

HAMILTON AREA COMMITTEE

Minutes of meeting held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, Almada Street, Hamilton on 15 May 2019

Chair:

Councillor Mary Donnelly

Councillors Present:

Councillor Maureen Devlin, Councillor Allan Falconer, Councillor Kenny McCreary, Councillor Jim McGuigan, Councillor Davie McLachlan, Councillor Mo Razzaq, Councillor John Ross (ex officio), Councillor Bert Thomson, Councillor Josh Wilson

Councillors' Apologies:

Councillor Jackie Burns, Councillor Stephanie Callaghan, Councillor Andy Carmichael, Councillor Maureen Chalmers, Councillor Peter Craig (Depute), Councillor Graeme Horne, Councillor Martin Grant Hose, Councillor Joe Lowe, Councillor Mark McGeever, Councillor Lynne Nailon, Councillor Richard Nelson

Attending:

Education Resources

A Jessimer, Lead Officer; D Pacitti, Head Teacher, St Bride's Primary School and Nursery Class, Bothwell

Finance and Corporate Resources

G Bow, Administration Manager; G Cochran, Administration Assistant

Also Attending:

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service

B Cranston, Station Manager; A Fairbairn, Local Senior Officer

South Lanarkshire Carers' Network

P McIntosh, Engagement Officer; I Murray, Network Business Manager

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 27 February 2019 were submitted for approval as a correct record.

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

3 Education Scotland Report – St Bride's Primary School and Nursery Class, Bothwell

A report dated 1 May 2019 by the Executive Director (Education Resources) was submitted on the outcome of the inspection of St Bride's Primary School and Nursery Class, Bothwell made by Education Scotland.

The inspection had taken place in February 2019 as part of a national sample of primary education and the inspection letter reporting on the findings had been published on 23 April 2019.

A number of particular strengths had been identified in the inspection letter. The areas of improvement, agreed with the school and education authority, had been incorporated into the school's improvement plan and parents would be informed of progress in overtaking the points of action. Education Scotland had intimated that they would make no further visits in connection with the inspection.

The Committee decided: that the report be noted.

4 Scottish Fire and Rescue Service - Presentation

B Cranston, Station Manager, Hamilton Community Fire Station and A Fairbairn, Local Senior Officer, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service gave a presentation on progress made during 2018/2019 against the key priorities within the Local Fire and Rescue Area Plan.

Information was provided on the priorities in the South Lanarkshire Local Plan 2018/2019 which were as follows:-

- ◆ to reduce the number of accidental fires and fire related injuries within the home
- ◆ to reduce the impact of unintentional injury and harm within the home
- ◆ to reduce the number of fires within non-domestic properties
- ◆ to reduce the number of instances of fire related anti-social behaviour
- ◆ to reduce the number of unwanted fire alarm signals
- ◆ to reduce the impact of road traffic collisions
- ◆ operational resilience and preparedness

Performance targets, which had been devised for those key priorities, had been incorporated into the Local Fire and Rescue Plan. The performance report provided detailed analysis of relevant performance information covering the period 2018 to 2019.

The presentation concluded by advising the Area Committee that the SFRS Draft Strategic Plan 2019 to 2022 had been issued for consultation, with comments invited by 18 July 2019.

Station Manager Cranston and Local Senior Officer Fairbairn, having responded to members' questions, were thanked for their informative presentation.

The Committee decided: that the presentation be noted.

Councillor McGuigan left the meeting during this item of business

5 South Lanarkshire Carers' Network

I Murray, Network Business Manager and P McIntosh, Engagement Officer, gave a presentation on the South Lanarkshire Carers' Network, an information gateway for unpaid carers in South Lanarkshire. The presentation provided details of the:-

- ◆ definition of a carer
- ◆ context of caring, with an estimated 38,000 carers in South Lanarkshire
- ◆ Carers (Scotland) Act 2016 which placed a range of duties on public bodies and extended the rights and potential entitlements of adult and young carers
- ◆ purpose of the Carers' Network which was to support unpaid carers across South Lanarkshire by:-
 - ◆ providing information to carers
 - ◆ hosting and co-ordinating the only carers' network across South Lanarkshire
 - ◆ providing an empowering service

- ◆ influencing local services
- ◆ getting involved in local decision-making
- ◆ campaigning on behalf of carers
- ◆ overall aims of the Carers' Network and what it did to support carers

I Murray and P McIntosh, having responded to members' questions, were thanked for their informative presentation.

The Committee decided: that the presentation be noted.

6 Playscheme Grant Applications

A report dated 16 April 2019 by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) was submitted on applications for playscheme grants for 2019/2020.

The playscheme funding would allow an allocation of £600 to be made to playschemes that operated over the summer, October and Easter holiday periods with £400 for the summer period only and £100 for each of the October and Easter periods.

Travel and Freedom passes would be allocated to those playschemes which had requested them.

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

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| (a) | Applicant:
Amount Awarded: | Childcare in the Community, Hamilton (<i>PS/HA/1/19</i>)
£600 |
| (b) | Applicant:
Amount Awarded: | Blameless SCIO, Hamilton Academical Football Club (<i>PS/HA/2/19</i>)
£600 |
| (c) | Applicant:
Amount Awarded: | Whitehill Universal Connections, Hamilton (<i>PS/HA/3/19</i>)
£600 |

[Reference: Minutes of South Lanarkshire Council of 27 February 2019 (Paragraph 3)]

7 Community Grant Applications

A report dated 29 April 2019 by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) was submitted on applications for community grant.

The Committee decided:

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

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| (a) | Applicant:
Purpose of Grant:
Amount Awarded: | Trinity Church Women's Group, Hamilton (<i>HA/1/19</i>)
Outing
£200 |
| (b) | Applicant:
Purpose of Grant:
Amount Awarded: | The Hamilton and District Branch of the Embroiderers' Guild, Hamilton (<i>HA/2/19</i>)
Outing, entrance fees and equipment
£300 |

- (c) Applicant: Royal British Legion Scotland Women's Section, Larkhall (HA/3/19)
 Purpose of Grant: Outing and entrance fees
 Amount Awarded: £250
- (d) Applicant: Quarter Parish Church Friendship Group (HA/4/19)
 Purpose of Grant: Outing and entrance fees
 Amount Awarded: £250
- (e) Applicant: Eddlewood Bowling Club Senior Ladies' Section, Hamilton (HA/5/19)
 Purpose of Grant: Outing
 Amount Awarded: £200
- (f) Applicant: Dalserf Church Guild, Larkhall (HA/6/19)
 Purpose of Grant: Outing
 Amount Awarded: £200
- (g) Applicant: Trinity Church Guild, Larkhall (HA/7/19)
 Purpose of Grant: Outing and entrance fees
 Amount Awarded: £250
- (h) Applicant: Brighter Bothwell (HA/8/19)
 Purpose of Grant: Environmental project
 Amount Awarded: £300
- (i) Applicant: Eddlewood Senior Citizens' Bowling Games Club, Hamilton (HA/9/19)
 Purpose of Grant: Outing
 Amount Awarded: £200
- (j) Applicant: Larkhall Congregational Church Women's Fellowship (HA/10/19)
 Purpose of Grant: Outing
 Amount Awarded: £200
- (k) Applicant: Philips Electronics Pensioners' Association (Scotland), Hamilton (HA/11/19)
 Purpose of Grant: Outing
 Amount Awarded: £200
- (l) Applicant: Ferniegair Old Folks' Association, Hamilton (HA/12/19)
 Purpose of Grant: Outing
 Amount Awarded: £200
- (m) Applicant: 112th Lanarkshire Explorer Group, Hamilton (HA/13/19)
 Purpose of Grant: Entrance fees
 Amount Awarded: £140
- (n) Applicant: 112th Lanarkshire Beaver Scouts, Hamilton (HA/14/19)
 Purpose of Grant: Outing
 Amount Awarded: £200
- (o) Applicant: 112th Lanarkshire Cub Scout Group, Hamilton (HA/15/19)
 Purpose of Grant: Entrance fees
 Amount Awarded: £200

- (p) Applicant: 112th Lanarkshire Scout Group, Hamilton (HA/16/19)
 Purpose of Grant: Entrance fees
 Amount Awarded: £200
- (q) Applicant: Hamilton South Guilds Together (HA/18/19)
 Purpose of Grant: Outing
 Amount Awarded: £200
- (r) Applicant: Strutherhill Lunch and Social Club, Larkhall (HA18/19)
 Purpose of Grant: Outing
 Amount Awarded: £200
- (s) Applicant: Hamilton Senior Citizens' Meeting (HA/19/19)
 Purpose of Grant: Outing
 Amount Awarded: £200
- (t) Applicant: Earnock Residents' Association, Hamilton (HA/21/19)
 Purpose of Grant: Administration and publicity costs
 Amount Awarded: £250
- (u) Applicant: South Lanarkshire Older Walkers' Group, Larkhall (HA/22/19)
 Purpose of Grant: Outing
 Amount Awarded: £200
- (v) Applicant: Trinity Lunch Club, Hamilton (HA/23/19)
 Purpose of Grant: Outing, administration and publicity costs
 Amount Awarded: £280
- (w) Applicant: Larkhall Heritage Group (HA/24/19)
 Purpose of Grant: Outing and entrance fees
 Amount Awarded: £250
- (x) Applicant: Birkenshaw Welfare Guild, Larkhall (HA/25/19)
 Purpose of Grant: Outing
 Amount Awarded: £200
- (y) Applicant: St Andrew's Church Blantyre (HA/26/19)
 Purpose of Grant: Outing
 Amount Awarded: £200
- (z) Applicant: Strutherhill Monday Lunch Club, Larkhall (HA/28/19)
 Purpose of Grant: Outing
 Amount Awarded: £150
- (aa) Applicant: Monday Lunch Club at The Cross (HA/29/19)
 Purpose of Grant: Outing
 Amount Awarded: £125
- (bb) Applicant: Supporting Our Community, Hamilton (HA/30/19)
 Purpose of Grant: Start-up costs
 Amount Awarded: £250
- (cc) Applicant: Tuesday Lunch Club at The Cross, Larkhall (HA/32/19)
 Purpose of Grant: Outing
 Amount Awarded: £190

(dd) Applicant: Larkhall OAP Association Town Branch (HA/33/19)
Purpose of Grant: Outing
Amount Awarded: £200

(2) that the action taken during the period 28 February to 31 March 2019 by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources), in consultation with the Chair, to approve the award of the following community grants from the 2018/2019 budget be noted:-

(a) Applicant: South Lanarkshire Self-Directed Support Network, Hamilton (HA/84/18)
Purpose of Grant: Administration and publicity costs
Amount Awarded: £800

(b) Applicant: Bothwell Horticultural Society (HA/85/18)
Purpose of Grant: Equipment, administration and publicity costs
Amount Awarded: £675

(c) Applicant: Hamilton West 2002 Club (HA/87/18)
Purpose of Grant: Outing
Amount Awarded: £200

(d) Applicant: Blantyre Old Parish Church Guild (HA/88/18)
Purpose of Grant: Outing
Amount Awarded: £200

(e) Applicant: Hamilton South Townswomen Guild (HA/89/18)
Purpose of Grant: Outing
Amount Awarded: £200

(f) Applicant: 1st Dalserf Girls' Brigade, Larkhall (HA/90/18)
Purpose of Grant: Outing, administration and publicity costs
Amount Awarded: £350

(g) Applicant: Ferniegair Gala Committee, Hamilton (HA/91/18)
Purpose of Grant: Outing
Amount Awarded: £250

[Reference: Minutes of 26 February 2019 (Paragraph 7)]

8 Urgent Business

There were no items of urgent business.