

CLYDESDALE AREA COMMITTEE

Minutes of meeting held via Confero and in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, Almada Street, Hamilton on 17 August 2022

Chair:

Councillor Catherine McClymont

Councillors Present:

Councillor Alex Allison, Councillor Ralph Barker, Councillor Poppy Corbett, Councillor Ross Gowland (Depute), Councillor Lynsey Hamilton, Councillor Mark Horsham, Councillor Ross Lambie, Councillor Richard Lockhart, Councillor Julia Marrs, Councillor David Shearer

Councillors' Apologies:

Councillor Eileen Logan, Councillor Ian McAllan

Attending:

Community and Enterprise Resources

G Newbigging, Area Manager; C Park, Head of Roads, Transportation and Fleet Services

Finance and Corporate Resources

M Gordon, Administration Assistant; T Slater, Administration Adviser; L Wyllie, Administration Assistant

Also Attending:

Police Scotland

Chief Inspector T Gallagher and Inspector P Doyle

1 Declaration of Interests

The following interest was declared:-

Councillor(s)	Item(s)	Nature of Interest(s)
Allison	Community Grant Application (CL/18/22) Carnwath Agricultural Society, Carnwath	Member

2 Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting of the Clydesdale Area Committee held on 22 June 2022 were submitted for approval as a correct record.

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

3 Police Scotland

Chief Inspector Gallagher and Inspector Doyle provided information on the following key priorities:-

- ♦ reducing violence and disorder
- ♦ public protection and protecting people at risk of harm
- ♦ tackling housebreaking and acquisitive harm
- ♦ reducing the harm caused by substance misuse

Chief Inspector Gallagher and Inspector Doyle, having responded to members' questions, were thanked for their informative presentation.

The Committee decided: that the presentation be noted.

[Reference: Minutes of 26 January 2021 (Paragraph 3)]

4 Participatory Budgeting – Community and Enterprise Resources - Footways

A report dated 21 July 2022 by the Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources) was submitted on the outcome and level of engagement for the Participatory Budgeting (PB) consultation exercise to identify £2.5 million of footway projects.

Following the participatory budgeting investment in carriageway and footways which had completed in 2021/2022, a second phase of investment had been agreed which would focus on the improvement of footways, making towns and villages in South Lanarkshire safer for pedestrians, supporting healthy lifestyles through physical activity, and improving the look and feel of the environment.

£2.5 million ring-fenced investment in the Roads Capital Programme would support footway improvements which were part of the adopted footway network. This investment would continue the Council's commitment to prioritise investment in roads and related infrastructure by directing additional funds to help improve the condition footways. Details of the split between geographical and operational areas on the footway network length were provided in the report.

Residents were asked to vote on their preference in respect of the following themes to indicate what they wished to see delivered through this fund:-

- ◆ minor and residential footways
- ◆ main and distributor footways
- ◆ footways in business areas

The consultation process was held from 22 April to 5 June 2022 and was promoted via the Council's website, social media channels and third sector networks. As in previous financial years, rather than having only a single winning theme, the available funding was allocated across all themes. 60% of funding in an area was allocated to the top scoring theme, 25% to the second top theme and 15% to the third-place theme. Voting details were provided in Appendix 1 to the report.

Appendices 3 to 6 set out the specific schemes and indicative sums allocated to each scheme. Those schemes had been identified using the scheme assessment criteria. This allowed officers to score potential footway schemes based on several factors, which collectively contributed towards an overall score enabling officers to prioritise the Council's resources. This ensured that funds were targeted at those footways that were in greatest need of repair based on engineering judgement.

Details of the schemes in the Clydesdale area were provided in Appendix 3 to the report.

The Head of Roads, Transportation and Fleet Services responded to members' questions on various aspects of the report.

The Committee decided: that the outcome and level of engagement for the PB consultation exercise to identify £2.5 million of footway projects, as set out in the report, be noted.

[Reference: Minutes of 7 September 2021 (Paragraph 4)]

5 Community Grant Applications

A report dated 25 July 2022 by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) was submitted on applications for community grant.

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

- (a) Applicant: Carluke Men's Shed (CL/14/22)
Purpose of Grant: Equipment
Amount Awarded: £450
- (b) Applicant: Lanarkshire Federation Scottish Women's Institute, Carnwath (CL/15/22)
Purpose of Grant: Outing
Amount Awarded: £300
- (c) Applicant: Biggar Kirk – Gillespie Centre, Biggar (CL/16/22)
Purpose of Grant: Equipment
Amount Awarded: £555
- (d) Applicant: ISKCON (International Society for Krishna Consciousness) (Scotland) Limited, Lesmahagow (CL/17/22)
Purpose of Grant: Equipment, materials, administration and publicity costs
Amount Awarded: £600
- (e) Applicant: Carnwath Agricultural Society, Carnwath (CL/18/22)
Purpose of Grant: Equipment, administration and publicity costs
Amount Awarded: £567

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

6 Urgent Business

There were no items of urgent business.