HAMILTON AREA COMMITTEE

Minutes of meeting held in Committee Room 1, Council Offices, Almada Street, Hamilton on 27 February 2008

Chair:

Councillor Jean McKeown

Councillors Present:

Andy Carmichael, Peter Craig, Maureen Devlin, Barry Douglas, Hugh Dunsmuir (Depute), Tommy Gilligan, Jim Handibode, Graeme Horne, Bobby Lawson, Joe Lowe, Jim McGuigan, Davie McLachlan, John McNamee, Henry Mitchell, John Murray, Bert Thomson

Councillors' Apologies:

Jackie Burns, Allan Falconer, Brian McCaig, Lesley McDonald, Mary Smith

Attending:

Corporate Resources

M Anderson, Public Relations Officer; M Armstrong, Administration Officer; N Docherty, Administration Assistant

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 30 January 2008 were submitted for approval as a correct record.

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

3 Community Grant Applications

A report dated 8 February 2008 by the Executive Director (Corporate Resources) was submitted on applications for community grant.

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

(a) Applicant: 11th Hamilton Boys Brigade (HA/156/07)

Purpose of Grant: Equipment Amount Awarded: £350

(b) Applicant: Legion of Mary, Burnbank (HA/157/07)

Purpose of Grant: Outing and entrance fees

Amount Awarded: £250

(c) Applicant: Larkhall Heritage Group (HA/159/07)

Purpose of Grant: Equipment Amount Awarded: £700

(d) Applicant: Low Waters Bowling Club Seniors, Hamilton (HA/161/07)

Purpose of Grant: Equipment Amount Awarded: £300

(e) Applicant: Hamilton Disabled Sports Club (HA/163/07)

Purpose of Grant: Special event

Amount Awarded: £715

(f) Applicant: Exodus, Hamilton (HA/164/07)

Purpose of Grant: Equipment

Amount Awarded: £500

(g) Applicant: McCutcheon School of Irish Dancing, Hamilton (HA/166/07)

Purpose of Grant: Start-up costs

Amount Awarded: £250

(h) Applicant: Ashgill Residents' Association (HA/167/07)

Purpose of Grant: Start-up costs

Amount Awarded: £250

(i) Applicant: Bumble Bees Toddler Group, Hamilton (HA/168/07)

Purpose of Grant: Equipment

Amount Awarded: £500

4 Twinning Grant Applications

A report dated 14 February 2008 by the Executive Director (Corporate Resources) was submitted on the following twinning grant applications which had been assessed as meeting the relevant criteria:-

- ♦ Bothwell Twinning Association for a twinning hosting grant for a social and cultural exchange involving 39 participants from Jouy-en-Josas, France which had taken place between 17 and 20 May 2007
- Hamilton District Twinning Association for a twinning hosting grant for a social and cultural exchange involving 49 participants from Châtellerault, France between 10 and 15 April 2008
- Larkhall United Football Club for a twinning travel grant for a social and sporting exchange involving 18 participants (14 under 26 years of age) travelling to Seclin, France between 13 and 16 June 2008

The Committee decided:

- (1) that a twinning hosting grant of £780 be awarded to Bothwell Twinning Association for a social and cultural exchange involving 39 participants from Jouy-en-Josas, France which took place between 17 and 20 May 2007;
- (2) that a twinning hosting grant of £980 be awarded to Hamilton District Twinning Association for a social and cultural exchange involving 49 participants from Châtellerault, France between 10 and 15 April 2008;
- (3) that a twinning travel grant of £730 be awarded to Larkhall United Football Club for a social and sporting exchange involving 18 participants (14 under 26 years of age) travelling to Seclin, France between 13 and 16 June 2008; and

(4) that the Executive Director (Corporate Resources), in consultation with the Chair or Depute Chair, be authorised to vary the awards, if necessary, to take account of the final number of participants involved in the twinning links.

5 Urgent Business

There were no items of urgent business.