
Shotts, 3 November 1998 at 2 pm.

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

PRESENT

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

CHAIR

Councillor Gormill (Convener) presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

Director of Administration (Liaison Director); Administrative Officer, Department of Administration; Senior Officer, Urban Programme, Chief Executive's Department; Director of Leisure Services and Divisional Support Manager and Network Team Manager, Southern Division, Planning and Development Department.

DRAFT LEISURE PLAN - PRESENTATION BY DIVISIONAL SUPPORT MANAGER, LEISURE SERVICES DEPARTMENT

1. Reference was made to paragraph 6 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 15 September 1998, when, inter alia, it was agreed that a short presentation on the Leisure Plan be made at the next meeting of the Committee. The Director of Leisure Services and the Divisional Support Manager provided a short presentation on the draft Leisure Plan and the aims and priorities of the Leisure Services Department and thereafter responded to Members' questions.

Decided:

- (1) that the Director of Leisure Services consider extending the timescale for consultation;
- (2) that the Director of Leisure Services consider facilitating access to leisure facilities within North Lanarkshire by providing a shuttle service at appropriate locations, and
- (3) that the contents of the draft Leisure Plan and the consultation arrangements be otherwise noted.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES

(1) ALLANTON AND HARTWOOD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

2. There was submitted the Minute of the meeting of the Allanton and Hartwood Community Council held on 26 August 1998.

Decided: that the terms of the Minute be noted.

(2) SHOTTS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

3. There was submitted the Minutes of the meetings of the Shotts Community Council held on 18 August and 16 September 1998.

Decided: that the terms of the Minutes be noted.

COMMUNITY FORUM - UPDATE

4. With reference to paragraph 2 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 15 September 1998 when, inter alia, it had been agreed that the next public meeting would be held on Tuesday 6 October 1998 at 7 pm in the Community Education Centre, Kirk Road, Shotts, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated 28 October 1998 by the Liaison Director (1) advising that the public meeting had been attended by 13 people; (2) outlining the format of the public meeting; (3) indicating that there was general agreement that there was a need for a Community Forum within the area and given the interest from the individuals present at the meeting, a viable Community Forum could now be formed; (4) intimating (a) that the individuals at the meeting, together with the members of the Steering Group would form the basis of the Community Forum for the Shotts and Harthill area, and (b) that a further meeting would take place on Monday 9 November at 7 pm in the Community Education Centre, Kirk Road, Shotts to progress matters associated with the establishment of the Forum.

Decided: that the terms of the report be noted.

DECENTRALISATION - REVIEW OF PROGRESS

5. With reference to paragraph 5 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 15 September 1998, when, inter alia, it had been agreed that the arrangements for reviewing decentralisation be noted and that the Liaison Director prepare a report for the next meeting of the Committee, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated 30 October 1998 detailing proposed responses to questions raised within the decentralisation review, with regard to remit, support and services, area team, resources, community involvement and achievements.

Decided:

- (1) that the response to the Decentralisation Review be approved, and
(2) that the report be remitted to the Policy and Resources (Community Development) Sub-Committee for consideration.

CALDERHEAD COMMUNITY EDUCATION CENTRE, SHOTTS

6. There was submitted a letter dated 29 September 1998 from the Shotts and District Volunteer Addiction Group expressing very strong opposition to the proposed closure of the Calderhead Community Education Centre, Shotts. Thereon, the Liaison Director reported that the Education Committee at their meeting on 20 October 1998 had decided not to implement the proposal to close the Community Education Centre.

Decided: that as the proposed closure of the Calderhead Community Education Centre, Shotts had not been approved at the Education Committee on 20 October 1998, the terms of the letter be noted and the Shotts and District Volunteer Addiction Group advised accordingly.

WINTER MAINTENANCE PROCEDURES

7. With reference to paragraph 18 of the meeting of the Planning and Development Committee of 28 October 1998, when it had been agreed to approve the Winter Maintenance Policy and Procedures, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated 3 November 1998 by the Director of Planning and Development regarding the Council's Policy on Winter Maintenance (1) advising that the overall responsibility for Winter Maintenance lay with the Director of Planning and Development, with the operational control the responsibility of the Acting Director of Construction Services; (2) intimating that in preparation for this Winter, the Acting Director of Construction Services had commissioned a route optimisation report from an external consultant in order to improve the efficiency of the service provision; (3) informing that the optimisation report would result in a reduction in the number of gritters required to cover all the roads identified as primary priority by the Director of Planning and Development; (4) indicating that the Acting Director of Construction Services had also carried out a rationalisation process for the Roads Depots resulting in the closure of the Salsburgh Depot in September 1998, and (5) advising that the level of service requirement specified in the Roads Maintenance Contract covered such items as response times and route efficiency etc.

Decided: that the terms of the report be noted.

INTERIM COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME - CONSIDER APPLICATIONS

8. With reference to paragraph 7 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 15 September 1998, there was submitted a report (docketed) 22 October 1998 by the Chief Executive detailing the applications continued from that meeting, together with new applications received.

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

CONTINUED APPLICATIONS

Group:	Forward 2000 Project - SHO/CG98/99-168
Purpose of Application:	To assist with start-up costs.
Grant Requested:	£350
Decision:	Agreed £50
Group:	St. Patrick's Parish Band - SHO/CG98/99-184
Purpose of Application:	To assist with running fees.
Grant Requested:	£1,000
Decision:	Agreed £400
Group:	Shotts Local History Group - SHO/CG98/99-194
Purpose of Application:	To assist with printing and publishing next publication.
Grant Requested:	£500
Decision:	Agreed £100

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Group: **Shotts and District Volunteer Addiction Group - SHO/CG97/98-917**

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: Agreed £100

NEW APPLICATIONS

Group: **Shotts and Dykehead Caledonia Pipe Band - SHO/CG98/99-285**

Purpose of Application: To assist with upgrading instruments.

Grant Requested: £1,000

Decision: Agreed £900

Group: **Eastfield Community Arts and Crafts Project - SHO/CG98/99-343**

Purpose of Application: To assist with the purchase of tools and materials related to arts and crafts for community members.

Grant Requested: £491.35

Decision: Agreed £100

Group: **Society of St. Vincent de Paul - SHO/CG98/99-344**

Purpose of Application: To assist with the needy and anyone who needs help through the money, furniture and holiday project.

Grant Requested: £100

Decision: Agreed £100

Group: **Shotts Gala Day - SHO/CG98/99-384**

Purpose of Application: To assist with expenditure of Gala Day.

Grant Requested: £250

Decision: Agreed £250