



Council Offices, Almada Street
Hamilton, ML3 0AA

Tuesday, 03 March 2020

Dear Councillor

Hamilton Area Committee

The Members listed below are requested to attend a meeting of the above Committee to be held as follows:-

Date: Wednesday, 11 March 2020

Time: 14:00

Venue: Committee Room 1, Council Offices, Almada Street, Hamilton, ML3 0AA

The business to be considered at the meeting is listed overleaf.

Yours sincerely

Cleland Sneddon
Chief Executive

Members

Mary Donnelly (Chair), Peter Craig (Depute Chair), Jackie Burns, Stephanie Callaghan, Andy Carmichael, Maureen Chalmers, Maureen Devlin, Allan Falconer, Graeme Horne, Martin Grant Hose, Joe Lowe, Kenny McCreary, Mark McGeever, Jim McGuigan, Davie McLachlan, Lynne Nailon, Richard Nelson, Mo Razzaq, John Ross, Bert Thomson, Josh Wilson

BUSINESS

1 Declaration of Interests

2 Minutes of Previous Meeting

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Minutes of the meeting of the Hamilton Area Committee held on 18 December 2019 submitted for approval as a correct record. (Copy attached)

Item(s) for Noting

3 Education Scotland Report - Machanhill Primary School and Nursery Class, Larkhall

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Report dated 25 February by the Executive Director (Education Resources).
(Copy attached)

4 South Lanarkshire Leisure and Culture Limited

Presentation by L Cleland, Recreation Manager and C Ingham, Venue Manager, South Lanarkshire Leisure and Culture Limited.

Item(s) for Decision

5 Community Grant Applications

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Report dated 24 February by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources). (Copy attached)

Urgent Business

6 Urgent Business

Any other items of business which the Chair decides are urgent.

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HAMILTON AREA COMMITTEE

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Minutes of meeting held in Committee Room 1, Council Offices, Almada Street, Hamilton on 18 December 2019

Chair:

Councillor Mary Donnelly

Councillors Present:

Councillor Andy Carmichael, Councillor Maureen Chalmers, Councillor Peter Craig (Depute), Councillor Allan Falconer, Councillor Joe Lowe, Councillor Kenny McCreary, Councillor Jim McGuigan, Councillor Lynne Nailon, Councillor Richard Nelson, Councillor Mo Razzaq, Councillor John Ross, Councillor Bert Thomson

Councillors' Apologies:

Councillor Jackie Burns, Councillor Stephanie Callaghan, Councillor Maureen Devlin, Councillor Graeme Horne, Councillor Martin Grant Hose, Councillor Mark McGeever, Councillor Davie McLachlan, Councillor Josh Wilson

Attending:

Community and Enterprise Resources

G Newbigging, Roads Area Manager (Clydesdale and Hamilton)

Education Resources

C Connon, Quality Link Officer; E Kerr, Headteacher, St Peter's Primary School

Finance and Corporate Resources

G Bow, Administration Manager

Also Attending:

Police Scotland

Inspector R McCallum; Sergeants J McLeish and B Sloan

1 Declaration of Interests

The following interest was declared:-

Councillor(s)	Item(s)	Nature of Interest(s)
Craig	Community Grant Application (HA/70/19) Dalserf Bowling Club (Senior Section), Larkhall	Member

2 Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting of the Hamilton Area Committee held on 9 October 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 Peter's Primary School, Hamilton

A report dated 2 December 2019 by the Executive Director (Education Resources) was submitted on the outcome of the inspection of St Peter's Primary School, Hamilton made by Education Scotland.

The inspection had taken place in September 2019 as part of a national sample of primary education and the inspection letter reporting the findings had been published on 3 December 2019.

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.

E Kerr, Headteacher and C Connon, Quality Link Officer, having spoken on key aspects of the report and responded to members' questions, were congratulated on the positive inspection report.

The Committee decided: that the report be noted.

4 Presentation – Police Scotland

Inspector R McCallum gave a presentation on Police Scotland's Local Policing Plan for South Lanarkshire which contained the following priorities:-

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| ♦ counter terrorism | ♦ road safety |
| ♦ serious organised crime and drugs | ♦ acquisitive crime |
| ♦ serious violent crime and public protection | ♦ anti-social behaviour and hate crime |
| ♦ public confidence and local engagement | |

Information was also provided on:-

- ♦ the broader vision of Local Outcome Improvement Plans
- ♦ policing arrangements in the Hamilton Area Committee area
- ♦ recent highlights in the locality
- ♦ local policing priorities going forward

Inspector McCallum, having responded to members' questions, was thanked for his informative presentation.

The Committee decided: that the presentation be noted.

Councillors Nelson and Thomson left the meeting after this item of business

5 Roads Investment Plan – Progress Report

A report dated 12 November 2019 by the Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources) was submitted on progress with roads investment activity within the Hamilton Area Committee area.

Details were provided on:-

- ♦ phasing of the expenditure on the Council's road network since 2008, totalling £137 million
- ♦ progress made in relation to the schemes within the Hamilton Area Committee area which showed that, as at 12 November 2019, 31 schemes had been completed and 4 were in progress or programmed to be completed by the end of March 2020

From 2019/2020 onwards, schemes would be done on a Council-wide basis, rather than defined budget splits for each Area Committee area. This ensured that priorities of greatest need across the Council areas were addressed.

The Roads Manager gave a presentation on key aspects of the Roads Investment Plan and responded to members' questions.

The Committee decided: that the progress with roads investment activity within the Hamilton Area Committee area be noted.

[Reference: Minutes of 5 December 2018 (Paragraph 6)]

6 Community Grant Applications

A report dated 2 December 2019 by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) was submitted on applications for community grant.

Councillor Falconer, seconded by Councillor McGuigan, moved that the recommendations detailed in the report be approved. Councillor Razzaq, seconded by Councillor Chalmers, moved as an amendment that the award of community grant to Blantyre Community Committee (HA/71/19) be increased from £600 to £700. On a vote being taken by a show of hands, 3 members voted for the amendment and 7 for the motion which was declared carried.

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

- (a) Applicant: Hamilton Division Girlguiding Scotland (HA/61/19)
Purpose of Grant: Materials
Amount Awarded: £290
- (b) Applicant: St John's Church Guild, Hamilton (HA/66/19)
Purpose of Grant: Outing and entrance fees
Amount Awarded: £250
- (c) Applicant: Hillhouse Parish Church Men's Club, Hamilton (HA/67/19)
Purpose of Grant: Outing
Amount Awarded: £200
- (d) Applicant: St Cuthbert's Bowling Club, Hamilton (HA/68/19)
Purpose of Grant: Entrance fees
Amount Awarded: £250
- (e) Applicant: Dalserf Village Garden Club, Larkhall (HA/69/19)
Purpose of Grant: Environmental Project
Amount Awarded: £300
- (f) Applicant: Dalserf Bowling Club (Senior Section), Larkhall (HA/70/19)
Purpose of Grant: Outing and entrance fees
Amount Awarded: £160

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

- (g) Applicant: Blantyre Community Committee (HA/71/19)
Purpose of Grant: Equipment, materials, administration and publicity costs
Amount Awarded: £600

(h) Applicant: Hamilton District Arts Guild, Hamilton (*HA/72/19*)
 Purpose of Grant: Equipment and materials
 Amount Awarded: £400

7 Urgent Business

There were no items of urgent business.

Report

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Report to:	Hamilton Area Committee
Date of Meeting:	11 March 2020
Report by:	Executive Director (Education Resources)

Subject:	Education Scotland Report - Machanhill Primary School and Nursery Class, Larkhall
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1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ advise of the outcome of the inspection of Machanhill Primary School and Nursery Class by Education Scotland inspectors

2. Recommendation(s)

2.1. The Committee is asked to approve the following recommendation(s):-

- (1) that the Education Scotland report on Machanhill Primary School and Nursery Class be noted.

3. Background

- 3.1. Machanhill Primary School and Nursery Class was inspected in October 2019 as part of a national sample of primary education.
- 3.2. As part of the revised approach to inspection, the Education Scotland inspectors evaluated the leadership of change; learning, teaching and assessment; raising attainment and achievement and ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion.
- 3.3. The inspection team analysed questionnaires issued to a sample of parents, pupils and to all staff. Inspectors observed class lessons and interviewed groups of pupils, including the pupil council, and staff. Members of the inspection team also met parents and members of the local community.
- 3.4. The report by Education Scotland was published on 25 February 2020.

4. Findings of HM Inspectors

4.1. Education Scotland made comment under the following headings:-

- ◆ quality of leadership and management,
- ◆ learning provision and
- ◆ children's successes and achievements

- 4.2. Education Scotland found that Machanhill Primary School and Nursery Class provides children and young people with a good educational experience. The inspectors also reported that senior leaders and staff know children and their families very well and take forward work aimed at improving outcomes for all children. The children, staff and peers have positive relationships with each other. Each are respectful of one another and children talk about their school with pride.
- 4.3. The particular strengths of the school and Nursery Class were identified as follows:-
- ◆ The headteacher and depute headteacher's skilful leadership which has established strong relationships across the school and its community. The school's values are embraced and underpin successfully the 'Machanhill family'.
 - ◆ Staff's effective teamwork across the establishment and with partners which removes barriers to children's learning and enables them to learn and achieve in a calm, purposeful environment. Children's understanding and support of each other is a significant feature of the inclusive ethos.
 - ◆ Happy, settled children who are enthusiastic, motivated and engaged in their learning. They are confident, articulate and speak proudly of their nursery and school.
- 4.4. Education Scotland identified the following areas for continued improvement:-
- ◆ Staff should continue, as planned, to develop clear curricular pathways within which ensure children experience continuity and progression in their learning as they move through the nursery and school.
 - ◆ The headteacher and depute headteacher should continue to share effective practice across the staff team, in order to provide consistently high quality learning and teaching across the nursery and school. Children need more regular opportunities to lead their own learning.
 - ◆ Together with staff, the headteacher should increase further children's attainment in literacy and English and numeracy and mathematics.
- 4.5. As well as welcoming the strengths of the school it should be noted that the areas for continued improvement have already been incorporated into the school's improvement plan. Progress on the identified areas for improvement have and continue to be shared with parents.
- 4.6. Education Scotland have intimated that they are confident that the school will be able to take forward the areas for improvement and will make no more visits in connection with this report. The local authority has informed parents about the school's progress as part of the authority's arrangements for reporting to parents on the quality of its schools.
- 4.7. Additional inspection evidence can be accessed by clicking the following web link <https://education.gov.scot/education-scotland/inspection-reports/reports-page/?id=3573>

5. Employee Implications

5.1 None.

6. Financial Implications

6.1 None

7. Climate Change, Sustainability and Environmental Implications

7.1 There are no implications for climate change, sustainability or the environment in terms of the information contained in the report.

8 Other Implications

8.1 There are no direct risks associated with this report which is provided for information only.

9. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements

9.1 There is no requirement to carry out an assessment in terms of the proposals contained within this report.

9.2. The content of Education Scotland reports are shared with parents and discussed at Parent Council meetings.

Tony McDaid

Executive Director (Education Resources)

25 February 2020

Link(s) to Council Values/Ambitions/Objectives

- ◆ Get it right for children and young people
- ◆ Protect vulnerable children, young people and adults
- ◆ Improve achievement, raise educational attainment and support lifelong learning
- ◆ Ensure schools and other places of learning are inspirational

Previous References

- ◆ None

List of Background Papers

- ◆ Education Scotland Report of 25 February 2020

Contact for Further Information

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25 February 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

In October 2019, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Machanhill Primary School and Nursery Class. During our visit, we talked to parents/carers and children and worked closely with the headteacher and staff.

The inspection team found the following strengths in the school's work.

- The headteacher and depute headteacher's skilful leadership which has established strong relationships across the school and its community. The school's values are embraced and underpin successfully the 'Machanhill family'.
- Staff's effective teamwork across the establishment and with partners which removes barriers to children's learning and enables them to learn and achieve in a calm, purposeful environment. Children's understanding and support of each other is a significant feature of the inclusive ethos.
- Happy, settled children who are enthusiastic, motivated and engaged in their learning. They are confident, articulate and speak proudly of their nursery and school.

The following areas for improvement were identified and discussed with the headteacher and a representative from South Lanarkshire Council.

- Staff should continue, as planned, to develop clear curricular pathways which ensure children experience continuity and progression in their learning as they move through the nursery and school.
- The headteacher and depute headteacher should continue to share effective practice across the staff team, in order to provide consistently high quality learning and teaching across the nursery and school. Children need more regular opportunities to lead their own learning.
- Together with staff, the headteacher should increase further children's attainment in literacy and English and numeracy and mathematics.

We gathered evidence to enable us to evaluate the school's work using four quality indicators from [How good is our school? \(4th edition\)](#) and [How good is our early learning and childcare?](#). Quality indicators help schools, local authorities and inspectors to judge what is working well and what needs to be improved. Following the inspection of each school, the Scottish Government gathers details of our evaluations to keep track of how well Scottish schools are doing.

Here are Education Scotland's evaluations for Machanhill Primary School and Nursery Class

Quality indicators for the primary stages	Evaluation
Leadership of change	good
Learning, teaching and assessment	good
Raising attainment and achievement	good
Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion	good
Descriptions of the evaluations are available from: How good is our school? (4th edition), Appendix 3: The six-point scale	

Quality indicators for the nursery class	Evaluation
Leadership of change	good
Learning, teaching and assessment	good
Securing children's progress	good
Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion	good
Descriptions of the evaluations are available from: How good is our early learning and childcare? Appendix 1: The six-point scale	

A more detailed document called Summarised Inspection Findings (SIF) will be available on the Education Scotland website at:

<https://education.gov.scot/education-scotland/inspection-reports/reports-page/?id=3573>

What happens next?

We are confident that the school has the capacity to continue to improve and so we will make no more visits in connection with this inspection. South Lanarkshire Council will inform parents/carers about the school's progress as part of its arrangements for reporting on the quality of its schools.

Lisa Marie McDonnell
HM Inspector

Report

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Report to: **Hamilton Area Committee**
 Date of Meeting: **11 March 2020**
 Report by: **Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources)**

Subject: **Community Grant Applications**

1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ request approval for the allocation of community grants to 16 groups in the Hamilton area from the 2019/2020 community grant budget
- ◆ request authorisation for the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources), in consultation with the Chair, to approve further community grant applications meeting the relevant criteria in the period to 31 March 2020 from the 2019/2020 budget

2. Recommendation(s)

2.1. The Committee is asked to approve the following recommendation(s):-

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

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| (a) Applicant: | The Lanarkshire Festival of Male Voice Choirs, Hamilton (HA/75/19) |
| Amount Requested: | £400 |
| Purpose of Grant: | Administration and publicity costs |
| Amount Awarded: | £300 |
| (b) Applicant: | Blantyre Old Parish Senior Leisure Group (HA/76/19) |
| Amount Requested: | £200 |
| Purpose of Grant: | Outing |
| Amount Awarded: | £200 |
| (c) Applicant: | Uddingston District Churches United Men's Fellowship (HA/78/19) |
| Amount Requested: | £250 |
| Purpose of Grant: | Outing and entrance fees |
| Amount Awarded: | £250 |
| (d) Applicant: | Bothwell Horticultural Society (HA/79/19) |
| Amount Requested: | £900 |
| Purpose of Grant: | Printing costs and equipment |
| Amount Awarded: | £500 |

- (e) Applicant: The Monday Club (Hamilton Old Parish Church) *(HA/80/19)*
Amount Requested: £240
Purpose of Grant: Outing
Amount Awarded: £200
- (f) Applicant: Handmades, Hamilton *(HA/81/19)*
Amount Requested: £350
Purpose of Grant: Outing and entrance fees
Amount Awarded: £250
- (g) Applicant: St Machan's Church Friendship Circle, Larkhall *(HA/82/19)*
Amount Requested: £140
Purpose of Grant: Outing
Amount Awarded: £140
- (h) Applicant: St Machan's Church Guild, Larkhall *(HA/83/19)*
Amount Requested: £250
Purpose of Grant: Outing
Amount Awarded: £200
- (i) Applicant: South Lanarkshire Self-Directed Support Network, Hamilton *(HA/84/19)*
Amount Requested: £500
Purpose of Grant: Equipment
Amount Awarded: £350
- (j) Applicant: Hamilton West 2002 Club *(HA/85/19)*
Amount Requested: £200
Purpose of Grant: Outing
Amount Awarded: £200
- (k) Applicant: The Art Room, Hamilton *(HA/86/19)*
Amount Requested: £300
Purpose of Grant: Outing and materials
Amount Awarded: £300
- (l) Applicant: Cadzow Community Corps, Hamilton *(HA/87/19)*
Amount Requested: £244
Purpose of Grant: Start-up costs
Amount Awarded: £240
- (m) Applicant: Burnbank Hamilton Bowling Club (Ladies' Section) *(HA/88/19)*
Amount Requested: £200
Purpose of Grant: Outing
Amount Awarded: £200
- (n) Applicant: Hamilton and District Men's Shed *(HA/89/19)*
Amount Requested: £250
Purpose of Grant: Equipment
Amount Awarded: £250

(o) Applicant: Hamilton South Church Craft Class (HA/91/19)
Amount Requested: £200
Purpose of Grant: Outing
Amount Awarded: £200

(p) Applicant: Musical Memories, Hamilton (HA/93/19)
Amount Requested: £250
Purpose of Grant: Outing
Amount Awarded: £200

- (2) request authorisation for the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources), in consultation with the Chair, to approve any further community grant applications meeting the relevant criteria in the period to 31 March 2020 from the 2019/2020 budget.

3. Background

- 3.1. The Council operates a community grants scheme to support local constituted community groups and voluntary organisations. Applications are invited throughout the financial year.
- 3.2 All applications require to be supported by a constitution, audited accounts or annual income and expenditure accounts, a bank statement, and confirmation that the group/organisation will adhere to the conditions of the grant award.

4. Employee Implications

- 4.1. None.

5. Financial Implications

- 5.1. The current position of the community grant allocation for the Hamilton Area in 2019/2020 is as follows:-

Total allocation for Community Grants	£25,750
Grants previously allocated	£18,910
Community Grants recommended in this report	£3,980
Remaining balance	£2,860

- 5.2 In view of the fact that this is the last meeting of the Committee in the current financial year and to allow any further applications submitted prior to the end of the current financial year to be considered, it is proposed that the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources), in consultation with the Chair, be authorised to approve and further community grant applications meeting the relevant criteria in the period to 31 March 2020. Information on those grants awarded would be reported to a future meeting.

6. Climate Change, Sustainability and Environmental Implications

- 6.1. There are no significant implications in terms of climate change, sustainability or environmental issues.

7. Other Implications

- 7.1. The risk to the Council is that grant funding is not utilised for the purpose of which it was intended. This risk is mitigated by internal controls including audit procedures and conditions of grant agreement.

8. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements

8.1. This report does not introduce a new policy, function or strategy or recommend a change to an existing policy, function or strategy and therefore no impact assessment is required.

8.2. All the necessary consultation with the community groups has taken place.

Paul Manning

Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources)

24 February 2020

Link(s) to Council Values/Ambitions/Objectives

- ◆ Accountable, effective, efficient and transparent. Work with communities and partners to promote high quality, thriving and sustainable communities

Previous References

- ◆ Hamilton Area Committee, 18 December 2019

List of Background Papers

- ◆ Individual application forms

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