

CAMBUSLANG AND RUTHERGLEN AREA COMMITTEE

Minutes of meeting held via Confero and in Committee Room 1, Council Offices, Almada Street, Hamilton on 31 May 2023

Chair:

Councillor Carol Nugent

Councillors Present:

Councillor Walter Brogan, Councillor Robert Brown, Councillor Janine Calikes, Councillor Andrea Cowan, Councillor Margaret Cowie, Councillor Martin Lennon, Councillor Katy Loudon, Councillor Norman Rae, Councillor Margaret B Walker

Councillors' Apologies:

Councillor John Bradley (Depute), Councillor Alistair Fulton

Attending:

Education Resources

N Black, Headteacher, Cathkin Primary School and Nursery Class, Rutherglen; A Jessimer, Quality Link Officer; G Maguire, Lead Officer, B McLachlan, Headteacher, Stonelaw High School, Rutherglen; L Mitchell, Quality Improvement Manager, M Reid, Headteacher, St Charles' Primary School, Cambuslang

Finance and Corporate Resources

P MacRae, Administration Adviser; K McLeod, Administration Assistant

1 Declaration of Interests

The following interest was declared:-

Councillor(s)	Item(s)	Nature of Interest(s)
Brogan	Community Grant Applications	Involvement with 3 groups which had applied for a community/warm welcome initiative grant
Cowie	Playscheme Grant Application (PS/CR/1/23) Fernhill Kids Playscheme, Rutherglen	Completed application form on behalf of Group

2 Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting of the Cambuslang and Rutherglen Area Committee held on 15 March 2023 were submitted for approval as a correct record.

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

3 Education Scotland Report - Stonelaw High School, Rutherglen

A report dated 16 May 2023 by the Executive Director (Education Resources) was submitted on the outcome of the inspection of Stonelaw High School, Rutherglen

The inspection had taken place in February 2023 as part of a national sample of secondary education and the inspection letter reporting on the findings had been published on 2 May 2023.

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.

B McLachlan, Headteacher and G Maguire, Quality Link Officer, having spoken on key aspects of the report and having responded to members' questions, were congratulated on the positive inspection report.

The Committee decided: that the report be noted.

4 Education Scotland Report - Cathkin Primary School and Nursery Class, Rutherglen

A report dated 16 May 2023 by the Executive Director (Education Resources) was submitted on the outcome of the inspection of Cathkin Primary School and Nursery Class, Rutherglen.

The inspection had taken place in February 2023 as part of a national sample of primary education and the inspection letter reporting on the findings had been published on 2 May 2023.

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.

N Black, Headteacher and A Jessimer, Quality Link Officer, having spoken on key aspects of the report and having responded to members' questions, were congratulated on the positive inspection report.

The Committee decided: that the report be noted.

5 Participatory Budgeting - Education Resources 2023

A report dated 16 May 2023 by the Executive Director (Education Resources) was submitted on Participatory Budgeting (PB) in relation to Pupil Equity Funding (PEF).

As an example of good practice, the PB work undertaken by St Charles' Primary School, Cambuslang was attached as Appendix 1 to the report. St Charles' Primary School demonstrated commitment to PB, pupil voice and the voice of their stakeholders, specifically in relation to supporting families affected by poverty and the cost of the school day. Choices of spend included provision of a free snack and increasing access to extra-curricular experiences, with the latter receiving the highest number of votes in the voting process. M Reid, Headteacher, responded to members' questions on the PB process within St Charles' Primary School.

Schools continued to allocate a minimum of 5% of their PEF to PB year on year. Updated guidance on PB had been provided at the PEF Head Teacher and Equity Lead Information Session held on 19 May 2023. Optional PB training would be planned for August 2023 for schools which had new PB Leads or where a refresh was required.

South Lanarkshire Council schools' PB work continued to be recognised nationally as an example of good practice and several local authorities had approached the Council for guidance and support in this area. A CoSLA award application would be submitted to showcase the work of the Council's schools in PB.

Education Resources would provide the Area Committee with:-

- ◆ a summary report of each school's PB outcome
- ◆ case studies of school activity, which had particular impact/success
- ◆ a detailed financial report of how PEF money allocated for PB had been spent

Education Resources would support schools and monitor and track the impact of this activity. Findings would inform any future PB activity within the Resource.

Officers responded to members' questions on the report.

The Committee decided: that the report be noted.

6 Community Grant Applications

A report dated 16 May 2023 by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) was submitted on:-

- ◆ applications for community grant
- ◆ a grant awarded to a community and voluntary group/organisation in the Cambuslang and Rutherglen Area Committee area in response to the Warm Welcome Initiative
- ◆ 3 community grant applications which had been dealt with by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources), in consultation with the Chair, during the period 15 to 31 March 2023 to ensure that the 2022/2023 budget was utilised as fully as possible

At its meeting on 28 September 2022, the Council agreed that the Chief Executive would bring a package of cost of living supports for agreement, in consultation with Group Leaders, which was approved in terms of Standing Order No 37(c) and noted by the Executive Committee on 30 November 2022. This package included support for a Warm Welcome Initiative.

Working in conjunction with South Lanarkshire Leisure and Culture and community and voluntary groups/organisations, the Warm Welcome Initiative comprised a network of warm spaces in community settings and public buildings where members of the public were welcomed and could participate in activities and access advice and support.

To support the Initiative, a small grants scheme had been created, offering grants to a maximum of £1,000 to cover extra costs incurred by offering a Warm Welcome. A total of £40,000 had been identified for the Initiative and the monies had been apportioned equally between the 4 Area Committees.

As funds were required immediately, it had been agreed that applications would be considered by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources), in consultation with the relevant Area Committee Chair or Depute, and submitted to the Area Committee for noting.

The Committee decided:

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

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| (a) | Applicant: | Cambuslang Community Council (CR/22/22) |
| | Purpose of Grant: | Materials |
| | Amount Awarded: | £576 |
| (b) | Applicant: | Kirkhill Bowling Club, Cambuslang (CR/1/23) |
| | Purpose of Grant: | Equipment and materials |
| | Amount Awarded: | £300 |

- (c) Applicant: Rutherglen Heritage Society (CR/2/23)
Purpose of Grant: Equipment
Amount Awarded: £1,200
- (d) Applicant: Trinity High School Parent Council, Rutherglen (CR/3/23)
Purpose of Grant: Equipment
Amount Awarded: £600
- (e) Applicant: Eastfield Physically Disabled Club, Cambuslang (CR/4/23)
Purpose of Grant: Specialist transport and entrance fees
Amount Awarded: £750
- (f) Applicant: Cambuslang Summer Festival (CR/5/23)
Purpose of Grant: Special Event
Amount Awarded: £2,400
- (g) Applicant: Flemington/Hallside Guild, Cambuslang (CR/6/23)
Purpose of Grant: Outing, equipment and administration costs
Amount Awarded: £540
- (h) Applicant: Rutherglen Bowling Club (CR/7/23)
Purpose of Grant: Equipment
Amount Awarded: £300
- (i) Applicant: Cambuslang Parish Church Pastoral Care Team (CR/9/23)
Purpose of Grant: Outing
Amount Awarded: £300
- (j) Applicant: 2nd Rutherglen Brownies (CR/10/23)
Purpose of Grant: Entrance fees, equipment, arts and crafts materials
Amount Awarded: £276

(2) that the award of grant, totalling £1,000, to Particip8 Overton in response to the Warm Welcome Initiative be noted.

(3) that the action taken during the period 15 to 31 March 2023 by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources), in consultation with the Chair, to approve the award of the following community grants from the 2022/2023 budget be noted:-

- (a) Applicant: Friends of Fernbrae Meadows (CR/18/22)
Purpose of Grant: Environmental project
Amount Awarded: £1,000
- (b) Applicant: 113th Glasgow (Burnside) Scout Group, Rutherglen (CR/25/22)
Purpose of Grant: Equipment
Amount Awarded: £748
- (c) Applicant: Go Ahead Club (CR/26/22)
Purpose of Grant: Outing
Amount Awarded: £560

[Reference: Minutes of 14 December 2022 (Paragraph 7), Minutes of South Lanarkshire Council of 28 September 2022 (Paragraph 7) and Minutes of the Executive Committee of 30 November 2022 (Paragraph 11)]

Councillor Brogan, having declared an interest in the above item of business, withdrew from the meeting during its consideration

7 Playscheme Grant Applications

A report dated 16 May 2022 by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) was submitted on playscheme grant funding for 2023/2024.

Playscheme funding allowed an allocation of £660 to be made to playschemes that operated over the summer, October and Easter holiday periods with £440 for the summer period only and £110 for each of the October and Easter periods.

Financial provision was available for individual playschemes to receive, as appropriate, Travel and Freedom Passes from Strathclyde Partnership for Transport.

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

- (a) Applicant: Fernhill Kids' Playscheme, Rutherglen (PS/CR/1/23)
Amount Awarded: £660

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

[Reference: Minutes of 15 June 2022 (Paragraph 3)]

8 Urgent Business

There were no items of urgent business.