

HAMILTON AREA COMMITTEE

Minutes of meeting held in Committee Room 1, Council Offices, Almada Street, Hamilton on 11 March 2020

Chair:

Councillor Mary Donnelly

Councillors Present:

Councillor Stephanie Callaghan, Councillor Andy Carmichael, Councillor Peter Craig (Depute), Councillor Maureen Devlin, Councillor Mary Donnelly, Councillor Allan Falconer, Councillor Graeme Horne, Councillor Kenny McCreary, Councillor Jim McGuigan, Councillor Davie McLachlan, Councillor Lynne Nailon, Councillor Richard Nelson, Councillor John Ross (ex officio), Councillor Josh Wilson

Councillors' Apologies:

Councillor Jackie Burns, Councillor Maureen Chalmers, Councillor Martin Grant Hose, Councillor Joe Lowe, Councillor Mark McGeever, Councillor Mo Razzaq, Councillor Bert Thomson

Attending:

Education Resources

K Boyle, Headteacher, Machanhill Primary School; E Young, Quality Link Officer

Finance and Corporate Resources

G Bow, Administration Manager; G Cochran, Administration Assistant

Also Attending:

South Lanarkshire Leisure and Culture Limited

C Ingram, Venue Manager; L Clelland, Recreational Manager

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 18 December 2019 were submitted for approval as a correct record.

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

3 Education Scotland Report – Machanhill Primary School, Larkhall

A report dated 25 February 2020 by the Executive Director (Education Resources) was submitted on the outcome of the inspection of Machanhill Primary School, Larkhall made by Education Scotland.

The inspection had taken place in October 2019 as part of a national sample of primary education and the inspection letter reporting the findings had been published on 25 February 2020.

A number of particular strengths of the school had been identified in the inspection letter. The areas of 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 the inspection.

E Young, Quality Link Officer, having spoken on key aspects of the report, was congratulated, along with the Headteacher, staff and pupils, on the positive inspection report.

The Committee decided: that the report be noted.

4 Leisure and Culture Update for 2020

L Clelland, Recreation Manager and C Ingram, Venue Manager gave a presentation on the work and priorities of Leisure and Culture Services within South Lanarkshire Leisure and Culture Limited including:-

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| ♦ facility profile | ♦ wedding of distinction |
| ♦ museum service - lifelong learning for all | ♦ the Town House spring 2020 |
| ♦ museum external funding 2019/2020 | ♦ golf season 2020 |
| ♦ Young at Heart festival 2020 | ♦ active schools |
| ♦ Chatelherault "much loved" country park | |

L Clelland and C Ingram, having responded to members' questions, were thanked for their informative presentation.

The Committee decided: that the presentation be noted.

Councillors Falconer, McGuigan and Nelson left the meeting during this item of business

5 Community Grant Applications

A report dated 24 February 2020 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 2019/2020 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 2020. Those grants would be reported to the next meeting of the Area Committee for noting.

The Committee decided:

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

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| (a) Applicant: | The Lanarkshire Festival of Male Voice Choirs, Hamilton (HA/75/19) |
| Purpose of Grant: | Administration and publicity costs |
| Amount Awarded: | £300 |
| (b) Applicant: | Blantyre Old Parish Senior Leisure Group (HA/76/19) |
| Purpose of Grant: | Outing |
| Amount Awarded: | £200 |

- (c) Applicant: Uddingston District Churches United Men's Fellowship (HA/78/19)
Purpose of Grant: Outing and entrance fees
Amount Awarded: £250
- (d) Applicant: Bothwell Horticultural Society (HA/79/19)
Purpose of Grant: Printing costs and equipment
Amount Awarded: £500
- (e) Applicant: The Monday Club (Hamilton Old Parish Church) (HA/80/19)
Purpose of Grant: Outing
Amount Awarded: £200
- (f) Applicant: Handmades, Hamilton (HA/81/19)
Purpose of Grant: Outing and entrance fees
Amount Awarded: £250
- (g) Applicant: St Machan's Church Friendship Circle, Larkhall (HA/82/19)
Purpose of Grant: Outing
Amount Awarded: £140
- (h) Applicant: St Machan's Church Guild, Larkhall (HA/83/19)
Purpose of Grant: Outing
Amount Awarded: £200
- (i) Applicant: South Lanarkshire Self-Directed Support Network, Hamilton (HA/84/19)
Purpose of Grant: Equipment
Amount Awarded: £350
- (j) Applicant: Hamilton West 2002 Club, Hamilton (HA/85/19)
Purpose of Grant: Outing
Amount Awarded: £200
- (k) Applicant: The Art Room, Hamilton (HA/86/19)
Purpose of Grant: Outing and materials
Amount Awarded: £300
- (l) Applicant: Cadzow Community Corps, Hamilton (HA/87/19)
Purpose of Grant: Start-up-costs
Amount Awarded: £240
- (m) Applicant: Burnbank Hamilton Bowling Club (Ladies' Section) (HA/88/19)
Purpose of Grant: Outing
Amount Awarded: £200
- (n) Applicant: Hamilton and District Men's Shed, Hamilton (HA/89/19)
Purpose of Grant: Equipment
Amount Awarded: £250
- (o) Applicant: Hamilton South Church Craft Class (HA/91/19)
Purpose of Grant: Outing
Amount Awarded: £200
- (p) Applicant: Music Memories, Hamilton (HA/93/19)
Purpose of Grant: Outing
Amount Awarded: £200

- (2) that, to ensure that the remaining 2019/2020 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 2020, subject to the applications meeting the Council's criteria for receipt of funding; and
- (3) that details of those applications approved be reported to the next meeting of the Area Committee for noting.

6 Urgent Business

There were no items of urgent business.

Chair's Closing Remarks – Retirement of the Clerk

The Chair advised that this would be the last meeting of the Committee that Gordon Bow, Administration Manager, would be attending prior to his forthcoming retirement. On behalf of the members of the Committee, the Chair thanked Mr Bow for his dedicated service to the Council, his contribution as Clerk of the Committee and other areas of Council work. Mr Bow responded in suitable terms.