

HAMILTON AREA COMMITTEE

Minutes of meeting held via Confero and in Committee Room 1, Council Offices, Almada Street, Hamilton on 26 April 2023

Chair:

Councillor Allan Falconer

Councillors Present:

Councillor Andy Carmichael, Councillor Maureen Chalmers, Councillor Ross Clark, Councillor Maureen Devlin, Councillor Colin Dewar, Councillor Mary Donnelly, Councillor Graeme Horne, Councillor Martin Hose, Councillor Cal Johnston-Dempsey, Councillor Gavin Keatt, Councillor Kenny McCreary, Councillor Lesley McDonald, Councillor Mark McGeever, Councillor John Ross, Councillor Bert Thomson, Councillor Helen Toner

Councillors' Apologies:

Councillor Celine Handibode, Councillor Davie McLachlan, Councillor Richard Nelson, Councillor Mo Razzaq (Depute)

Attending:

Finance and Corporate Resources

S Jessup, Administration Assistant; E-A McGonigle, Administration Officer

1 Declaration of Interests

No interests were declared.

2 Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting of the Hamilton Area Committee held on 8 February 2023 were submitted for approval as a correct record.

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

3 Community Grant Applications/Warm Welcome Initiative

A report dated 11 April 2023 by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) was submitted on:-

- ◆ applications for community grant to be met from the 2023/2024 budget
- ◆ grants awarded to community and voluntary groups/organisations in the Hamilton Area Committee area in response to the Warm Welcome Initiative
- ◆ 4 community grant applications which had been dealt with by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources), in consultation with the Chair, during the period from 9 February 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 was 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, and submitted to the Area Committee for noting.

The Committee decided:

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

- (a) Applicant: Eddlewood Bowling Club Ladies' Section, Hamilton (HA/1/23)
Purpose of Grant: Outing
Amount Awarded: £300
- (b) Applicant: Earnock Residents' Association, Hamilton (HA/2/23)
Purpose of Grant: Administration and publicity costs
Amount Awarded: £250
- (c) Applicant: St Andrew's Church, Blantyre (HA/4/23)
Purpose of Grant: Outing
Amount Awarded: £300

(2) that the award of 2 grants, totalling £1,720, to the following community and voluntary groups/organisations in the Hamilton Area in response to the Warm Welcome Initiative be noted:-

- (a) Applicant: Fairhill Community Group, Hamilton
Amount Awarded: £720
- (b) Applicant: Hillhouse Link Tenants' and Residents' Association, Hamilton
Amount Awarded: £1,000

(3) that the action taken during the period 9 February 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: Sharp and Gentles Fly Tying and Fishing Club, Hamilton (HA/35/22)
Purpose of Grant: Materials and entrance fees
Amount Awarded: £450
- (b) Applicant: Trinity Church Women's Group, Hamilton (HA/36/22)
Purpose of Grant: Outing
Amount Awarded: £300
- (c) Applicant: Bothwell Horticultural Society (HA/38/22)
Purpose of Grant: Equipment, outing, administration and publicity costs
Amount Awarded: £630

- (d) Applicant: Hamilton South Townswomen's Guild (HA/39/22)
Purpose of Grant: Outing
Amount Awarded: £300

[Reference: Minutes of 8 February 2023 (Paragraph 8), Minutes of South Lanarkshire Council of 28 September 2022 (Paragraph 7) and Minutes of the Executive Committee of 30 November 2022 (Paragraph 11)]

4 Urgent Business

There were no items of urgent business.