



Council Offices, Almada Street
Hamilton, ML3 0AA

Monday, 15 February 2021

Dear Councillor

Cambuslang and Rutherglen Area Committee

The Members listed below are requested to attend a meeting of the above Committee to be held as follows:-

Date: Tuesday, 23 February 2021
Time: 14:00
Venue: By Microsoft Teams,

The business to be considered at the meeting is listed overleaf.

Yours sincerely

Cleland Sneddon
Chief Executive

Members

Carol Nugent (Chair), John Bradley (Depute Chair), Walter Brogan, Robert Brown, Janine Calikes, Margaret Cowie, Alistair Fulton, Ann Le Blond, Martin Lennon, Katy Loudon, Margaret B Walker, Jared Wark

BUSINESS

1 Declaration of Interests

2 Minutes of Previous Meeting

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The minutes of the meeting of the Cambuslang and Rutherglen Area Committee held on 1 December 2020 submitted for approval as a correct record. (Copy attached)

Item(s) for Decision

3 Community Grant Applications

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Report dated 8 February 2021 by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources). (Copy attached)

4 Items of Business for Future Meetings

Discussion/Decision

Urgent Business

5 Urgent Business

Any other items of business which the Chair decides are urgent.

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CAMBUSLANG AND RUTHERGLEN AREA COMMITTEE

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Minutes of meeting held via Microsoft Teams on 1 December 2020

Chair:

Councillor Carol Nugent

Councillors Present:

Councillor John Bradley (Depute), Councillor Walter Brogan, Councillor Robert Brown, Councillor Janine Calikes, Councillor Margaret Cowie, Councillor Alistair Fulton, Councillor Ann Le Blond, Councillor Martin Lennon, Councillor Katy Loudon, Councillor Margaret B Walker, Councillor Jared Wark

Attending:

Finance and Corporate Resources

R Leith, Community Engagement Manager; P MacRae, Administration Adviser; K McLeod, Administration Assistant

Also Attending:

Police Scotland

Chief Inspector L Baillie and Inspector S McManus

1 Declaration of Interests

No interests were declared

2 Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting of the Cambuslang and Rutherglen Area Committee held on 22 September 2020 were submitted for approval as a correct record.

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

3 Police Scotland

Chief Inspector L Baillie and Inspector S McManus, Police Scotland provided information on the following key priorities for South Lanarkshire as detailed in the new (pan Lanarkshire) Local Policing Plan 2020 to 2023:-

- ♦ reducing violence and disorder
- ♦ public protection and protecting people at risk of harm
- ♦ tackling housebreaking and acquisitive crime
- ♦ reducing harm caused by substance misuse

Information was also provided on:-

- ♦ various activities and positive policing outcomes in the local community
- ♦ the roll out of mobile devices, between January and April 2020, which had enabled Officers to spend more time in the community
- ♦ the use of Microsoft Teams which had allowed Partnership meetings to be held remotely and had also enabled Police Scotland, the Council, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service and other Partners to work collectively during the Covid-19 pandemic

- ◆ school based Police Officers deployed to Stonelaw High School and Trinity High School through a joint agreement between Police Scotland and the schools, working together to provide early interventions

Chief Inspector L Baillie and Inspector S McManus, having responded to members' questions, were thanked for their informative presentation.

The Committee decided: that the presentation be noted.

[Reference: Minutes of 6 November 2018 (Paragraph 3)]

4 Neighbourhood Planning Update

A report dated 17 November 2020 by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) was submitted providing an update on the work carried out in the Cambuslang and Rutherglen area in relation to neighbourhood planning.

The Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 placed a statutory duty on Community Planning Partnerships (CPP) to identify smaller areas within their local authority area which experienced the poorest outcomes and to prepare and publish locality plans to improve outcomes for agreed priorities for those communities. In South Lanarkshire, those plans were neighbourhood plans.

On 14 July 2017, the CPP Board considered the results of a statistical exercise which identified areas experiencing poorest outcomes in South Lanarkshire. 9 of the Council's 20 wards were identified as potential neighbourhood planning areas. On 11 October 2017, the CCP Board agreed to pilot the use of neighbourhood planning activity in South Lanarkshire and the first 3 neighbourhood plans for the pilot areas were published in January 2019.

On 11 September 2019, the CPP Board agreed that the neighbourhood planning process be rolled out to the following communities:-

- ◆ Burnhill
- ◆ Halfway, Westburn, Circuit
- ◆ Auchinraith, Blantyre, High Blantyre, Springwells
- ◆ Fairhill

Each community had individual levels of community capacity and support already in place and required individualised programmes of support, which were delivered by the Community Engagement Team (CET) alongside local partners and community groups.

The 2020/2021 (year one) Neighbourhood Plans for Burnhill and Cambuslang East, attached as Appendices 1 and 2 to the report, had been launched through a 'soft approach' and the CET used new and innovative ways to engage with people to progress the community priorities. The annual progress report, January 2019 to March 2020, for Springhall and Whitlawburn was attached as Appendix 3 to the report.

Details were provided on further activity to be undertaken in the Cambuslang and Rutherglen area which included a further neighbourhood planning process to be undertaken in Fernhill during the current year. Although neighbourhood plans were being created in response to a statutory requirement, it was the Council's ambition that the process of neighbourhood planning be extended beyond the identified areas which would enable all communities to produce their own plans of local priorities and their planned responses to those.

As the number of neighbourhood plans increased, locality priorities would begin to be developed by identifying key shared priorities across localities. This provided the opportunity for wider resources to support actions over localities with a view to improving outcomes and to work in partnership at a locality level across South Lanarkshire.

The Community Engagement Officer responded to members' questions on various aspects of the report.

The Committee decided:

- (1) that the progress made in relation to neighbourhood planning be noted;
- (2) that the content of the Neighbourhood Plans for Burnhill and Cambuslang East, attached as Appendices 1 and 2 to the report, be noted;
- (3) that the annual progress report, January 2019 to March 2020, for Springhall and Whitlawburn, attached as Appendix 3 to the report, be noted; and
- (4) that the next steps planned for the Cambuslang and Rutherglen area be noted.

5 Community Grant Applications

A report dated 16 November 2020 by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) was submitted on an application for community grant.

The Committee decided: that a community grant be awarded as follows:-

Applicant:	1 st Cathkin Guides, Rutherglen (CR/13/20)
Purpose of Grant:	Outing, entrance fees, administration and publicity costs
Amount Awarded:	£350

6 Urgent Business

There were no items of urgent business.

Report

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Report to: **Cambuslang and Rutherglen Area Committee**
 Date of Meeting: **23 February 2021**
 Report by: **Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources)**

Subject: **Community Grant Applications**

1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ request approval for the allocation of a community grant to 1 community group in the Cambuslang and Rutherglen Area Committee area from the 2020/2021 community grant budget
- ◆ request authorisation for the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources), in consultation with the Chair, to approve further community grant applications meeting the relevant criteria in the period to 31 March 2021 from the 2020/2021 budget
- ◆ advise the Area Committee of action taken by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources), in consultation with the Chair, to allocate community grants to 3 community groups in the Cambuslang and Rutherglen Area Committee area from the 2020/2021 community grant budget, to assist community groups engaged in supporting their communities during the COVID-19 pandemic

2. Recommendation(s)

2.1. The Committee is asked to approve the following recommendation(s):-

(1) that a community grant be awarded as follows:-

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| (a) Applicant: | Upstairs Kids Klub, Cambuslang (CR/14/20) |
| Amount Requested: | £1,000 |
| Purpose of Grant: | Equipment |
| Amount Awarded: | £1,000 |

(2) request authorisation for the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources), in consultation with the Chair, to approve any further community grant applications meeting the relevant criteria in the period to 31 March 2021 from the 2020/2021 budget.

(3) that the action taken by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources), in consultation with the Chair, to allocate community grants to support community groups with their response to the COVID-19 pandemic, be noted, as follows:-

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| (a) Applicant: | Hope Amplified |
| Amount Requested: | £1,000 |

Purpose of Grant:	Outdoor garden activities at Fernbrae Meadow - isolation and poverty support for African families
Amount Awarded:	£1,000
(b) Applicant:	Whitlawburn Resource Centre
Amount Requested:	£950
Purpose of Grant:	Christmas meal and virtual Grotto for vulnerable and isolated families
Amount Awarded:	£950
(c) Applicant:	Fernhill Communities Together
Amount Requested:	£1,000
Purpose of Grant:	Food delivery service for isolated families
Amount Awarded:	£1,000

3. Background

- 3.1. The Council operates a community grants scheme to support local constituted community groups and voluntary organisations. All applications require to be supported by a constitution, audited accounts or annual income and expenditure accounts, a bank statement, and confirmation that the group/organisation will adhere to the conditions of the grant award. Applications are invited continually throughout the year.
- 3.2. The main aims of the community grants scheme are to:-
 - ◆ fund activities and projects which bring community benefit
 - ◆ involve people in the community by bringing them together to enjoy educational, recreational, leisure and other community activities or to improve the local environment
- 3.3. Support can be provided for a range of activities including administration and publicity costs, purchase of equipment and materials, annual outings and entrance fees, start-up costs and special events.
- 3.4. In light of the community efforts in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, it was agreed that £20,000 from the 2020/2021 community grants budget be allocated to assist community groups engaged in supporting their communities during the COVID-19 pandemic. The £20,000 had been apportioned equally between the 4 Area Committee areas i.e. £5,000 from each.
- 3.5. Community groups who wished to provide assistance and support to those most in need were able to apply for small grants to meet expenses associated with this work. As it was anticipated that funds would be required immediately to assist in the response effort, it had been agreed that applications would be considered by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources), in consultation with the appropriate Chair.
- 3.6. Any remaining balance from the £5,000 allocation from each Area Committee community grants budget, as at 31 December 2020, would be returned to the 2020/2021 community grants budget. As detailed in paragraph 2 above, £2,950 has been awarded to community groups who assisted in the response to the COVID-19 pandemic, leaving a balance of £2,050.

- 3.7. As per the community grants scheme, community groups would normally only be permitted to submit one application in each financial year, however, community groups that had applied for funding to assist in the COVID-19 response would still be entitled to apply for a grant for another purpose under the scheme in the same financial year.

4. Employee Implications

- 4.1. None.

5. Financial Implications

- 5.1. The current position of the community grant and the COVID-19 response grant allocations for the Cambuslang and Rutherglen Area Committee area in 2020/2021 is as follows:-

Total allocation for Community Grants	£25,750
Community Grants previously allocated	£5,770
Funding allocated to the COVID-19 response effort	£2,950
Community grants allocated in this report	£1,000
Remaining balance	£16,030

- 5.2. In view of the fact that this is the last meeting of the Committee in the current financial year and, to allow any further applications submitted prior to the end of the current financial year to be considered, it is 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 2021. Information on those grants awarded would be reported to a future meeting.

6. Climate Change, Sustainability and Environmental Implications

- 6.1. There are no implications for climate change, sustainability or the environment in terms of the information contained in this report.

7. Other Implications

- 7.1. The risk to the Council is that grant funding is not utilised for the purpose of which it was intended. This risk is mitigated by internal controls including audit procedures and conditions of grant agreement.

8. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements

- 8.1. This report does not introduce a new policy, function or strategy or recommend a change to an existing policy, function or strategy and therefore no impact assessment is required.
- 8.2. All the necessary consultation with the community groups has taken place.

Paul Manning

Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources)

8 February 2021

Link(s) to Council Values/Ambitions/Objectives

- ◆ Accountable, effective, efficient and transparent. Work with communities and partners to promote high quality, thriving and sustainable communities

Previous References

- ◆ Cambuslang and Rutherglen Area Committee – 1 December 2020

List of Background Papers

- ◆ Individual application forms

Contact for Further Information

If you would like to inspect the background papers or want further information, please contact:-

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