

## HAMILTON AREA COMMITTEE

Minutes of meeting held in Committee Room 1, Council Offices, Almada Street, Hamilton on 17 December 2008

**Chair:**

Councillor Jean McKeown

**Councillors Present:**

Jackie Burns, Andy Carmichael, Peter Craig, Maureen Devlin, Hugh Dunsmuir (Depute), Allan Falconer, Tommy Gilligan, Jim Handibode, Graeme Horne, Bobby Lawson, Joe Lowe, Brian McCaig, Lesley McDonald, Jim McGuigan, John McNamee, John Murray, Mary Smith

**Councillors' Apologies:**

Barry Douglas, Davie McLachlan, Henry Mitchell, Bert Thomson

**Attending:**

**Corporate Resources**

N Docherty, Administration Assistant; Joyce McDonald, Administration Adviser

**Education Resources**

L Kinsman, Child Protection and Inclusion Officer; A O'Neil, Quality Improvement Officer; R Peck, Headteacher and C Meechan, Former Acting Headteacher, Woodhead Primary School

**Enterprise Resources**

G Rae, Planning Team Leader

**Also Attending:**

**Strathclyde Fire and Rescue**

J Doyle, Area Commander

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### 1 Declaration of Interests

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The following interest was declared:-

<b>Councillor(s)</b>	<b>Item(s)</b>	<b>Nature of Interest(s)</b>
McCaig	Community Grant Application (Ladies' Section) HA/176/08 Quarter Boolin Club, Hamilton	Member of club

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### 2 Minutes of Previous Meeting

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The minutes of the meeting of the Hamilton Area Committee held on 19 November 2008 were submitted for approval as a correct record.

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

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### **3 HMle Report - Woodhead Primary School, Hamilton**

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A report dated 27 October 2008 by the Executive Director (Education Resources) was submitted on the outcome of the inspection of Woodhead Primary School, Hamilton made by Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Education (HMle).

The inspection had taken place in May 2008 as part of a national sample of primary education and the inspection report had been published on 7 October 2008.

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 Child Protection and Inclusion Officer, the Headteacher and the Acting Headteacher at the time of the inspection spoke on key aspects of the report and responded to members' questions.

**The Committee decided:** that the report be noted.

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### **4 Strathclyde Fire and Rescue**

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J Doyle, Strathclyde Fire and Rescue gave a presentation on the South Lanarkshire Area within Strathclyde Fire and Rescue covering:-

- ◆ Strathclyde Fire and Rescue's corporate priorities
- ◆ statistical information on the number of casualties, fatalities and rescues in the period 2003 to 2008
- ◆ a breakdown of operational activity by ward in the period April to October 2008
- ◆ core activities, statutory duties and partnership initiatives including community safety involvement
- ◆ future issues within the Hamilton area

**The Committee decided:** that the presentation be noted.

*[Reference: Minutes of 26 September 2007 (Paragraph 3)]*

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### **5 Planning Application Appeals**

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A report dated 2 December 2008 by the Executive Director (Enterprise Resources) was submitted on:-

- ◆ planning application appeal decisions issued by the Scottish Government's Directorate of Planning and Environmental Appeals (DPEA) during the period 1 April to 30 September 2008
- ◆ appeals lodged with the Scottish Ministers during that period which had still to be determined

**The Committee decided:** that the report be noted.

*[Reference: Minutes of Planning Committee of 18 November 2008 (Paragraph 12)]*

*Councillors Handibode, Horne and McDonald left the meeting during this item of business*

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## 6 Community Grant Applications

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A report dated 8 December 2008 by the Executive Director (Corporate Resources) was submitted on applications for community grant.

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

- (a) Applicant: Uddingston District Churches' Men's Fellowship (HA/161/08)  
Purpose of Grant: Outing and entrance fees  
Amount Awarded: £200
- (b) Applicant: Blantyre Miners' Welfare Indoor Bowling (Junior Section) (HA/162/08)  
Purpose of Grant: Transport costs and equipment  
Amount Awarded: £200
- (c) Applicant: Hamilton North Church Guild (HA/168/08)  
Purpose of Grant: Outing and entrance fees  
Amount Awarded: £200
- (d) Applicant: 2<sup>nd</sup> Larkhall Girls' Brigade (HA/171/08)  
Purpose of Grant: Outing, entrance fees and equipment  
Amount Awarded: £250
- (e) Applicant: Mid Clyde Angling Association, Ferniegair (HA/172/08)  
Purpose of Grant: Equipment and transport costs  
Amount Awarded: £150
- (f) Applicant: Bothwell and Uddingston Retired Teachers' Association (HA/175/08)  
Purpose of Grant: Outing and entrance fees  
Amount Awarded: £200
- (g) Applicant: Quarter Boolin Club (Ladies' Section) (HA/176/08)  
Purpose of Grant: Special event  
Amount Awarded: £200

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

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## 7 Urgent Business

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There were no items of urgent business.