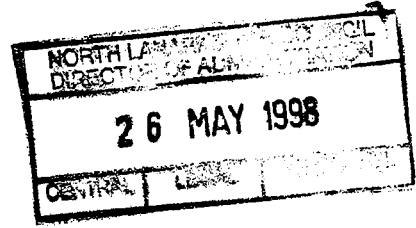


AGENDA ITEM No. 1(c)



SHOTTS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD WITHIN CALDERHEAD COMMUNITY
CENTRE ON 20 May 1998**

CHAIRMAN:

John Leckie, Vice Chairman, in the absence of John King

MEMBERS PRESENT:

James Easton, Ellen Waddell, Alex. Forsyth, Elizabeth Wylie, Stephen Cooper, John Connor, William Hannah

IN ATTENDANCE:

Inspector Speedie
Constable Philip Mowitt
Morag Forsyth
Eileen King
Councillor Frank Gormill

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS
MEETING:**

Minutes are adopted as a true record by Ellen Waddell and seconded by John Connor

**ELECTION OF NEW
MEMBERS:**

Two Nomination Forms received;
Eileen King and Morag Forsyth.
No ballot required. Both elected.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Letter from Senior Auditor of North Lanarkshire Council requesting books for audit. Jim Easton will arrange for this to be done.

Letter relating to the Future of Local Government under the Scottish Parliament. To be discussed at later meeting

Letter from North Lanarkshire Council enclosing Corporate Plan

Letter from North Lanarkshire Council re: Calor Gas
Scottish Community of the Year 1998

Letter from North Lanarkshire Council re: Data Review
1997

Letter from North Lanarkshire Council confirming that
Community Councils would now receive copies of
Area Committee Minutes and vice versa

Planning proposals for illuminated sign at Co-op. and
erection of dwellinghouse at 74 Benhar Road. No
objections.

Booklet from North Lanarkshire Leisure "What's
On". William Hannah raises point that Shotts does not
feature in this booklet and Morag Forsyth will contact
North Lanarkshire Leisure asking why this is.

Letter regarding proposed opencast which Eileen King
agrees to digest and possibly have Morag Forsyth lodge
objections.

POLICE REPORT:

Constable Mowitt introduced Inspector Speedie.
Inspector Speedie advises that he will be based at Shotts
probably for the following six months as the
amalgamation of Divisions takes place on 2 December.
It has not yet been decided if Shotts will amalgamate
with Bellshill, as it was in the past.

Crime figures - Stane, Springhill and Torbothie - for the
month of April - 9. Down 17 from last month. In
comparison to the month of April last year down 1.

Crime figures - Dykehead - for the month of April - 29.
Up 3 on last month. In comparison to the month of
April last year up 9. Many of these figures relate to
opening lockfast places and one person has been charged
with a large number of these offences.

Ellen Waddell raised lack of arrests regarding break-in at Pensioners Hall. Constable Mowitt explains that witness statements are required before arrests can be made. He will, however, look into this matter

COUNCILLOR'S REPORT:

Councillor Gormill advised that Enforcement Order had been served on Mr. Manzur re: gates. Mr. Manzur has lodged an appeal. Jim Easton advises that a Deed of Servitude has been found dating from 1959 and this is what has activated the Enforcement Order. Mr. Manzur was given 14 days to appeal, which he did.

Enforcement Order served on builders of new houses in Torbothie regarding illegal advertising sign.

Community Council to have sight of the Housing Plan relative to the next three years, which will be issued shortly, and asked for comments.

Comments on present difficulties with MEDCO. Hoped that these will be sorted out as this would affect the proposed computer course for women unemployed for over six months.

On the issue of bikes in Brandy Park, Councillor Gormill as raised this with North Motherwell District and they would see what could be done

Ellen Waddell asked Councillor Gormill about new Nursery on Shottskirk Road, in particular, places being lost by Springhill. Councillor Gormill suggests that the Springhill Nursery put their fears in writing. Noting Ellen will arrange for this to be done.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

AGM to take place on 3 June 1998. Proposed by Jim Easton that Standing Orders be suspended. Seconded by Alex Forsyth

Jim Easton gave Financial Report. Morag Forsyth submitted her expenses for the past three months and Jim will write a cheque for this and her honorarium when he has a second signatory.

Mr James Kelly, Chairman of Regal Grove Residents Association, together with three other Members, discuss their objections to a proposed carpark at the entrance to Regal Grove. Association have made their objections abundantly clear to all parties concerned and ask for the Community Council's support. Community Council to support this objection whole-heartedly in view of safety of local children etc. and the fact that there is adequate carparking facilities within the area. When planning proposals are received by Community Council, a letter of objection will be lodged and a copy sent to Mr. Kelly.

NEXT A.G.M. MEETING OF SHOTTS COMMUNITY COUNCIL - 3 June 1998
WITHIN CALDERHEAD COMMUNITY CENTRE AT 7p.m.