

HAMILTON AREA COMMITTEE

Minutes of meeting held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, Almada Street, Hamilton on 14 February 2007

Chair:

Councillor May Smith

Councillors Present:

Sam Casserly, Tommy Gilligan, Liz Handibode, Graeme Horne, Brian McCaig (Depute), Michael McGlynn, John Ormiston, Murray Tremble

Councillors' Apologies:

Jackie Burns, Cathie Condie, Jim Daisley, Maureen Devlin, Jim Docherty, Allan Falconer, Edward McAvoy, John McGuinness, Henry Mitchell, Pat Morgan, Bert Thomson

Attending:

Corporate Resources

M Armstrong, Administration Officer; N Docherty, Administration Assistant

Enterprise Resources

D Ackerman, Divisional Engineer, Roads and Transportation (Hamilton); M Little, Operations and Area Manager, Planning and Building Standards Services (Hamilton); G McKillop, Planning Team Leader (Hamilton)

Education Resources

C Campbell, Headteacher, St Marks Primary School; J Gilhooly, Head of Learning Community (Holy Cross/John Ogilvie)

1 Declaration of Interests

No interests were declared.

2 Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting of the Hamilton Area Committee held on 20 December 2006 were submitted for approval as a correct record.

The Committee decided: that the minutes be approved as a correct record.

3 Application HM/06/0489 - Erection of Double Garage and Associated Fencing at 1 Gibb Court, Stonehouse

A report dated 6 February 2007 by the Executive Director (Enterprise Resources) was submitted on planning application HM/06/0489 by G Mack for the erection of a double garage and associated fencing at 1 Gibb Court, Stonehouse.

The Committee decided: that planning application HM/06/0489 by G Mack for the erection of a double garage and associated fencing at 1 Gibb Court, Stonehouse be granted subject to the conditions specified in the Executive Director's report.

4 Application HM/06/0813 - Erection of Residential Development (12 units) at Government Offices, Calder Street, Blantyre

A report dated 6 February 2007 by the Executive Director (Enterprise Resources) was submitted on planning application HM/06/0813 by W Reid for the erection of a residential development (12 units) at Government Offices, Calder Street, Blantyre.

The Committee decided: that planning application HM/06/0813 by W Reid for the erection of a residential development (12 units) at Government Offices, Calder Street, Blantyre be granted subject to the conditions specified in the Executive Director's report.

5 Application HM/06/0528 - Alterations and Change of Use to Form 2 Self-Catering Living Accommodations (Retrospective) at Former Poultry Breeding Site, Manse Brae, Dalserf

A report dated 5 February 2007 by the Executive Director (Enterprise Resources) was submitted on planning application HM/06/0528 by D and A Kilgarif for alterations and change of use to form 2 self-catering living accommodations (retrospective) at former poultry breeding site at Manse Brae, Dalserf.

The Committee decided:

- (1) that planning application HM/06/0528 by D and A Kilgarif for alterations and change of use to form 2 self-catering living accommodations (retrospective) at former poultry breeding site at Manse Brae, Dalserf be refused for the reasons detailed in the Executive Director's report; and
- (2) that appropriate enforcement action be taken in the event that the unauthorised residential use was not stopped within 2 months and works undertaken to ensure that the buildings changed to use as ancillary accommodation to the main house within 3 months.

6 Application HM/06/0832 - Alterations and Part Change of Use of Existing Shop to Form Hot Food Delivery Service and Erection of Flue (Retrospective) at 34 Annsfield Road, Hamilton

A report dated 23 January 2007 was submitted on planning application HM/06/0832 by N Hussain for alterations and part change of use of existing shop to form hot food delivery service and erection of flue (retrospective) at 34 Annsfield Road, Hamilton.

The Committee decided:

- (1) that planning application HM/06/0832 by N Hussain for alterations and part change of use of existing shop to form hot food delivery service and erection of flue (retrospective) at 34 Annsfield Road, Hamilton be refused for the reasons detailed in the Executive Director's report; and
- (2) that, in the event that the unauthorised flue was not removed within 1 month, an Enforcement Notice be served on the owner/occupier of the premises to secure its removal with a period of 1 month allowed for compliance.

[Reference: Minutes of 28 September 2005 (Paragraph 7)]

7 Application HM/06/0762 - Erection of Fence to Front and Side of House (Retrospective) at 15A Whistleberry Drive, Hamilton

A report dated 24 January 2007 by the Executive Director (Enterprise Resources) was submitted on planning application HM/06/0762 by J Nicoll for the erection of a fence to the front and side of house (retrospective) at 15A Whistleberry Drive, Hamilton.

The Committee decided:

- (1) that planning application HM/06/0762 by J Nicoll for the erection of a fence to the front and side of house (retrospective) at 15A Whistleberry Drive, Hamilton be refused for the reasons detailed in the Executive Director's report; and
- (2) that, in the event that the fence was not reduced in height within 1 month, an Enforcement Notice be served on the owner/occupier to ensure that the height was reduced in stages to meet the required visibility splay for the driveway with a period of 1 month allowed for compliance.

8 Enforcement Action - Unauthorised Timber Decking and Associated Fencing at 23 Croft Wynd, Uddingston

A report dated 25 January 2007 by the Executive Director (Enterprise Resources) was submitted on unauthorised timber decking and associated fencing at 23 Croft Wynd, Uddingston.

Planning consent had been granted for a 2 storey side extension with a condition that a 1.7 metre fence was to be erected around the boundary at ground level. Complaints had since been received regarding the construction of unauthorised timber decking and associated fencing within the boundary of the property. Discussions with the owner had failed to secure the removal of the unauthorised decking structure. It was proposed, therefore, that enforcement action be taken to secure the removal of the decking and associated fencing.

The Committee decided:

- (1) that an Enforcement Notice be served on the owners/occupiers of 23 Croft Wynd, Uddingston to secure the removal of the unauthorised decking and associated fencing; and
- (2) that the Notice take effect within 1 month of the date of service with a period of 1 month allowed for compliance.

[Reference: Minutes of 16 March 2005 (Paragraph 3)]

9 Community Grant Applications

A report dated 29 January 2007 by the Executive Director (Corporate Resources) was submitted on applications for community grant.

The Committee decided: that community grants be awarded as follows:-

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| (a) Applicant: | Copperwood Residents' Association, Hamilton (HA/149/06) |
| Purpose of Grant: | Start-up costs |
| Amount Awarded: | £250 |

- (b) Applicant: Stonehouse Accordion and Fiddle Club (*HA/158/06*)
 Purpose of Grant: Special event
 Amount Awarded: £256
- (c) Applicant: Priestfield Senior Citizens' Club, High Blantyre (*HA/163/06*)
 Purpose of Grant: Outing and entrance fees
 Amount Awarded: £200
- (d) Applicant: Meikle Earnock Residents' and Tenants' Association, Hamilton (*HA/164/06*)
 Purpose of Grant: Administration and publicity costs
 Amount Awarded: £200
- (e) Applicant: Hamilton Caledonian Bowling Club Male Voice Choir, Hamilton (*HA/142/06*)
 Purpose of Grant: Equipment
 Amount Awarded: £200
- (f) Applicant: Fairfield Social Club, Bothwell (*HA/166/06*)
 Purpose of Grant: Specialist transport
 Amount Awarded: £160
- (g) Applicant: St Joseph's Carpet Bowls Club, Blantyre (*HA/167/06*)
 Purpose of Grant: Start-up costs
 Amount Awarded: £250
- (h) Applicant: A' The Airs Burns' Club No 907 (*HA/168/06*)
 Purpose of Grant: Outing and entrance fees
 Amount Awarded: £300
- (i) Applicant: Strutherhill Activity Group, Larkhall (*HA/169/06*)
 Purpose of Grant: Outing and entrance fees
 Amount Awarded: £250

10 Twinning Grant Application - Larkhall Twinning Association

A report dated 16 January 2007 by the Executive Director (Corporate Resources) was submitted on action taken in terms of Standing Order No 36(c) because of the timescales involved, by the Executive Director (Corporate Resources), in consultation with the Chair and an ex officio member, to award a twinning hosting grant of £220 to Larkhall Twinning Association for an exchange to promote twinning links involving 11 visitors from Seclin, France between 26 and 29 January 2007.

The Committee decided: that the action taken, in terms of Standing Order No 36(c), by the Executive Director (Corporate Resources), in consultation with the Chair and an ex officio member, to award a twinning hosting grant of £220 to Larkhall Twinning Association for an exchange to promote twinning links involving 11 participants from Seclin, France, between 26 and 29 January 2007, be noted.

11 HMle Report - St Mark's Primary School, Hamilton

A report dated 30 January 2007 by the Executive Director (Education Resources) was submitted on the outcome of the inspection of St Mark's Primary School, Hamilton made by Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Education (HMle). The inspection had taken place in June 2006 as part of a national sample of primary education and the inspection report had been published on 24 October 2006.

Education Resources' employees would ensure that the recommendations contained within the report were followed up and that appropriate support was made available to the school.

The Head of Learning Community and Headteacher spoke on key aspects of the report.

The Committee decided: that the report be noted.

12 Urgent Business

There were no items of urgent business.

Chair's Remarks

The Chair thanked members and officers involved with the Committee for their hard work and support over the last 4 years. She wished those members who were standing for re-election the best of luck and those standing down the very best for the future.