

CLYDESDALE AREA COMMITTEE

Minutes of meeting held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, South Vennel, Lanark on 13 February 2007

Chair:

Councillor Danny Meikle

Councillors Present:

Beith Forrest, Bev Gauld, Eileen Logan, Archie Manson, Alex McInnes, Brian Reilly (Depute), William Ross, Betty Rush

Councillors Also Present:

Ian Gray, David Shearer, Hamish Stewart

Councillors' Apologies:

Jim Daisley, Jim Docherty, Edward McAvoy, John McGuinness, Mary McNeill

Attending:

Corporate Resources

R Lake, Administration Manager

Education Resources

B Murdoch, Head of Learning Community (Lanark and Lesmahagow)

Enterprise Resources

B Cairns, Divisional Engineer, Roads and Transportation Services; T Finn, Planning Team Leader (Clydesdale)

1 Declaration of Interests

The following interest was declared:-

Councillor(s)

Logan

Item(s)

Community Grant Application –
5th Carluke Brownie Pack

Nature of Interest(s)

Group leader

2 Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting of the Clydesdale Area Committee held on 19 December 2006 were submitted for approval as a correct record.

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

3 HMle Report - Carmichael Primary School, Biggar

A report dated 31 January 2007 by the Executive Director (Education Resources) was submitted on the outcome of the inspection of Carmichael Primary School undertaken 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 spoke on key aspects of the report.

The Committee decided: that the report be noted.

4 Application CL/06/0054 - Erection of 14 Houses and Formation of Access at Manse Road, Forth

A report dated 29 January 2007 by the Executive Director (Enterprise Resources) was submitted on planning application CL/06/0054 by Saddlers Estates Limited for the erection of 14 houses and formation of access at Manse Road, Forth.

The Committee decided: that planning application CL/06/0054 by Saddlers Estates Limited for the erection of 14 houses and formation of access at Manse Road, Forth be refused for the reasons detailed in the Executive Director's report.

[Reference: Minutes of Planning and Development (Applications) Sub-Committee of 24 November 1998 (Paragraph 1)]

Councillor Gauld entered the meeting during this item of business

5 Application CL/06/0439 - Erection of 4 Semi-Detached Houses, 1 Single House, Formation of Vehicular Access, Associated Parking Area and Landscaping at Land opposite 79 Vere Road, Kirkmuirhill

A report dated 30 January 2007 by the Executive Director (Enterprise Resources) was submitted on planning application CL/06/0439 by W Anderson for the erection of 4 semi-detached houses, 1 single house, formation of vehicular access, associated parking and landscaping at land opposite 79 Vere Road, Kirkmuirhill.

The Committee decided: that planning application CL/06/0439 by W Anderson for the erection of 4 semi-detached houses, 1 single house, formation of vehicular access, associated parking and landscaping at land opposite 79 Vere Road, Kirkmuirhill be granted subject to the conditions specified in the Executive Director's report.

[Reference: Minutes of 15 February 2005 (Paragraph 3)]

6 Application CL/06/0755 - Change of Use of Open Space to Form Additional Garden Ground (Notice of Intention to Develop) at 1 Sillerknowe Lane, Biggar

A report dated 31 January 2007 by the Executive Director (Enterprise Resources) was submitted on application CL/06/0755 by South Lanarkshire Council for the change of use of open space to form additional garden ground (Notice of Intention to Develop) at 1 Sillerknowe Lane, Biggar.

The Committee decided: that application CL/06/0755 by South Lanarkshire Council for the change of use of open space to form additional

garden ground (Notice of Intention to Develop) at 1
Sillerknowe Lane, Biggar be granted subject to:-

- ◆ the conditions specified in the Executive Director's report
- ◆ referral of the application to the Scottish Ministers as the Council had an interest in the land and objections had been received to the proposal

7 Enforcement Action - Removal of Spoil Heap, Removal of Temporary Access and Reinstatement of Ground Extension to Residential Curtilage at Millrig Road, Wiston

A report dated 25 January 2007 by the Executive Director (Enterprise Resources) was submitted on the requirement for enforcement action at Plot 2, Millrig Road, Wiston to secure the:-

- ◆ removal of the unauthorised spoil heap and temporary access
- ◆ reinstatement of land to its original condition
- ◆ reduction in the size of the residential plot to accord with the plans approved on 19 August 2002 (planning consent CL/02/0254)

On the basis that no planning applications had been received to regularise the position and it was considered that the retention of the spoil heap and access were adversely affecting the character of the rural area and were detrimental to the amenity of the surrounding countryside and residential properties in Wiston, it was proposed that enforcement action be taken.

The Committee decided:

- (1) that Enforcement Notices be served on the owner/occupier or lessee of Plot 2, Millrig Road, Wiston to secure the:-
 - ◆ removal of the existing spoil heap from the site
 - ◆ removal of the existing temporary access road and reinstatement of the land in accordance with the conditions attached to planning consent CL/05/0793 granted on 14 February 2006
 - ◆ reduction of the size of the residential plot at Millrig Road, Wiston to accord with the approved plan granted under decision notice CL/02/0254
- (2) that the Notices take effect within 1 month of the date of service with a period of 2 months allowed for compliance.

[Reference: Minutes of 14 February 2006 (Paragraph 14)]

8 Enforcement Action - Unauthorised Importation of Material and Erection of Boundary Fence at 20 Wellburn Lane, Lesmahagow

A report dated 26 January 2007 by the Executive Director (Enterprise Resources) was submitted on the requirement for enforcement action to secure the removal of imported material and an unauthorised boundary fence at 20 Wellburn Lane, Lesmahagow.

Despite several reminders to the effect that planning permission was required for the engineering works to create a level rear garden area and a boundary fence, no planning application had been received. It was proposed, therefore, that an Enforcement Notice be served to secure the removal of the unauthorised imported material and the boundary fence at the location.

The Committee decided:

- (1) that an Enforcement Notice be served on the owner/occupier or lessee of 20 Wellburn Lane, Lesmahagow to secure the removal of all material which had been imported on site and the unauthorised boundary fence; and
- (2) that the Notice take effect within 1 month of the date of service with a period of 2 months allowed for compliance.

9 Enforcement Action - Unauthorised Installation of Replacement Internally Illuminated Signs at 8 Abbeygreen, Lesmahagow

A report dated 26 January 2007 by the Executive Director (Enterprise Resources) was submitted on the requirement for a Listed Building Enforcement Notice to be served on the Royal Bank of Scotland to secure the removal of unauthorised internally illuminated signs at 8 Abbeygreen, Lesmahagow.

Listed Building Consent and Advertisement Consent (CL/06/0488 and CL/06/0460 respectively) had been granted on 25 August 2006. However, the existing signage did not accord with those consents and it was proposed that enforcement action be taken to secure the removal of the unauthorised signage from the property and its replacement with appropriate signage.

The Committee decided:

- (1) that a Listed Building Enforcement Notice be served on The Royal Bank of Scotland to secure the removal of the unauthorised internally illuminated plastic fascia signs from the front and side elevation of the listed building at 8 Abbeygreen, Lesmahagow; and
- (2) that the Notice take effect within 1 month of the date of service with a period of 1 month allowed for compliance.

10 Enforcement Action - Unauthorised Erection of 2 Signboards at Wildman Road, Law

A report dated 25 January 2007 by the Executive Director (Enterprise Resources) was submitted on the requirement for enforcement action to secure the removal of unauthorised signboards at Wildman Road, Law.

Verve Limited had been advised of the requirement to obtain advertisement consent. However, in the absence of a planning application to regularise the position and despite reminders to remove them, the unauthorised signboards remained in place. It was proposed, therefore, that enforcement action be taken to secure their removal.

The Committee decided:

- (1) that an Enforcement Notice be served on Verve Limited to secure removal of the existing unauthorised signboards adjacent to the northbound carriageway of the A73 and at the entrance to Verve's premises on Wildman Road, Law;
- (2) that the Notice take effect within 1 month of the date of service with a period of 1 month allowed for compliance.

11 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: | Lesmahagow Black Bull Football Club (CL/145/06) |
| | Purpose of Grant: | Start-up costs |
| | Amount Awarded: | £250 |
| (b) | Applicant: | Loudon Pond and Ponfeigh Glen Association, Douglas Water (CL/146/06) |
| | Purpose of Grant: | Environmental project and publicity costs |
| | Amount Awarded: | £450 |
| (c) | Applicant: | The Little Haven Support Group, Forth (CL/147/06) |
| | Purpose of Grant: | Start-up costs |
| | Amount Awarded: | £250 |
| (d) | Applicant: | Friends of Volunteering in Clydesdale, Lanark (CL/148/06) |
| | Purpose of Grant: | Equipment |
| | Amount Awarded: | £375 |
| (e) | Applicant: | Women's Rural Institute Douglas Branch (CL/150/06) |
| | Purpose of Grant: | Transport costs |
| | Amount Awarded: | £200 |
| (f) | Applicant: | Clydesdale Astronomical Society, Carluke (CL/151/06) |
| | Purpose of Grant: | Start-up costs |
| | Amount Awarded: | £250 |
| (g) | Applicant: | Lanark Writers (CL/152/06) |
| | Purpose of Grant: | Publicity costs and special event |
| | Amount Awarded: | £400 |
| (h) | Applicant: | Glespin Photography Group (CL/142/06) |
| | Purpose of Grant: | Start-up costs |
| | Amount Awarded: | £250 |
| (i) | Applicant: | 1 st Symington Guides Senior Section (CL/154/06) |
| | Purpose of Grant: | Equipment |
| | Amount Awarded: | £350 |
| (j) | Applicant: | "Fun with Flowers" St Andrews Parish Church, Carluke (CL/155/06) |
| | Purpose of Grant: | Equipment |
| | Amount Awarded: | £300 |
| (k) | Applicant: | 5 th Carluke Brownie Pack (CL/156/06) |
| | Purpose of Grant: | Equipment |
| | Amount Awarded: | £350 |

Councillor Logan, having declared an interest in the above application, withdrew from the meeting during its consideration

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| (l) | Applicant: | Douglasdale Players, Douglas (CL/158/06) |
| | Purpose of Grant: | Equipment and publicity costs |
| | Amount Awarded: | £600 |
| (m) | Applicant: | Lowther Hills First Responders, Wanlockhead (CL/159/06) |
| | Purpose of Grant: | Equipment |
| | Amount Awarded: | £825 |

12 Urgent Business

There were no items of urgent business.

Chair's Closing Remarks

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