

ANGUS COUNCIL

POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE - 8 DECEMBER 1998

SCOTTISH GYPSY TRAVELLER'S ASSOCIATION

Report by the Chief Executive

ABSTRACT

This Report advises members of a series of events which have taken place over the past six months, facilitated through the Council, and organised by the Scottish Gypsy Traveller's Association.

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Council note and welcome the successful initiatives which were organised by the Scottish Gypsy Traveller's Association across Angus.

2. BACKGROUND

Members will recall that they agreed to award the Scottish Gypsy Traveller's Association a Grant Aid award of £1,000 during the financial year 1997/98.

As part of the negotiations with the Scottish Gypsy Traveller Association during that time, it was agreed that the Association should undertake the following activities in Angus:-

- (a) two workshops to be undertaken in primary schools in Angus;
- (b) the provision of a photographic exhibition across all Angus Council Libraries; and
- (c) the provision of story-telling sessions to be held in The Meffan, Forfar.

Members are advised that both the workshops and the exhibitions have attracted significant support and interest from teaching staff and pupils of primary schools, and the general public.

Unfortunately, because of the adverse weather conditions at the time, the two story-telling sessions which were to be held in The Meffan, Forfar, had to be cancelled.

The exhibition which toured Angus Libraries was on display for members' perusal within the Council Chambers at the last Angus Council meeting.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications arising from this report.

4. CONSULTATIONS

The Directors of Cultural Services, Education, Personnel, Finance and Law and Administration have been consulted during the preparation of this report.

A B Watson
Chief Executive

Note: No background papers, as defined by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (other than any containing confidential or exempt information) were relied upon to any material extent in preparing this report.

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