

CLYDESDALE AREA COMMITTEE

Minutes of meeting held in the Jerviswood Room, Lanark Memorial Hall, 21 St Leonard Street, Lanark on 26 February 2019

Chair:

Councillor Richard Lockhart

Councillors Present:

Councillor Alex Allison, Councillor Eric Holford, Councillor Mark Horsham (Depute), Councillor Eileen Logan, Councillor Catherine McClymont, Councillor Colin McGavigan, Councillor Julia Marris

Councillors' Apologies:

Councillor Poppy Corbett, Councillor George Greenshields, Councillor Lynsey Hamilton, Councillor Ian McAllan, Councillor David Shearer

Attending:

Community and Enterprise Resources

J Gray, Structures Team Leader; C Park, Engineering Manager

Education Resources

E Steele, Headteacher, Carmichael Primary School; E Young, Lead Officer

Finance and Corporate Resources

G Bow, Administration Manager

Also Attending:

Police Scotland

Chief Inspector G Ianson; Superintendent L Skelton

Routes to Work South

S Barr, Chief Executive

1 Declaration of Interests

The following interests were declared:-

Councillor(s)	Item(s)	Nature of Interest(s)
Marris	Community Grant Applications:-	
	◆ Braehead Lunch and Social Club, Forth (CL/66/18)	Personal interest
	◆ Lanark Writers' Circle (CL/68/18)	Known to group
	◆ Royal Burgh of Lanark Community Council (CL/76/18)	Known to group

2 Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting of the Clydesdale Area Committee held on 4 December 2018 were submitted for approval as a correct record.

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

3 Education Scotland Report – Carmichael Primary School, Thankerton

A report dated 13 February 2019 by the Executive Director (Education Resources) was submitted on the outcome of the inspection of Carmichael Primary School, Thankerton made by Education Scotland.

The inspection had taken place in November 2018 as part of a national sample of primary education and the inspection letter reporting on the findings had been published on 22 January 2019.

A number of particular strengths of the school had been highlighted in the inspection letter. The areas for improvement, agreed with the school and education authority, had been incorporated into the school's improvement plan and parents would be informed of progress. Education Scotland had intimated that they would make no further visits in connection with this inspection.

E Steele, Headteacher and E Young, Lead Officer, having spoken on key aspects of the report and responded to members' questions, were congratulated on the positive inspection report.

The Committee decided: that the report be noted.

4 Police Scotland - Presentation

Chief Inspector Ianson and Superintendent Skelton, Police Scotland, provided an update on the proposed implementation of the Contact Assessment Model (CAM) in the Lanarkshire Division.

Members were provided with information on the development of CAM, which aimed to enhance the ability of Police Scotland to better assess and respond to Threat, Harm, Risk and Vulnerabilities and significantly improve the experience of customers, by providing resolution at the first point of contact.

Chief Inspector Ianson and Superintendent Skelton, having responded to members' questions, were thanked for their informative presentation.

The Committee decided: that the presentation be noted.

5 Routes to Work South - Presentation

S Barr, Chief Executive, gave a presentation on Routes to Work South (RTWS), a single-member charitable organisation whose principal aim was to help local people to gain sustainable employment. The presentation highlighted that:-

- ◆ RTWS operated exclusively to support South Lanarkshire residents and businesses by working with local people and employers to link opportunity and need
- ◆ through its extensive community outreach, RTWS targeted under represented communities and deprived areas
- ◆ there were 4 central employability hubs, one in each of South Lanarkshire's 4 localities, which were situated close to complementary provision such as Jobcentre Plus, Citizens' Advice Bureau and Q&A facilities (all of the hubs provided free broadband, 1-2-1 meeting rooms, training space and computer access)
- ◆ the company recognised the benefits of joint working and partnership with others and had a policy of co-locating with partners, which included Business Gateway and Skills Development Scotland, and operated in partnership with the Council and an extensive range of local service providers
- ◆ RTWS offered a wide range of employability and training services for adults and young people

S Barr, having responded to members' questions, was thanked for his informative presentation.

The Committee decided: that the presentation be noted.

6 Ponfeigh and Clyde Bridges - Update

A report dated 15 February 2019 by the Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources) was submitted:-

- ◆ providing an update on plans to re-open the currently closed bridges at Pettinain and Douglas Water
- ◆ setting out the background on the wider management of bridges across the Council area, with a focus on those in Clydesdale

Across South Lanarkshire, the structures asset owned and maintained by the Council consisted of 748 bridges, culverts and underpasses, together with a currently unquantifiable number of roadside retaining walls. Within Clydesdale, there were 356 bridges and culverts, representing just under 50% of the overall asset base.

An annual update was provided to the Community and Enterprise Resources Committee on the Roads Asset Management Plan.

At the Executive Committee on 21 November 2018, capital funding totalling £6 million had been confirmed to facilitate the re-opening of Ponfeigh Bridge, Rigside and Clyde Bridge, Pettinain and details were provided on the current position and indicative timescales of both capital projects.

In terms of the wider management of bridges across South Lanarkshire, with a specific focus on the Clydesdale area, details were provided on:-

- ◆ the Council's inspection regime
- ◆ bridge assessment and management
- ◆ bridge maintenance arrangements
- ◆ vehicle containment
- ◆ arrangements for the inspection, maintenance and assessment of bridges in the ownership of other organisations

The Committee decided: that the report be noted.

[Reference: Minutes of 25 September 2018 (Paragraph 7) and Minutes of the Executive Committee of 21 November 2018 (Paragraph 10)]

Councillors Horsham and Marrs left the meeting after this item of business

7 Community Grant Applications

A report dated 12 February 2019 by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) was submitted on applications for community grant.

In view of the fact that this was the last meeting of the Committee in the current financial year, and to allow best use to be made of the remaining 2018/2019 community grant budget, it was proposed that the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources), in consultation with the Chair, be authorised to approve any further community grant applications meeting the relevant criteria in the period to 31 March 2019. Those grants awarded would be reported to the next meeting of the Area Committee for noting.

The Committee decided:

(1) that community grants be awarded as follows:-

- (a) Applicant: Lanark and District Archaeological Society, Lanark (CL/47/18)
Purpose of Grant: Outing and entrance fees
Amount Awarded: £250
- (b) Applicant: Coalburn Bronze Band (CL/62/18)
Purpose of Grant: Equipment
Amount Awarded: £300
- (c) Applicant: 1st Carstairs Girls' Brigade (CL/64/18)
Purpose of Grant: Outing, entrance fees and materials
Amount Awarded: £375
- (d) Applicant: Biggar and District Men's Shed, Biggar (CL/65/18)
Purpose of Grant: Start-up costs
Amount Awarded: £250
- (e) Applicant: Braehead Lunch and Social Club, Forth (CL/66/18)
Purpose of Grant: Outing and entrance fees
Amount Awarded: £250
- (f) Applicant: Coalburn Silver Band (CL/67/18)
Purpose of Grant: Materials
Amount Awarded: £375
- (g) Applicant: Lanark Writers' Circle (CL/68/18)
Purpose of Grant: Administration and publicity costs
Amount Awarded: £300
- (h) Applicant: Wild Things Scotland Community Interest Company (CIC), Biggar (CL/69/18)
Purpose of Grant: Equipment
Amount Awarded: £450
- (i) Applicant: Biggar Music Club (CL/70/18)
Purpose of Grant: Administration and publicity costs
Amount Awarded: £570
- (j) Applicant: Lanark Tennis Club (CL/71/18)
Purpose of Grant: Equipment, administration and publicity costs
Amount Awarded: £750
- (k) Applicant: Forth Gateway Project Group (CL/72/18)
Purpose of Grant: Entrance fees
Amount Awarded: £192
- (l) Applicant: Purple Hats, Forth (CL/74/18)
Purpose of Grant: Outing and entrance fees
Amount Awarded: £250
- (m) Applicant: The Probus Club of Biggar (CL/75/18)
Purpose of Grant: Outing
Amount Awarded: £200

(n) Applicant: Royal Burgh of Lanark Community Council (CL/76/18)
Purpose of Grant: Administration, publicity costs and materials
Amount Awarded: £720

- (2) that, to ensure that the remaining 2018/2019 community grant budget was utilised as fully as possible, the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources), in consultation with the Chair, be authorised to approve community grant applications in the period to 31 March 2019, subject to the applications meeting the Council's criteria for the receipt of funding; and
- (3) that details of those applications approved be reported to a future meeting for noting.

8 Future Arrangements for Area Committee Meetings

A report dated 13 February 2019 by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) was submitted proposing that consideration be given to alternate the location of future Clydesdale Area Committee meetings around the 4 Electoral Wards which made up the Clydesdale area.

The Committee decided: that future Area Committee meetings be alternated around the 4 electoral wards which made up the Clydesdale area and that, at the end of the cycle of 4 meetings, those arrangements be evaluated.

[Reference: Minutes of 4 December 2018]

9 Urgent Business

There were no items of urgent business.