

CLYDESDALE AREA COMMITTEE

Minutes of meeting held in the Jerviswood Room, Lanark Memorial Hall, 21 St Leonard Street, Lanark on 25 September 2018

Chair:

Councillor Richard Lockhart

Councillors Present:

Alex Allison, Poppy Corbett, Eric Holford, Mark Horsham (Depute), Eileen Logan, Catherine McClymont, Colin McGavigan, Julia Marrs, David Shearer

Councillors' Apologies:

George Greenshields, Lynsey Hamilton, Ian McAllan

Attending:

Community and Enterprise Resources

S Keating, Economic Development Manager

Education Resources

A Craig, Lead Officer; G Sinclair, Headteacher, Braidwood Primary School; R Stewart, Headteacher, Biggar High School

Finance and Corporate Resources

G Bow, Administration Manager

1 Declaration of Interests

The following interests were declared:-

Councillor(s)	Item(s)	Nature of Interest(s)
Allison	Community Grant Application CL/35/18 Lanark and District Young Farmers' Club, Lanark	Personal interest
Marrs	Community Grant Application CL/40/18 Lanark Community Development Trust	Ex officio member
McClymont	Community Grant Applications:- ◆ Lanark Community Development Trust (CL/40/18) ◆ Cargill House Club, Lanark (CL/45/18)	Member Ex officio member

2 Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting of the Clydesdale Area Committee held on 26 June 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 – Biggar High School

A report dated 14 August 2018 by the Executive Director (Education Resources) was submitted on the outcome of the inspection of Biggar High School made by Education Scotland.

The inspection had taken place in March 2018 as part of a national sample of secondary education and the inspection letter reporting on the findings had been published on 22 May 2018.

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.

A Craig, Lead Officer and R Stewart, Headteacher, 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 Education Scotland Report – Braidwood Primary School

A report dated 14 August 2018 by the Executive Director (Education Resources) was submitted on the outcome of the inspection of Braidwood Primary School made by Education Scotland.

The inspection had taken place in February 2018 as part of a national sample of secondary education and the inspection letter reporting on the findings had been published on 1 May 2018.

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.

A Craig, Lead Officer and G Sinclair, Headteacher, 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.

5 Support for Business in South Lanarkshire

S Keating, Economic Development Manager, Community and Enterprise Resources, gave a presentation on the range of support available for businesses in South Lanarkshire which included:-

- ◆ access to finance
- ◆ access to recruitment support
- ◆ access to advice
- ◆ events promoting networking
- ◆ activity to promote Lanarkshire
- ◆ sector specific developments
- ◆ business facing services
- ◆ partnership working

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

The Committee decided: that the presentation be noted.

Councillor Marrs left the meeting during this item of business

6 Application P/18/0232 – Erection of Single Storey House, Detached Garage, Agricultural Polytunnel and Formation of Associated Vehicular Access at Plot Adjacent to 1 and 3 Newhouse Court, Carstairs, Lanark

A report dated 7 September 2018 by the Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources) was submitted on planning application P/18/0232 by Mr and Mrs Forrest for the erection of a single storey house, detached garage, agricultural polytunnel and formation of associated vehicular access at plot adjacent to 1 and 3 Newhouse Court, Carstairs, Lanark.

The Committee decided: that planning application P/18/0232 by Mr and Mrs Forrest for the erection of a single storey house, detached garage, agricultural polytunnel and formation of associated vehicular access at plot adjacent to 1 and 3 Newhouse Court, Carstairs, Lanark be granted subject to the conditions specified in the Executive Director's report.

7 Community Grant Applications

A report dated 11 September 2018 by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) was submitted on applications for community grant.

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

(a) Applicant: Rigside and Douglas Water Tenants' and Residents' Association, Lanark (CL/32/18)

Purpose of Grant: Outing and entrance fees

Amount Awarded: £250

(b) Applicant: 7th Lanarkshire (1st Douglas) Scouts (CL/33/18)

Purpose of Grant: Outing

Amount Awarded: £200

(c) Applicant: Friends of Volunteering in Clydesdale, Lanark (CL/34/18)

Purpose of Grant: Outing

Amount Awarded: £200

(d) Applicant: Lanark and District Young Farmers' Club, Lanark (CL/35/18)

Purpose of Grant: Administration, publicity costs, materials and equipment

Amount Awarded: £500

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

(e) Applicant: Carstairs Junction Welcome All Hub (CL/36/18)

Purpose of Grant: Start-up costs

Amount Awarded: £250

(f) Applicant: Lowther Hills Ski Club, Leadhills (CL/37/18)

Purpose of Grant: Equipment

Amount Awarded: £350

(g) Applicant: Leadhills Silver Band (CL/38/18)

Purpose of Grant: Equipment

Amount Awarded: £300

(h)	Applicant:	Leadhills Youth Silver Band (<i>CL/39/18</i>)
	Purpose of Grant:	Equipment
	Amount Awarded:	£260
(i)	Applicant:	Lanark Community Development Trust (<i>CL/40/18</i>)
	Purpose of Grant:	Equipment
	Amount Awarded:	£350

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

(j)	Applicant:	Crawfordjohn Heritage Venture Trust, Biggar (<i>CL/41/18</i>)
	Purpose of Grant:	Administration and publicity costs
	Amount Awarded:	£300
(k)	Applicant:	Crawfordjohn Public Hall Association (<i>CL/42/18</i>)
	Purpose of Grant:	Administration, publicity costs and materials
	Amount Awarded:	£300
(l)	Applicant:	Abington Bowling Club (<i>CL/43/18</i>)
	Purpose of Grant:	Outing
	Amount Awarded:	£200
(m)	Applicant:	Scottish Women's Rural Institute (Douglas Branch) (<i>CL/44/18</i>)
	Purpose of Grant:	Outing and entrance fees
	Amount Awarded:	£250
(n)	Applicant:	Carghill House Club, Lanark (<i>CL/45/18</i>)
	Purpose of Grant:	Equipment
	Amount Awarded:	£400

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

7 Item of Urgent Business – Position Regarding the Condition of Bridges in Rural Area

In terms of Standing Order No 4, the Chair decided that, in view of the significant impact on local communities, this matter be dealt with as a matter of urgency.

The Chair asked Councillor Allison to provide an update on the position relating to the bridge which had closed between Pettinain and Carstairs Junction.

Following the update, general discussion took place on the negative impact this closure was currently having and reference was made to the previous closure of the bridge at Douglas Water.

Reference was also made to a previous report which had been considered on the general condition of bridges in South Lanarkshire and it was proposed that an appropriate officer be requested to provide an update to the Area Committee on:-

- ◆ the progress made against the terms of that report
- ◆ the strategy for ensuring that bridges in the rural area were satisfactorily repaired and maintained to avoid any further urgent and sudden bridge closures that would negatively affect local people

The Committee decided:

that an appropriate officer be invited to a future meeting of this Committee to give an update as detailed above.