

HAMILTON AREA COMMITTEE

Minutes of meeting held via Microsoft Teams on 4 November 2020

Chair:

Councillor Mary Donnelly

Councillors Present:

Councillor Jackie Burns, Councillor Stephanie Callaghan, Councillor Maureen Chalmers, Councillor Peter Craig (Depute), Councillor Maureen Devlin, Councillor Allan Falconer, Councillor Martin Grant Hose, Councillor Joe Lowe, Councillor Kenny McCreary, Councillor Mark McGeever, Councillor Jim McGuigan, Councillor Davie McLachlan, Councillor Lynne Nailon, Councillor Richard Nelson, Councillor Mo Razzaq, Councillor John Ross (ex officio), Councillor Josh Wilson

Councillors' Apologies:

Councillor Andy Carmichael, Councillor Graeme Horne, Councillor Bert Thomson

Attending:

Education Resources

K Fisher, Headteacher, Hareleeshill Primary School; L Gardner, Lead Officer; S Jasnosz-Clark, Headteacher, Woodhead Primary School; L Mitchell, Lead Officer; J Wallace, Quality Improvement Manager

Finance and Corporate Resources

S McLeod, Administration Officer; L Wyllie, Administration Assistant

Order of Business

The Committee decided: that the items of business be dealt with in the order minuted below.

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 26 August 2020 were submitted for approval as a correct record.

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

3 Education Scotland Report – Hareleeshill Primary School and Nursery Class, Larkhall

A report dated 10 September 2020 by the Executive Director (Education Resources) was submitted on the outcome of the inspection of Hareleeshill Primary School and Nursery Class, Larkhall made by Education Scotland.

The inspection had taken place in January 2020 as part of a national sample of primary education and the inspection letter reporting the findings had been published on 25 August 2020.

A number of particular strengths of the school 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. Education Scotland had intimated that they would make no further visits in connection with the inspection.

Having spoken on key aspects of the report, the Chair thanked the Quality Improvement Manager for providing the update. Members congratulated the Headteacher and Quality Improvement Manager on the positive inspection report.

The Committee decided: that the report be noted.

4 Education Scotland Report – Woodhead Primary School and Nursery Class, Hamilton

A report dated 21 August 2020 by the Executive Director (Education Resources) was submitted on the outcome of the inspection of Woodhead Primary School and Nursery Class, Hamilton made by Education Scotland.

The inspection had taken place in February 2020 as part of a national sample of primary education and the inspection letter reporting the findings had been published on 18 August 2020.

A number of particular strengths of the school 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. Education Scotland had intimated that they would make no further visits in connection with the inspection.

Having spoken on key aspects of the report, the Chair thanked L Mitchell, Lead Officer for providing the update. Members congratulated the Headteacher and Lead Officer on the positive inspection report.

The Committee decided: that the report be noted.

5 Education Scotland Report – High Blantyre Primary School and Nursery Class

A report dated 21 August 2020 by the Executive Director (Education Resources) was submitted on the outcome of the inspection of High Blantyre Primary School and Nursery Class made by Education Scotland.

The inspection had taken place in October 2019 as part of a national sample of primary education and the inspection letter reporting the findings had been published on 28 January 2020.

A number of particular strengths of the school 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. Education Scotland had intimated that they would make no further visits in connection with the inspection.

Having spoken on key aspects of the report, the Chair thanked L Mitchell, Lead Officer for providing the update. As the Headteacher had been unable to be in attendance, the Chair stated that an invitation would be extended to allow the Headteacher an opportunity to attend the next meeting of the Area Committee.

The Committee decided: that the report be noted.

6 Community Grant Applications

A report dated 19 October 2020 by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) was submitted on applications for community grant.

The Administration Officer provided an update on the community grant funding that had been allocated to assist community groups engaged in supporting local communities during the COVID-19 pandemic and advised that:-

- ◆ no grants had, as yet, been allocated
- ◆ 1 application had been received and was being processed
- ◆ any funding for the COVID-19 response effort that was uncommitted, as at 31 December 2020, would be made available for community grant applications
- ◆ members of the Area Committee were encouraged to remind local groups engaged in the COVID-19 response effort that grant funding was available

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

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| (a) | Applicant: | John Smith Court Gentleman's Club, Hamilton (HA/15/20) |
| | Purpose of Grant: | Equipment |
| | Amount Awarded: | £350 |
| (b) | Applicant: | 1 st Larkhall Boys' Brigade (HA/16/20) |
| | Purpose of Grant: | Equipment and materials |
| | Amount Awarded: | £350 |
| (c) | Applicant: | 1 st Larkhall Girls' Brigade (HA/17/20) |
| | Purpose of Grant: | Materials, administration and publicity costs |
| | Amount Awarded: | £350 |

7 Urgent Business

There were no items of urgent business.