

Monday, 17 September 2018

Dear Councillor

Clydesdale Area Committee

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

Date: Tuesday, 25 September 2018

Time: 14:00

Venue: Jerviswood Room, Memorial Hall, Lanark,

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

Members are reminded to bring their fully charged tablets to the meeting

Yours sincerely

Lindsay Freeland Chief Executive

Members

Richard Lockhart (Chair), Mark Horsham (Depute Chair), Alex Allison, Poppy Corbett, George Greenshields, Lynsey Hamilton, Eric Holford, Eileen Logan, Julia Marrs, Ian McAllan, Catherine McClymont, Colin McGavigan, David Shearer

BUSINESS

1 Declaration of Interests

2 Minutes of Previous Meeting

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Minutes of the meeting of the Clydesdale Area Committee held on 26 June 2018 submitted for approval as a correct record. (Copy attached)

Item(s) for Noting

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4 Education Scotland Report - Braidwood Primary School

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Report dated 14 August 2018 by the Executive Director (Education Resources). (Copy attached)

5 Support for Business in South Lanarkshire

Presentation by S Keating, Economic Development Manager, Community and Enterprise Resources

Item(s) for Decision

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

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Report dated 7 September 2018 by the Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources). (Copy attached)

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Report dated 11 September 2018 by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources). (Copy attached)

Urgent Business

8 Urgent Business

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

For further information, please contact:-

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CLYDESDALE AREA COMMITTEE

Minutes of meeting held in Jerviswood Room, Lanark Memorial Hall, 21 St Leonard Street, Lanark on 26 June 2018

Chair:

Councillor Richard Lockhart

Councillors Present:

Alex Allison, George Greenshields, Lynsey Hamilton, Eric Holford, Mark Horsham (Depute), Eileen Logan, Catherine McClymont, Colin McGavigan, Julia Marrs, David Shearer

Councillors' Apologies:

Poppy Corbett, Ian McAllan

Attending:

Community and Enterprise Resources

S Boertien, Planning Officer, Planning and Building Standards Services (Hamilton and Clydesdale); L Campbell, Area Manager, Planning and Building Standards Services (Hamilton and Clydesdale)

Education Resources

F Waugh, Youth Learning Manager

Finance and Corporate Resources

G Bow, Administration Manager

Also Attending

Scottish Youth Parliament

R Harding, Member of the Scottish Youth Parliament

South Lanarkshire Leisure and Culture Limited (SLLC)

K McInally, Active Schools Manager; C McKendrick, Sports Council Co-ordinator; L Wilson, Active Schools Co-ordinator

Declaration of Interests

The following interest was declared:-

Councillor(s) Item(s) Hamilton

Community Grant Application CL/30/18

Law OAP Welfare Association

Nature of Interest(s)

Known to group

Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting of the Clydesdale Area Committee held on 1 May 2018 were submitted for approval as a correct record.

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

Application CL/18/0308 - Erection of a 2 Storey House (Amendment to CL/16/0413) at Sabinhay, Lindsaylands Road, Biggar

A report dated 1 June 2018 by the Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources) was submitted on planning application CL/18/0308 by Mr and Mrs McGarry for the erection of a 2 storey house (amendment to CL/16/0413) at Sabinhay, Lindsaylands Road, Biggar.

The Committee decided:

that planning application CL/18/0308 by Mr and Mrs McGarry for the erection of a 2 storey house (amendment to CL/16/0413) at Sabinhay, Lindsaylands Road, Biggar be granted subject to the conditions specified in the Executive Director's report.

4 Year of Young People

F Waugh, Youth Learning Manager and R Harding, Member of the Scottish Youth Parliament, gave a presentation on the Year of Young People, highlighting the opportunities that had been promoted to encourage participation in culture, sport and other activities. Some of the topics included:-

♦ objectives

themes

launch events

- participation in the Clydesdale Area Committee area
- feedback from events
- future events timetable both Council-wide and in Clydesdale Area Committee area

F Waugh and R Harding, having responded to members' questions, were thanked for their informative presentation.

The Committee decided: that the presentation be noted.

5 Active Schools in South Lanarkshire

K McInally, Active Schools Manager, South Lanarkshire Leisure and Culture Limited (SLLC), C McKendrick, Sports Council Co-ordinator and L Wilson, Active School Co-ordinator gave a joint presentation on the Active Schools Programme which provided details of the:-

- ♦ background of the Programme
- investment provided by Sportscotland
- Programme's priorities
- range of activity sessions delivered
- facilitators of the activities
- events held within the Clydesdale Area Committee area

K McInally, C McKendrick, and L Wilson, having responded to members' questions, were thanked for their informative presentation.

The Committee decided: that the presentation be noted.

6 Community Grant Applications

A report dated 12 June 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: Lesmahagow and District Young Farmers' Club (CL/8/18)

Purpose of Grant: Equipment, administration and publicity costs

Amount Awarded: £500

(b) Applicant: 1st Tinto and Medwyn Guides, Carnwath (CL/15/18)

Purpose of Grant: Outing, equipment and materials

Amount Awarded: £350

(c) Applicant: Braehead Women's Rural Institute, Forth (CL/16/18)

Purpose of Grant: Outing and entrance fees

Amount Awarded: £250

(d) Applicant: Carstairs Senior Citizens' Association (CL/17/18)

Purpose of Grant: Outing Amount Awarded: £200

(e) Applicant: Blackwood Horticultural Society (CL/18/18)

Purpose of Grant: Administration and publicity costs

Amount Awarded: £300

(f) Applicant: Law Parish Church Guild (CL/19/18)

Purpose of Grant: Outing and entrance fees

Amount Awarded: £250

(g) Applicant: Ravenstruther and District Old Time and Sequence Dance Club

(CL/20/18)

Purpose of Grant: Outing and entrance fees

Amount Awarded: £250

(h) Applicant: St Paul's Church Guild, Forth (CL/21/18)

Purpose of Grant: Outing Amount Awarded: £200

(i) Applicant: Douglas Water Angling Club (CL/22/18)

Purpose of Grant: Outing Amount Awarded: £150

(j) Applicant: Elsrickle Women's Rural Institute, Carnwath (CL/23/18)

Purpose of Grant: Outing and entrance fees

Amount Awarded: £250

(k) Applicant: Waterside Women's Rural Institute, Lesmahagow (CL/24/18)

Purpose of Grant: Outing Amount Awarded: £200

(I) Applicant: Biggar Science Festival (CL/25/18)
Purpose of Grant: Administration and publicity costs

Amount Awarded: £300

(m) Applicant: Douglas Horticultural Society (CL/26/18)

Purpose of Grant: Administration and publicity costs

Amount Awarded: £200

(n) Applicant: Lesmahagow Community Football Club (CL/27/18)

Purpose of Grant: Equipment

Amount Awarded: £495

(o) Applicant: Forth Sheltered Hall Committee (CL/28/18)

Purpose of Grant: Outing Amount Awarded: £200

(p) Applicant: Equitots Lanarkshire Community Interest Company, Carluke

(CL/29/18)

Purpose of Grant: Equipment

Amount Awarded: £500

(q) Applicant: Law OAP Welfare Association (CL/30/18)

Purpose of Grant: Outing Amount Awarded: £200

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

(r) Applicant: Black Mount Community Council (CL/31/18)

Purpose of Grant: Administration and publicity costs

Amount Awarded: £250

7 Urgent Business

There were no items of urgent business.



Report

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Report to: Clydesdale Area Committee

Date of Meeting: 25 September 2018

Report by: Executive Director (Education Resources)

Subject: Education Scotland Report – Biggar High School

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-
 - ◆ advise of the outcome of the inspection of Biggar High School by Education Scotland inspectors

2. Recommendation(s)

- 2.1. The Committee is asked to approve the following recommendation(s):-
 - (1) that the Education Scotland Report on Biggar High School be noted.

3. Background

- 3.1. Biggar High School was inspected in March 2018 as part of a national sample of secondary education.
- 3.2. As part of the revised approach to inspection, the Education Scotland inspectors evaluated the leadership of change; learning, teaching and assessment; raising attainment and achievement and ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion.
- 3.3. The inspection team analysed questionnaires issued to a sample of parents, pupils and to all staff. Inspectors observed class lessons and interviewed groups of pupils, including the pupil council, and staff. Members of the inspection team also met parents and members of the local community.
- 3.4. The report by Education Scotland was published on 22 May 2018.

4. Findings of Education Scotland Inspectors

- 4.1. Education Scotland made comment under the following headings:-
 - quality of leadership and management
 - learning provision
 - children's successes and achievements
- 4.2. Education Scotland found that Biggar High School provides children and young people with a good educational experience. Overall, the majority of children at S3 have achieved SCQF level 3 in both literacy and numeracy with most or almost all having achieved SCQF level 4 or above on leaving school.

- 4.3. The particular strengths of the school were identified as follows:-
 - ◆ the effective leadership of the headteacher and depute head teachers in promoting a culture of professional learning. Staff are using their learning to initiate change and take forward developments and as a result, young people's experiences are improving in a range of areas
 - the caring ethos and positive relationships across the school which result in young people being motivated and engaged and who feel well supported to learn and achieve
 - ♦ the increasing range of learning pathways from S4 to S6 which are meeting the different needs and aspirations of young people well. Almost all go on to a positive destination such as college, higher education or employment on leaving school
 - the wide range of opportunities provided by staff and partners for young people to achieve. Young people can develop skills, pursue personal interests and showcase their talents in a range of ways. The school pays particular attention to the rural context of its catchment area and offers activities such as lunchtime clubs that all can access
- 4.5. Education Scotland identified the following areas for continued improvement:-
 - ◆ continue to improve learning and teaching across the school to meet the needs of all learners and raise attainment through developing a shared understanding across all staff of what high-quality learning and teaching looks like in Biggar High School
 - ♦ teview the curriculum for S1 to S3 to ensure that all young people receive their entitlement to a broad general education. The arrangements for specialisation as young people move from S2 to S3 should ensure that young people have a continuing experience in each of the curriculum areas
 - review recording systems and processes related to young people's wellbeing. These
 include the recording of concerns or incidents. Ensure that systems and procedures
 are clear to all, and are applied consistently and robustly. This will help to ensure
 wellbeing outcomes for all young people are improving
- 4.6. These areas for improvement have been incorporated into the school's improvement plan. Progress on the identified areas for improvement will be shared with parents.
- 4.7. Education Scotland have intimated that they are confident that the school will be able to take forward the areas for improvement and will make no more visits in connection with this report. The local authority will inform parents about the school's progress as part of the authority's arrangements for reporting to parents on the quality of its schools.
- 4.8 Additional inspection evidence can be accessed by clicking the following web link below:-

https://education.gov.scot/assets/inspectionreports/biggarhsaie220518.pdf

- 5. Employee Implications
- 5.1. None.
- 6. Financial Implications
- 6.1. None.

7. Other Implications

- 7.1. There are no direct risks associated with this report which is provided for information only.
- 7.2. There are no significant sustainability issues in connection with the recommendations contained within this report.

8. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements

- 8.1. There is no requirement to carry out an assessment in terms of the proposals contained within this report.
- 8.2. The content of Education Scotland reports are shared with parents and discussed at Parent Council meetings.

Tony McDaid Executive Director (Education Resources)

14 August 2018

Link(s) to Council Values/Ambitions/Objectives

- ♦ Raise educational achievement and attainment
- ◆ Increase involvement in lifelong learning
- Protect vulnerable children, young people and adults
- Improve and maintain health and increase physical activity

Previous References

♦ None

List of Background Papers

♦ Education Scotland Report of 22 May 2018

Contact for Further Information

If you would like to inspect the background papers or want further information, please contact:-Carole McKenzie, Head of Education (Clydesdale)

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22 May 2018

Dear Parent/Carer

In March 2018, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Biggar High School. During our visit, we talked to parents/carers and young people and worked closely with the headteacher and staff.

The inspection team found the following strengths in the school's work.

- The effective leadership of the headteacher and depute headteachers in promoting a culture of professional learning. Staff are using their learning to initiate change and take forward developments. As a result, young people's experiences are improving in a range of areas.
- The caring ethos and positive relationships across the school. These are resulting in young people who are motivated and engaged and feel well supported to learn and achieve.
- The increasing range of learning pathways from S4 to S6 which are meeting the different needs and aspirations of young people well. Almost all go on to a positive destination such as college, higher education or employment on leaving school.
- The wide range of opportunities provided by staff and partners for young people to achieve. Young people can develop skills, pursue personal interests and showcase their talents in a range of ways. The school pays particular attention to the rural context of its catchment area and offers activities such as lunchtime clubs that all can access.

The following areas for improvement were identified and discussed with the headteacher and two representatives from South Lanarkshire Council.

- Continue to improve learning and teaching across the school to meet the needs of all learners and raise attainment. Develop a shared understanding across all staff of what high-quality learning and teaching looks like in Biggar High School. Ensure that the agreed features of high-quality learning and teaching are applied consistently across all subjects.
- Review the curriculum for S1 to S3 to ensure that all young people receive their entitlement to a broad general education. The arrangements for specialisation as young people move from S2 to S3 should ensure that young people have a continuing experience in each of the curriculum areas.
- Review recording systems and processes related to young people's wellbeing. These
 include the recording of concerns or incidents. Ensure that systems and procedures are
 clear to all, and are applied consistently and robustly. This will help to ensure wellbeing
 outcomes for all young people are improving.



We gathered evidence to enable us to evaluate the school's work using four quality indicators from How good is our school? (4th edition). Quality indicators help schools, local authorities and inspectors to judge what is working well and what needs to be improved. Following the inspection of each school, the Scottish Government gathers details of our evaluations to keep track of how well Scottish schools are doing.

Here are Education Scotland's evaluations for Biggar High School

Quality indicators	Evaluation	
Leadership of change	good	
Learning, teaching and assessment	good	
Raising attainment and achievement	good	
Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion	good	
Descriptions of the evaluations are available from How good is our school? (4 th edition), Appendix 3: The six-point scale.		

A more detailed document called Summarised Inspection Findings will be available on the Education Scotland website at https://education.gov.scot/inspection-reports/south-lanarkshire/8549834.

What happens next?

We are confident that the school has the capacity to continue to improve and so we will make no more visits in connection with this inspection. South Lanarkshire Council will inform parents/carers about the school's progress as part of its arrangements for reporting on the quality of its schools.

Marie McAdam HM Inspector



Report

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Report to: Clydesdale Area Committee

Date of Meeting: 25 September 2018

Report by: Executive Director (Education Resources)

Subject: Education Scotland Report - Braidwood Primary

School

1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

 advise of the outcome of the inspection of Braidwood Primary School by Education Scotland inspectors

2. Recommendation(s)

- 2.1. The Committee is asked to approve the following recommendation(s):-
 - (1) that the Education Scotland Report on Braidwood Primary School be noted.

3. Background

3.1. Education Scotland undertook an inspection of the quality of educational provision within Braidwood Primary School in February 2018. The report was published on 1 May 2018.

4. Findings of Education Scotland Inspectors

- 4.1. Education Scotland made comment under the following headings:-
 - quality of leadership and management
 - learning provision
 - children's successes and achievements
- 4.2. The particular strengths of the school were identified as follows:-
 - the strong leadership and clear direction provided by the new headteacher in developing a vision and school community, where all staff and children are nurtured and valued
 - the 'learning family' ethos across the school which is supported by a staff team who work well together and have a shared aspiration for the school community
 - ♦ the articulate, capable, confident children who are motivated and engaged in their learning
 - the emerging good practice in enhancing and enriching learning through the use of digital technologies across the curriculum

- 4.3. The positive relationships between staff and children ensured that pupils felt valued, cared for and involved in the life of their school. In pre-inspection questionnaires, all children said they feel safe in school.
- 4.4. Children were noted to be very well behaved and respectful of each other and the adults they worked alongside.
- 4.5. Overall, children are making good progress across the school in reading, writing, talking and listening and numeracy. The focus on strategies to raise attainment particularly in reading and writing are having a positive impact on outcomes for learners and has developed consistency in learning and teaching. Moderation activities ensure that teachers also have a clear understanding of standards and are confident in Curriculum for Excellence judgements.
- 4.6. Education Scotland commented positively on the targeted and effective use of Pupil Equity Funding to support children facing barriers to learning as a result of their social-economic background.
- 4.7. Education Scotland identified the following areas for continued improvement:-
 - continue to develop learning and teaching approaches to ensure that all children are appropriately challenged and have opportunities to take increasing leadership for their own learning
 - ♦ continue to develop children's understanding of themselves as learners, supported by effective target setting which informs their own next steps in learning
 - ♦ as planned, develop the use of outdoor learning to extend the range of meaningful and relevant contexts for learning while maximising the opportunities for developing skills for learning, life and work
- 4.8. These areas for improvement have been incorporated into the school's improvement plan. Progress on the identified areas for improvement will be shared with parents and carers.
- 4.9. Education Scotland have intimated that they are confident the school will be able to take forward the areas for improvement and will make no more visits in connection with the report. The local authority will inform parents about the school's progress as part of the authority's arrangements for reporting to parents on the quality of its schools.
- 4.10. Further information on the Inspection is available on Education Scotland Website by clicking on the following web link:-

https://education.gov.scot/inspection-reports/south-lanarkshire/8545820

- 5. Employee Implications
 None.
- **6.** Financial Implications None.

7. Other Implications

- 7.1. There are no direct risks associated with this report which is provided for information only.
- 7.2. There are no significant sustainability issues in connection with the recommendations within this report.

8. Consultation

- 8.1. There is no requirement to carry out an impact assessment in terms of the proposal contained within this report.
- 8.2. The content of Education Scotland reports are shared with parents and discussed at Parent Council Meetings.

Tony McDaid Executive Director (Education Resources)

14 August 2018

Link(s) to Council Values/Ambitions/Objectives

- ♦ Raise educational achievement and attainment
- ♦ Increase involvement in lifelong learning
- Protect vulnerable children, young people and adults
- Improve and maintain health and increase physical activity

Previous References

None

List of Background Papers

Education Scotland Report of 1 May 2018

Contact for Further Information

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1 May 2018

Dear Parent/Carer

In February 2018, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Braidwood Primary School. During our visit, we talked to parents/carers and children and worked closely with the headteacher and staff.

The inspection team found the following strengths in the school's work.

- The strong leadership and clear direction provided by the new headteacher in developing a vision and school community, where all staff and children are nurtured and valued.
- The 'learning family' ethos across the school which is supported by a staff team who
 work well together and have a shared aspiration for the school community.
- The articulate, capable, confident children who are motivated and engaged in their learning.
- The emerging good practice in enhancing and enriching learning through the use of digital technologies across the curriculum.

The following areas for improvement were identified and discussed with the headteacher and a representative from South Lanarkshire Council.

- Continue to develop learning and teaching approaches, including through play, to ensure that all children are appropriately challenged and have opportunities to take increasing leadership for their own learning.
- Continue to develop children's understanding of themselves as a learner, supported by effective target setting which informs their own next steps in learning.
- As planned, develop the use of outdoor learning to extend the range of meaningful and relevant contexts for learning while maximising the opportunities for developing skills for learning, life and work.



We gathered evidence to enable us to evaluate some quality indicators from <u>How good is our school?</u> (4th edition). Quality indicators help schools, education authorities and inspectors to judge what is working well and what needs to be improved. Following the inspection of each school, the Scottish Government gathers evaluations of quality indicators to keep track of how well Scottish schools are doing.

Here are Education Scotland's evaluations for Braidwood Primary School

Quality indicators	Evaluation	
Leadership of change	good	
Learning, teaching and assessment	good	
Raising attainment and achievement	good	
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Descriptions of the evaluations are available from <u>How good is our school?</u> (4 th edition), <u>Appendix 3: The six-point scale</u> .		

A more detailed document called Summarised Inspection Findings will be available on the Education Scotland website at

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What happens next?

We are confident that the school has the capacity to continue to improve and so we will make no more visits in connection with this inspection. South Lanarkshire Council will inform parents/carers about the school's progress as part of its arrangements for reporting on the quality of its schools.

Pamela Adamson HM Inspector



Report

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Report to: Clydesdale Area Committee

Date of Meeting: 25 September 2018

Report by: Executive Director (Community and Enterprise

Resources)

Application no: P/18/0232

Planning proposal: 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

1 Summary application information

Application type: Detailed planning application

Applicant: Mr and Mrs James Forrest

Location: Plot Adjacent To 1 and 3 Newhouse Court

Carstairs Lanark ML11 8QS

2 Recommendation(s)

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

(1) Grant detailed planning permission (Subject to conditions) – Based on the conditions attached

2.2 Other actions/notes

(1) The Clydesdale Area Committee has delegated powers to determine this application.

3 Other information

Applicant's Agent: Alex Cullen And Co
 Council Area/Ward: 03 Clydesdale East

Policy Reference(s): South Lanarkshire Local Development Plan (adopted 2015)

Policy 3 – Green Belt and Rural Area

Policy 4 - Development Management and Place

Making

Supplementary Guidance

Development Management, Place Making and Design

Green Belt and Rural Area

Proposed South Lanarkshire Development Plan2

Policy 4 - Green Belt and Rural Area

Policy 5 - Development Management and

Placemaking

Representation(s):

	6	Objection Letters
•	0	Support Letters
	0	Comment Letters

♦ Consultation(s):

Roads Development Management Team

Environmental Services

Health and Safety Executive

Planning Application Report

1 Application Site

- 1.1 The irregular shaped application site extends to approximately 0.26 ha in area and is located at the western edge of Carstairs village, on fairly level, former agricultural land. The applicant presently accesses the site for agricultural purposes from the existing field access gate located to the east, directly from Newhouse Court.
- 1.2 The site is bounded to the north by an area of woodland, with the grounds of the former Mouse Valley golf course beyond. It is bounded by open agricultural land within the applicant's ownership to the south and west, and by existing, single storey residential properties located within Carstairs village to the east.

2 Proposal(s)

2.1 The applicant seeks detailed planning permission for the erection of a 2 bedroom, single storey detached dwelling on the site, a detached domestic garage and for the erection of a 90 sq metre agricultural polytunnel structure for livestock husbandry (sheep). The modest sized, single storey dwelling is proposed to be finished in a grey, slate substitute roof tile with external wet dash render walls and a smooth cement render base course. The house and garage are proposed to be set within a generous, well spaced curtilage and would all be served by a single private vehicular access road that takes a single point of access onto the end of Newhouse Court. The agricultural polytunnel is proposed to be sited on land to the west of the proposed dwelling, to enable the applicant's livestock to access the adjoining agricultural land. The proximity of the polytunnel to the applicant's proposed dwelling will also enable the applicant to oversee the animal's welfare and security.

3 Background

3.1 Local Plan Status

- 3.1.1 The adopted South Lanarkshire Local Development Plan identifies the site as falling within the Rural Area where Policy 3 Green Belt and Rural Area applies. In addition, Policy 4 Development Management and Place Making is relevant. Finally, Supplementary Guidance on Development Management, Place Making and Design and Green Belt and Rural Area apply, while the Council's Residential Design Guide should also be taken into consideration.
- 3.1.2 On 29 May 2018 the Planning Committee approved the proposed South Lanarkshire Local Development Plan 2 (Volumes 1 and 2) and Supporting Planning Guidance on Renewable Energy. Therefore the Proposed SLLDP2 is now a material consideration in determining planning applications. The proposed development requires to be considered against the relevant policies in the proposed plan, namely Policy 4 Green Belt and Rural Area and Policy 5 Development Management and Placemaking.

3.2 Relevant Government Advice/Policy

3.2.1 The Scottish Planning Policy document contains a section on promoting rural development. This document states that the planning system should in all rural and island areas promote a pattern of development that is appropriate to the character of the particular area and the challenges it faces, and encourage rural development that supports prosperous and sustainable communities and businesses whilst protecting and enhancing environmental quality. It also states that development plans should set out a spatial strategy which makes provision for housing in rural areas in accordance with the spatial strategy, taking account of the different development needs of local communities and that most new development should be guided to locations within or adjacent to settlements.

3.3 **Planning History**

3.3.1 There are no records of any previous planning applications on the site.

4 Consultation(s)

4.1 Roads & Transportation Services – no objection, subject to conditions covering the standard of the proposed vehicular access, parking provision and site/access drainage.

<u>Response</u>: Noted. If planning permission is granted, appropriate conditions can be attached to any consent to address these issues.

4.2 <u>Environmental Services</u> – no objection, subject to the addition of a number of informatives covering construction noise, formal action against potential nuisance and potential contamination.

Response: Noted. If planning permission is granted, appropriate informatives can be attached to any consent to address these issues.

4.3 <u>Health and Safety Executive (Pipelines)</u> – does not advise, on safety grounds, against the granting of planning permission.

Response: Noted.

5 Representation(s)

- 5.1 Statutory neighbour notification was undertaken and the proposal received 6 letters of objection. The issues raised are summarised below:
 - a) The ground conditions in the local area comprise of sand and gravel, resulting in ongoing settlement of the houses that have been built in Newhouse Court. More settlement issues may result from the construction of the buildings now proposed on the application site.

Response: These concerns are noted, however any new buildings on the application site would require to incorporate adequate foundations to address the ground conditions found on site. Similarly, the objector's dwelling should have incorporated adequate foundations when constructed. Issues related to historic settlement are however a private legal matter for the affected party.

b) The road in Newhouse Court is in a poor condition. Increased traffic associated with the use of the site will lead to further deterioration of the existing road.

Response: Noted, however Roads and Transportation Services have stated they have no objections to the access arrangements proposed.

- c) The objector's property floods every winter as a result of run-off from the former golf course which starts behind the proposed development.
 - **Response:** These concerns are also noted, however the applicant controls the land to the rear of the site and is therefore able to incorporate any necessary drainage measures to mitigate this potential issue.
- d) The planning constraints for the dwellings in Newhouse Court only allow for a single storey dwelling and a single garage to be constructed. Under no circumstances would anyone be permitted to construct a 15 metre long polytunnel in their garden, or run a business from their property.

Response: Noted, however the objector hasn't clarified which constraints he is referring to and in any case the new dwelling proposed is not subject to the conditions attached to the previous, historic applications for dwellings located within Newhouse Court. Furthermore, each planning application, whether residential or business/commercial, is considered on its individual merits.

e) The proposed access to the site was only to be used for attending livestock, and not for vehicles to access houses. Further, the access land off Newhouse Court is not owned by the applicant, and is seldom used due to the existence of an alternative access.

Response: These concerns are noted, however the objector hasn't clarified where this statement restricting the use of the access originates from. Notwithstanding this, any access disputes over the existing field access are a private legal matter for the affected parties. The applicant has served the requisite notification on the owners of the land at the site access and is satisfied that he has a legal right of access over the land for the purposes of implementing any planning consent.

f) There are no services or infrastructure in the field for the new dwelling proposed. How will the necessary infrastructure be provided without causing major upheaval for existing residents?

Response: Noted, however any disturbance to existing residents due to the installation of infrastructure and services is likely to only be for a short period of time and is not considered to be of a sufficient extent to warrant refusal of the current application.

g) The site is outwith the settlement boundary of Carstairs village and may result in a form of ribbon development located in the designated Green Belt.

Response: The site is located outwith the defined settlement boundary for the village of Carstairs, however it is within the designated Rural Area, not within the Green Belt. The relevant policies of the adopted South Lanarkshire Local Development Plan and its associated supplementary guidance permit small scale settlement extensions, as detailed in Section 6 below. As the proposals seek consent for a single dwelling accessed off an existing field access they are not considered to represent a form of ribbon development.

h) Granting planning consent for the dwelling currently proposed could lead to more dwellings being granted on the land, having an adverse impact on road safety and on the outlook/view from the existing properties.

Response: Noted, however each application is assessed on its individual merits and any subsequent applications for the applicant's land would require to be the subject of a separate, detailed assessment. With regard to the loss of view/outlook, this is not a material planning consideration.

i) The polytunnel proposed will be an eyesore and will create noise disturbance and farming odours. The proposals would also result in overlooking and privacy issues.

Response: These concerns are noted, however the plans submitted indicate that the proposed polytunnel will be shielded visually from the majority of existing dwellings by the applicant's proposed house and by its proposed location on the edge of the adjoining agricultural field. Further, following a detailed assessment, the proposed polytunnel is considered to be of a suitable scale and design and is located a sufficient distance from the nearest residential properties to ensure that issues of noise, odour and overlooking/privacy are unlikely to have any notable adverse impact on residential amenity.

j) The planting of any trees by the applicant will impact severely on the light afforded to the objectors property.

Response: Whilst there are a number of trees proposed to be planted along the boundary between the applicant's property and the objector's, it should be

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noted that planning consent is not in fact required for the planting of trees. The applicant is proposing to plant a number of trees along the boundary to provide additional screening to the nearest affected dwellings, and will be required to submit further details of the type of landscaping proposed. The intention would be not to plant any high growing species.

k) There is a main gas pipeline running through the field that contains the application site. If the pipeline is disturbed it could have serious consequences for all residents.

Response: These concerns are also noted, however the necessary consultation with the HSE (Health and Safety Executive) for the pipeline has been carried out. HSE have confirmed that they have no objection to the proposed development.

I) The site is located in an area where the habitats of protected species, including newts, could be impacted by the development.

Response: Noted, however the proposed site is within an existing, grassed agricultural field, occupied by grazing livestock, where the habitat of any protected species is unlikely to be disturbed by the development currently proposed. Further, there are no noted watercourses or ponds within the site that are likely to attract newts.

The existing infrastructure, water, electricity etc would be unable to cope m) with the development proposed.

Response: The site is located in an area where connections to the existing services are unlikely to be an issue. Concerns over infrastructure capacity are noted, however the applicant only seeks consent for a modest sized, 2 bedroom dwelling on the site. The existing infrastructure in this part of the village is therefore unlikely to be adversely affected by approval of a single new dwelling on the site.

n) Who is responsible for keeping the road clean from field debris and mud, particularly during winter months?

Response: Roads and Transportation Services have confirmed that the applicant would be responsible for ensuring that significant amounts of mud and debris are kept off the public road.

O) The applicant has not provided a design and access statement or a planning statement with the application. There is no way of knowing if the proposals accord with the policies of the adopted local development plan or if they represent ribbon development.

Response: The assessment of the application is detailed in section 6 below.

- The proposed garage is sited close to the rear of the objector's dwelling p) where it will cause a loss of light and overshadowing. Further, there is no clarification of what the yard area identified on the plan will be used for. **Response:** Noted, however following discussions with the applicant the garage has been repositioned to the rear boundary of the site and the yard area relocated to be closer to the proposed polytunnel. The changes to the layout of the site will reduce any potential impacts on residential amenity.
- q) The applicant has failed to provide any appropriate business or economic justification for the application. The proposals should be resisted if no viable justification is provided.

Response: It is noted that no business justification has been provided for the application, however the site adjoins the existing settlement boundary and

requires to be assessed against the relevant planning policies in the local development plan. These include a policy that permits small scale settlement extensions, as detailed below.

r) The proposed dwelling is out of keeping with the existing dwellings in Newhouse Court in terms of siting, scale, design and use of poor external materials. Further, there is no clarification of how the proposals address energy or sustainability issues.

Response: The application is subject to a detailed assessment below, however in response to the comments on energy and sustainability the proposals will require to comply with the latest Building Standards regulations.

5.2 These letters has been copied and are available for inspection in the usual manner and on the planning portal.

6 **Assessment and Conclusions**

- 6.1 The applicant seeks detailed planning consent for the erection of a single storey detached dwellinghouse, an associated domestic double garage, an agricultural polytunnel for housing livestock and for the formation of an associated vehicular access on land on the western settlement edge of Carstairs village. The determining issues in the consideration of this application are its compliance with the adopted South Lanarkshire Local Plan, associated Supplementary Guidance, the policies of the replacement proposed South Lanarkshire Local Plan 2 and its impact on rural amenity and road safety.
- 6.2 In terms of the adopted South Lanarkshire Local Development Plan, the application site is located within the Rural Area where Policy 3 - Green Belt and Rural Area applies. This advises that development which does not require to be located in the countryside will be expected to be accommodated within the settlements, other than in a number of circumstances. These include instances where there is a specific locational requirement or established need for a proposal; the proposal involves the redevelopment of derelict or redundant land or buildings where environmental improvement can be shown; the proposal involves the conversion of traditional buildings; or the proposals is for limited development within identifiable infill or gap sites and existing building groups. It also states that in the Rural Area limited expansion of an existing settlement may be appropriate where the proposal is proportionate to the scale and built form of the settlement, it is supportive of the sustainability of the settlement and a defensible settlement boundary is formed or maintained.
- 6.3 Supplementary Guidance on development in the Green Belt and Rural Area provides more detailed guidance on appropriate forms of development. In this case Policy GBRA4 – Small scale settlement extensions is relevant and states that proposals for new houses on sites adjoining existing settlements will be required to meet a number of criteria. This includes that the development shall maintain a defensible settlement boundary; the proposals respect the specific local character and the existing pattern of development within the settlement, and be of an appropriate small scale that is proportionate to the size of the existing settlement; have no adverse impact on the amenity of any existing dwellinghouses; incorporate substantial boundary landscaping to minimise any impacts on rural amenity and ensure appropriate landscape fit; be readily served by all necessary infrastructure; have no adverse impact in terms of road safety; and have no adverse impact on biodiversity, or cultural and historic features.
- 6.4 The settlement boundary as defined in the South Lanarkshire Local Development Plan is currently drawn tightly to respect the existing extent of built development at 25

Carstairs. The historic development pattern of the settlement has taken place in a planned form, primarily along the public roads entering the village to the south, east and west. The proposed development in this instance would continue the incremental extension of the settlement to the west. Whilst the application site is not within the village envelope it is appropriate in assessing the current proposals to consider whether a small scale incursion beyond the existing settlement boundary is acceptable.

- 6.5 In assessing the proposals it is noted that the application site is currently part of an agricultural field on the edge of the settlement, albeit within the ownership of the applicant and operated as part of an established agricultural smallholding. In assessing the proposals, it is considered that adequate compensatory agricultural land exists on the unit to replace the small area of land proposed to be developed. The western and southern boundaries of the site presently adjoin open fields, however the applicant is proposing to plant a new area of boundary landscaping along these edges of the site. The presence of the new planting proposed should result in a clearly defined and defensible settlement boundary, whilst enhancing landscape quality and character in this part of the village. Further, the proposals are considered to be of an appropriate scale and design that will have no adverse impact on the local character or existing settlement pattern. In addition, it is considered that the proposals will have no adverse impact on residential amenity in terms of overlooking, privacy or overshadowing, and will have no notable impact on rural amenity in terms of the house type, the small scale of the agricultural polytunnel and the boundary landscaping proposed. The site can be adequately served by all necessary infrastructure, will have no adverse impact in terms of road safety and have no significant impact upon landscape features, valuable habitats or protected species. Overall therefore, it is considered that the proposals for both the dwelling and the agricultural polytunnel accord with both Policy 3 – Green Belt and Rural Area of the South Lanarkshire Local Development Plan and Policy GBRA 4 - Small scale settlement extensions of the associated Green Belt and Rural Area Supplementary Guidance.
- 6.6 Policy 4 - Development Management and Place Making along with supplementary guidance on Development Management, Place Making & Design requires the Council to seek well designed proposals which integrate successfully with their surroundings, take account of the local context and built form and to be compatible with adjacent buildings and surrounding streetscape in terms of scale, massing, design, external materials and impact on amenity. In addition development should be well related to existing development, public transport, local services and facilities. As stated above the proposed dwelling is considered to be of an appropriate scale and design, able to integrate with the established streetscape character of Carstairs, which currently comprises of a variety of house styles and sizes. In addition, the proposed development is considered to comply with the requirements of the Council's Residential Design Guide in terms of plot ratio, garden sizes, window to window distances and parking provision. Furthermore, there would not be an adverse impact on the amenity of existing local residents in terms of overlooking or overshadowing given the distance between existing properties and the site. The Council's Roads and Transportation Services have not raised any road safety concerns and the proposals can be served by an appropriate vehicular access. With regard to the agricultural polytunnel, this is of a design and scale that is considered to represent an appropriate form of rural development, typical of the type of agricultural structure found in the countryside. Given it's siting and modest scale, it is not considered that this use will have any adverse impact on the amenity of nearby residents. In view of the above, the proposals are considered to be in compliance with Policy 4 - Development Management and Place Making of the adopted South Lanarkshire Local Development

Plan and with the associated Development Management, Place Making and Design Supplementary Guidance.

- 6.7 On 29 May 2018 the Planning Committee approved the proposed South Lanarkshire Local Development Plan 2 (Volumes 1 and 2) and Supporting Planning Guidance on Renewable Energy. Therefore the Proposed SLLDP2 is now a material consideration in determining planning applications. The proposed development has been considered against the relevant policies in the proposed plan and it is noted that these policies are broadly consistent with the current adopted South Lanarkshire Local Development Plan 1. It is considered that the proposals accords with Policies 4 and 5 in the proposed plan.
- 6.8 Six letters of objection have been received which raise concerns about non compliance with local plan policy as the site is located outwith the settlement, the scale and design of the proposals, road safety issues, precedent, the proximity of a major gas pipeline, ownership of the land, infrastructure constraints and the lack of appropriate justification. These comments have been taken into account however I am satisfied that the proposals do accord with local plan policy and that the concerns raised do not warrant refusal of the application.
- 6.9 Following a full assessment of the proposal it has been concluded that the proposals accord with the adopted South Lanarkshire Local Development Plan, it's associated Supplementary Guidance and the policies of the replacement South Lanarkshire Local Plan 2. It is considered that the proposals represent an appropriate form of development for the site and therefore the recommendation is to grant consent.

7 Reasons for Decision

7.1 The proposals will have no adverse impact on the amenity of the area and comply with Policies 3 and 4 of the adopted South Lanarkshire Local Development Plan (2015), and with the guidance contained in the SG on Development Management, Place Making & Design and in the SG on Development in the Green Belt and the Rural Area. In addition, the proposals are also consistent with the relevant policies of the proposed South Lanarkshire Local Development Plan 2.

Michael McGlynn Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources)

7 September 2018

Previous references

♦ None

List of background papers

- Application form
- Application plans
- South Lanarkshire Local Development Plan 2015 (adopted)
- Proposed South Lanarkshire Development Plan 2
- ► Supplementary Guidance 2: Green Belt and Rural Area
- ► Supplementary Guidance 3: Development Management, Placemaking and Design
- Neighbour notification letter dated 13 March 2018
- Consultations

Roads Development Management Team	29.03.2018
Environmental Services	06.04.2018
Health and Safety Executive	06.09.2018

Representations

Dated:

Mr Ronnie Wilson, 1	Newhouse	Court,	Carstairs,	Lanark,	02.04.2018
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Janice & Ian Longford, Received Via E-mail 10.04.2018

Mr & Mrs McMahon, 4 Newhouse Court, Carstairs Village, 05.04.2018 Lanark, ML11 8QS

Mr Derek Wilson, 5 Newhouse Court, Carstairs, Lanark, 19.03.2018 South Lanarkshire, ML11 8QS

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Paper apart – Application number: P/18/0232

Conditions and reasons

01. That the type and distribution of external finishes shall be as shown on the approved plan, but prior to the commencement of any work on site, samples of the materials to be used shall be submitted to and approved by the Council as Planning Authority.

Reason: To ensure the development is satisfactory in appearance and to maintain the visual quality of the area.

02. That before development starts, full details of the design and location of all fences and walls, including any retaining walls, to be erected on the site shall be submitted to and approved by the Council as Planning Authority.

Reason: To ensure the development is satisfactory in appearance and to maintain the visual quality of the area.

03. That before the development hereby permitted is occupied or brought into use, all the fences or walls for which the permission of the Council as Planning Authority has been obtained under the terms of Condition2 shall be erected and thereafter maintained to the satisfaction of the Council.

Reason: To ensure the development is satisfactory in appearance and to maintain the visual quality of the area.

- 04. That before any work commences on the site, a scheme of landscaping for the area shaded green on the approved plans shall be submitted to the Council as Planning Authority for written approval and it shall include:
 - (a) details and specification of all trees, shrubs, grass mix, etc., including, where appropriate, the planting of fruit/apple trees;
 - (b) details of any top-soiling or other treatment to the ground:
 - (c) sections and other necessary details of any mounding, earthworks and hard landscaping;
 - (d) proposals for the initial and future maintenance of the landscaped areas;
 - (e) details of the phasing of these works; and no work shall be undertaken on the site until approval has been given to these details.

Reason: To ensure the appropriate provision of landscaping within the site.

05. That the landscaping scheme relating to the development hereby approved shall be carried out simultaneously with the development, or each phase thereof, and shall be completed and thereafter maintained and replaced where necessary to the satisfaction of the Council as Planning Authority.

Reason: In the interests of the visual amenity of the area.

06. That before the development hereby approved is brought into use, a dropped kerb access to the site shall be constructed in accordance with the specification and to the satisfaction of the Council as Roads and Planning Authority.

Reason: In the interests of traffic and public safety.

07. That before the development hereby approved is completed or brought into use, a turning space shall be provided within the site to enable vehicles to enter and leave the application site in forward gears at all times.

Reason: In the interests of traffic and public safety.

08. That before the dwellinghouse hereby permitted is occupied, 2 car parking spaces shall be provided within the curtilage of the plot and outwith the public road or footway and shall thereafter be maintained to the specification of the Council as Planning Authority.

Reason: To ensure the provision of adequate parking facilities within the site.

09. That before the development hereby approved is completed or brought into use, a private vehicular access or driveway shall be provided and the first 2 metres of this access from the heel of the footway/service strip shall be hard surfaced across its full width to prevent deleterious material being carried onto the road.

Reason: To prevent deleterious material being carried onto the road.

10. That before the development is completed or brought into use, the surface of the vehicular access shall be so trapped and finished in hardstanding as to prevent any surface water or deleterious material from running onto or entering the road.

Reason: In the interests of traffic safety and to prevent deleterious material entering the road.





Report

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Report to: Clydesdale Area Committee

Date of Meeting: 25 September 2018

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 community grants to 14 community groups in the Clydesdale area from the 2018/2019 community grant budget

2. Recommendation(s)

- 2.1. The Committee is asked to approve the following recommendation(s):-
 - (1) that community grants be awarded as follows:-

(a) Applicant: Rigside and Douglas Water Tenants' and

Residents' Association, Lanark (CL/32/18)

Amount Requested: £250

Purpose of Grant: Outing and entrance fees

Amount Awarded: £250

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

Amount Requested: £200
Purpose of Grant: Outing
Amount Awarded: £200

(c) Applicant: Friends of Volunteering in Clydesdale, Lanark

(CL/34/18)

Amount Requested: £250
Purpose of Grant: Outing
Amount Awarded: £200

(d) Applicant: Lanark and District Young Farmers' Club, Lanark

(CL/35/18)

Amount Requested: £1,000

Purpose of Grant: Administration, publicity costs, materials and

equipment

Amount Awarded: £500

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

Amount Requested: £250

Purpose of Grant: Start-up costs

Amount Awarded: £250

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

Amount Requested: £734

Purpose of Grant: Equipment

Amount Awarded: £350

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

Amount Requested: £302

Purpose of Grant: Equipment

Amount Awarded: £300

(h) Applicant: Leadhills Youth Silver Band (CL/39/18)

Amount Requested: £260
Purpose of Grant: Equipment

Amount Awarded: £260

(i) Applicant: Lanark Community Development Trust (CL/40/18)

Amount Requested: £700

Purpose of Grant: Equipment

Amount Awarded: £350

(j) Applicant: Crawfordjohn Heritage Venture Trust, Biggar

(CL/41/18)

Amount Requested: £460

Purpose of Grant: Administration and publicity costs

Amount Awarded: £300

(k) Applicant: Crawfordjohn Public Hall Association (CL/42/18)

Amount Requested: £400

Purpose of Grant: Administration, publicity costs and materials

Amount Awarded: £300

(I) Applicant: Abington Bowling Club (CL/43/18)

Amount Requested: £220
Purpose of Grant: Outing
Amount Awarded: £200

(m) Applicant: Scottish Women's Rural Institute (Douglas Branch)

(CL/44/18)

Amount Requested: £250

Purpose of Grant: Outing and entrance fees

Amount Awarded: £250

(n) Applicant: Carghill House Club, Lanark (CL/45/18)

Amount Requested: £608
Purpose of Grant: Equipment
Amount Awarded: £400

3. Background

3.1. The Council operates a community grants scheme to support local constituted community groups and voluntary organisations. Applications are invited continually throughout the year.

3.2. 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.

4. Employee Implications

4.1. None.

5. Financial Implications

5.1. The current position of the community grant allocation for the Clydesdale Area in 2018/2019 is as follows:-

Total allocation for Community Grants	£25,750
Grants previously allocated	£ 9,125
Community Grants recommended in this report	£ 4,110
Remaining balance	£12,515

6. Other Implications

- 6.1. 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.
- 6.2. There are no apparent implications in terms of sustainable development.

7. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements

- 7.1. 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.
- 7.2. All the necessary consultation with the community groups has taken place.

Paul Manning

Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources)

11 September 2018

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

◆ Clydesdale Area Committee, 26 June 2018

List of Background Papers

♦ Individual application forms

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