme, Chief Executives Department and Service Development Monitor and Review Officer, Leisure Services Department.

APOLOGIES

Councillor Robertson

COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES - SHOTTS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

1. There was submitted the Minute of the meeting of the Shotts Community Council held on 3 June 1998.

Decided: that the terms of the Minute be noted.

COMMUNITY FORUM - UPDATE

2. With reference to paragraph 3 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 12 May, 1998 when it had been noted that a public meeting would be held on Tuesday 26 May 1998 at 7 pm, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated 9 September 1998 by the Chief Executive (1) intimating that the public meeting on 26 May had been poorly attended by Community representatives; (2) indicating that at the public meeting a Steering Group was established with the responsibility of reporting back to the Area Committee on the next steps towards establishing a Community Forum; (3) advising that the Steering Group had met on 2 occasions and had discussed 2 options in respect of the way forward; (4) informing that the Steering Group felt there was an insufficient mandate to form a Community Forum and had agreed that if, following another public meeting, the outcome remained the same the Steering Group would be prepared to move forward, and (5) indicating that the Steering Group would meet on Tuesday 6 October 1998 at 7 pm, at the Community Education Centre, Kirk Road, Shotts.

Decided:

- (1) that the date of the next public meeting be Tuesday, 6 October 1998 at 7 pm to be held in the Community Education Centre, Kirk Road, Shotts;
- (2) that the Liaison Director make the necessary arrangements to convene and conduct the meeting as outlined within the report, and
- (3) that otherwise, the terms of the report be noted.

TWINNING: AREA COMMITTEES

3. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated 11 August 1998 by the Director of Administration advising of the requirement for Area Committees to be consulted on issues relating to Town Twinning Links (1) intimating that wherever possible, the decisions of the General Purposes Committee with regard to Twinning Links be informed by advice from the appropriate Area Committees, and (2) advising that the Twinning Link for Shotts and Harthill Area Committee would be Schweinfurt, Germany.

Decided: that the terms of the report be noted.

CENTRAL SCOTLAND COUNTRYSIDE TRUST - CONNECTING PEOPLE WITH THE FOREST - COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT PLAN FINAL DRAFT MAY 1998

4. With reference to paragraph 14 of the Minute of the meeting of the Planning and Development Committee held on 19 August 1998 when, inter alia, the publication of Central Scotland Countryside Trust (CSCT) Community Involvement Plan - Connecting People with the Forest was noted, and that the report be referred to Area Committees for information, there was submitted a report dated 19 August 1998 by the Director of Planning and Development (1) outlining the background to the Community Involvement Plan; (2) providing specific comments on the proposals, and (3) advising of the implications for the Council.

Decided:

- (1) that the Director of Planning and Development submit a report on the Forward Programme for the Shotts and Harthill Area to a future meeting of the Committee, and
- (2) that the terms of the report be noted.

DECENTRALISATION: REVIEW OF PROGRESS

5. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated 1 September 1998 by the Chief Executive advising of the arrangements for the first annual review of decentralisation to enable Area Committees to consider how they would wish to contribute to the review by responding to a number of issues and questions (1) detailing the content of the annual review of decentralisation; (2) intimating that the Assistant Chief Executive (Operations) would co-ordinate internal consultation on the review and report to the Policy and Resources (Community Development) Sub-Committee meeting in November; (3) requesting Area Committees to consider and respond to the remit identified in the report, and (4) advising that the Policy and Resources (Community Development) Sub-Committee had agreed that a bid should be made for dedicated resources for decentralisation in the forthcoming year.

Decided:

- (1) that the arrangements for reviewing decentralisation be noted;
- (2) that the Liaison Director prepare a report for the next meeting of the Committee, and
- (3) that otherwise the terms of the report be noted.

LEISURE PLAN

6. With reference to paragraph 7 of the Minute of the meeting of the Leisure Services Committee held on 2 September 1998 when a report dated 24 August 1998 by the Director of Leisure Services enclosing the Council's draft Leisure Plan had been approved on the basis of the proposed public consultation exercise and referred to Area Committees for their interest, there was submitted the said report dated 24 August 1998 by the Director of Leisure Services.

Decided:

- (1) that the terms of the report be noted, and
(2) that a short presentation on the Leisure Plan be made at the next meeting of the Committee.

INTERIM COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME - CONSIDER APPLICATIONS

7. With reference to paragraph 6 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held 23 June 1998, there was submitted a report dated 4 September 1998 by the Chief Executive detailing new applications and one re-submitted application for Community Grants.

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

NEW APPLICATIONS

Group:	Forward 2000 Project - SHO/CG98/99-168
Purpose of Application:	To assist with start-up costs
Grant Requested:	£350
Decision:	Continued
Group:	St Patrick's Parish Band - SHO/CG98/99-184
Purpose of Application:	To assist with running fees
Grant Requested:	£1000
Decision:	Agreed £500 meantime and continue for further consideration.
Group:	Greenrigg, Harthill and Eastfield OAPA - SHO/CG98/99-185
Purpose of Application:	To assist with costs of group outings and equipment for hall
Grant Requested:	£1000
Decision:	Agreed £300

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Group: **Shotts Local History Group - SHO/CG98/99-194**
Purpose of Application: To assist with printing and publishing of next publication
Grant Requested: £500
Decision: Continued

Group: **Eastfield Computer Training Club - SHO/CG98/99-195**
Purpose of Application: To assist with the installation of computer terminals - electrical costs
Grant Requested: £200
Decision: Agreed £200

Group: **Allanton and Hartwood Old Folks and Gala Day - SHO/CG98/99 - 226**
Purpose of Application: To assist with Christmas dinner for senior citizens/civic week and gala day/summer outings for senior citizens and Christmas boxes for children
Grant Requested: £500
Decision: Agreed £200

Group: **Harthill, Eastfield and Greenrigg Children's Gala Day - SHO/CG98/99 - 227**
Purpose of Application: To assist with costs of entertainment, equipment and costumes
Grant Requested: £1,000
Decision: Agreed £500

Group: **Harthill Bowling Club - SHO/CG98/99-228**
Purpose of Application: To assist with alterations to ladies toilet area in Club House
Grant Requested: £100
Decision: Agreed £100

Group: **Harthill Amateur Football Club - SHO/CG98/99-257**
Purpose of Application: To assist with purchase of replacement strips, goal nets and corner flags
Grant Requested: £300
Decision: Agreed £100

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Group: Eastfield and Harthill Amateur Flute Band - SHO/CG98/99-258

Purpose of Application: To assist with the running, heating costs and remedial work to interior of leased property

Grant Requested: £1000

Decision: Agreed £300

Group: Eastfield Community Action Group - SHO/CG98/99-245

Purpose of Application: To assist with the running costs (gas, electricity and insurance)

Grant Requested: £400

Decision: Agreed £200

Group: Eastfield and Harthill Badminton Club - SHO/CG98/99-246

Purpose of Application: To purchase shuttles and substitute court hire

Grant Requested: £200

Decision: Agreed £200

RE-SUBMITTED APPLICATION

There was submitted within the report dated 4 September 1998 the re-submitted application:-

Group: Shotts and District Volunteer Addiction Group - SHO/CE97/98-917

Purpose of Application: To assist with funding for travel costs and administration, purchase of equipment and subsidise members participating in other community groups

Grant Requested: £500

Decision: Continued

VENUE FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

8. The Area Committee gave consideration to the venue for future meetings.

Decided: that the next two Meetings of the Area Committee on 3 November and 15 December 1998 take place within the Community Education Building, Shotts.