

CLYDESDALE AREA COMMITTEE

Minutes of meeting held via Confero and in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, Almada Street, Hamilton on 25 January 2023

Chair:

Councillor Ross Gowland (Depute)

Councillors Present:

Councillor Ralph Barker, Councillor Poppy Corbett, Councillor Mark Horsham, Councillor Ross Lambie, Councillor Richard Lockhart, Councillor Eileen Logan, Councillor Julia Marrs, Councillor Ian McAllan, Councillor David Shearer

Councillors' Apologies:

Councillor Alex Allison, Councillor Lynsey Hamilton, Councillor Catherine McClymont (Chair)

Attending:

Education Resources

L James, Headteacher, Milton Primary School; L Mitchell, Quality Improvement Officer; J Wallace, Quality Improvement Manager

Finance and Corporate Resources

N Docherty, Administration Assistant; C Lyon, Administration Officer; G McCann, Head of Administration and Legal Services

1 Declaration of Interests

The following interest was declared:-

Councillor(s)	Item(s)	Nature of Interest(s)
Horsham, Marrs, McAllan, Shearer	Community Grant Application (CL/30/22) Clydesdale Community Gaelic Initiative, Lanark	Known to applicant

2 Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting of the Clydesdale Area Committee held on 12 October 2022 were submitted for approval as a correct record.

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

3 Education Scotland Report – Milton Primary School, Lesmahagow

A report dated 5 January 2023 by the Executive Director (Education Resources) was submitted on the outcome of the inspection of Milton Primary School, Lesmahagow made by Education Scotland.

The inspection had taken place in September 2022 as part of a national sample of primary education and the inspection letter reporting on the findings had been published on 6 December 2022.

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.

L James, Headteacher and J Wallace, Quality Improvement Manager, having spoken on key aspects of the report and having responded to members' questions, were congratulated on the positive inspection report.

The Committee decided: that the report be noted.

4 Participatory Budgeting – Education Resources - Pupil Equity Funding

A report dated 9 January 2023 by the Executive Director (Education Resources) was submitted on Participatory Budgeting (PB) in relation to Pupil Equity Funding (PEF).

Schools within the Clydesdale area had allocated £100,406.85 of their £1,435,165 million PEF allocation for PB. A breakdown of the allocation for each learning community was provided in Appendix 1 of the report. Appendix 2 of the report summarised the percentage of PEF which schools had allocated for PB. Appendix 3 outlined the outcome of the vote in relation to category of spend for each school. Appendix 4 indicated the distribution in terms of categories of spend across the Clydesdale area, while Appendix 5 outlined the distribution of votes by stakeholders across the Clydesdale area.

Schools were now progressing with their spend to ensure the minimum 5% was spent in full by the end of March 2023.

Education Resources would provide Area Committees with:-

- ◆ a summary report of each school's PB outcome
- ◆ case studies of school activity, which had particular impact/success
- ◆ a detailed financial report of how PEF money allocated for PB had been spent

Education Resources would support schools and monitor and track the impact of this activity. Findings would inform any future PB activity within the Resource.

The Quality Improvement Officer responded to members' questions.

The Committee decided: that the report be noted.

[Reference: Minutes of 12 October 2022 (Paragraph 4)]

5 Community Grant Applications/Warm Welcome Initiative

A report dated 9 January 2023 by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) was submitted on:-

- ◆ applications for community grant
- ◆ grants awarded to community and voluntary groups/organisations in the Clydesdale Area Committee area in response to the Warm Welcome Initiative

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 or Depute, and submitted to the Area Committee for noting.

As the total grants awarded had exceeded the budget of £10,000, the Depute Chair had agreed that the additional £1,600 would be met from the community grants budget for 2022/2023.

There followed a general discussion around the criteria and amount of award for community grants. Councillor Barker gave a brief update on a meeting he had attended with regards to the start up of a new windfarm. He referred to the fact that it was easier for community groups to get grants from windfarms than from the Council.

The Committee decided:

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

- (a) Applicant: Clydesdale Community Gaelic Initiative, Lanark (CL/30/22)
Purpose of Grant: Administration and publicity costs
Amount Awarded: £800

Councillors Horsham, Marrs, McAllan and Shearer, having declared an interest in the above application, withdrew from the meeting during its consideration

- (b) Applicant: Coalburn Regeneration Group (CL/31/22)
Purpose of Grant: Start-up costs
Amount Awarded: £300
- (c) Applicant: Crawfordjohn Toddlers (CL/33/22)
Purpose of Grant: Start-up costs
Amount Awarded: £300
- (d) Applicant: Coalburn Homing Club (CL/34/22)
Purpose of Grant: Materials, administration and publicity costs
Amount Awarded: £300
- (e) Applicant: Carnwath Primary School and Nursery Parent Council (CL/35/22)
Purpose of Grant: Equipment
Amount Awarded: £240
- (f) Applicant: Rigside Community Nursery Committee (CL/36/22)
Purpose of Grant: Equipment
Amount Awarded: £800

(2) that the award of 12 grants, totalling £11,600, to the following community and voluntary groups/organisations in the Clydesdale Area in response to the Warm Welcome Initiative be noted:-

- (a) Applicant: Abington Community Development Group
Amount Awarded: £1,000

- (b) Applicant: Greyfriars Parish Church, Lanark
Amount Awarded: £1,000
- (c) Applicant: Healthy Valleys, Clydesdale
Amount Awarded: £1,000
- (d) Applicant: Forth and District Development Trust, Forth
Amount Awarded: £1,000
- (e) Applicant: Youth, Family and Community Learning, Lanark
Amount Awarded: £1,000
- (f) Applicant: Forth and Wilsontown Bowling Club, Forth
Amount Awarded: £1,000
- (g) Applicant: ISKCON (International Society for Krishna Consciousness)
Scotland, Lesmahagow
Amount Awarded: £1,000
- (h) Applicant: Esteem Clydesdale, Lanark
Amount Awarded: £1,000
- (i) Applicant: Universal Connections, Douglas
Amount Awarded: £600
- (j) Applicant: Kirkmuirhill Parish Church
Amount Awarded: £1,000
- (k) Applicant: Carstairs Junction Welcome All Hub
Amount Awarded: £1,000
- (l) Applicant: Forth Community Resource Steering Group
Amount Awarded: £1,000

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

6 Urgent Business

There were no items of urgent business.