



Council Offices, Almada Street  
Hamilton, ML3 0AA

Tuesday, 09 November 2021

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, 17 November 2021  
**Time:** 14:00  
**Venue:** By Microsoft Teams,

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** 3 - 8  
Minutes of the meeting of Hamilton Area Committee held on 8 September 2021 submitted for approval as a correct record. (Copy attached)

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### Item(s) for Noting

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- 3 Detector Legislation**  
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Report dated 1 November 2021 by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources). (Copy attached)
- 5 Participatory Budgeting - Education Resources - Pupil Equity Funding** 37 - 48  
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### Item(s) for Decision

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- 6 Application P/21/0340 Demolition of Timber Shed and Erection of Garage/Store** 49 - 60  
Report dated 3 November 2021 by the Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources). (Copy attached)
- 7 Community Grant Applications** 61 - 64  
Report dated 1 November 2021 by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources). (Copy attached)

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### Urgent Business

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- 8 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 via Microsoft Teams on 8 September 2021

**Chair:**

Councillor Mary Donnelly

**Councillors Present:**

Councillor Jackie Burns, Councillor Andy Carmichael, Councillor Maureen Chalmers, Councillor Peter Craig (Depute), Councillor Maureen Devlin, Councillor Allan Falconer, Councillor Graeme Horne, Councillor Martin Grant Hose, Councillor Kenny McCreary, Councillor Mark McGeever, Councillor Jim McGuigan, Councillor Davie McLachlan, Councillor Lynne Nailon, Councillor John Ross (ex officio), Councillor Josh Wilson

**Councillors' Apologies:**

Councillor Stephanie Callaghan, Councillor Joe Lowe, Councillor Richard Nelson, Councillor Mo Razzaq, Councillor Bert Thomson

**Attending:**

**Community and Enterprise Resources**

A McKinnon, Head of Facilities, Waste and Grounds Services; G Newbigging, Area Manager

**Education Resources**

L Mitchell, Quality Improvement Officer/Lead Officer (Equity)

**Finance and Corporate Resources**

E A McGonigle, Administration Officer; K McLeod, Administration Assistant; J Taylor, Head of Finance (Strategy); L Wyllie, Administration Assistant

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## 1 Declaration of Interests

No interests were declared.

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## 2 Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting of the Hamilton Area Committee held on 9 June 2021 were submitted for approval as a correct record.

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

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## 3 Common Good Update Report

A report dated 18 August 2021 by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) was submitted providing background information and an update on the Hamilton Common Good Fund.

The Common Good was a fund of money or assets, or both, and was administered by a Scottish local authority in respect of each former burgh within the area of the local authority. Common Good property was owned by the local authority and administered separately from other local authority assets for accounting purposes. Ownership was absolute in the strict sense that the authority held legal title to it. However, what the authority could do with the asset was subject to a system of statutory control which had the potential to limit the extent to which the authority could dispose of or deal with the asset and in what terms.

The Common Good funds held in South Lanarkshire were Biggar, Hamilton, Lanark and Rutherglen. The Common Good fund in Hamilton held a number of properties and a proactive approach to maintenance supported the viability of those assets and reduced the Council's risk to greater liability in the future. On 2 October 2013, the Finance and Corporate Resources Committee approved an annual cyclical maintenance plan of £15,000 for Hamilton Common Good properties and the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) had delegated authority to approve maintenance expenditure up to that amount for all funds.

Finance Services administered the Common Good accounts, which included revenue monitoring, preparation of annual accounts and, when required, to seek approval from the Finance and Corporate Resources Committee for expenditure to be incurred on various projects. Reports on the management of the Common Good funds would be provided annually to appropriate Area Committees.

The unaudited annual accounts for 2020/2021 were detailed at Appendix 1 to the report. The balance invested in the Council's Loans Fund for Hamilton was £0.348 million and details of those assets were provided in Appendix 2 to the report.

It was noted that:-

- ◆ there were currently no commitments for repairs and planned maintenance for 2021/2022 and work was ongoing to identify potential expenditure
- ◆ there was 1 committed project in relation to the Hamilton Town Centre Action Plan which was for the renewal and maintenance of Hamilton's Town Square
- ◆ although there had been no consultations on new lease arrangements for Common Good properties, consultation would be required under Section 104 of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 in relation to a proposal to dispose of part of the Gateway Site, Palace Grounds Road for a substation site to facilitate the Fastned charging site at the same location
- ◆ no responses had been received in respect of the consultation on the proposed change of use at 11 Keith Street, Hamilton (old Vogue cinema) for a development of 23 one and two bedroom flats to include retention of the building façade
- ◆ the Council had identified a number of sites for designation and use as local nature reserves and 2 of those were held in the Hamilton Common Good Account. Consultation under Section 104 of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 would be required

The Head of Finance (Strategy) responded to members' questions on various aspects of the report.

**The Committee decided:** that the background information and update on the Hamilton Common Good fund be noted.

*[Reference: Minutes of Finance and Corporate Resources Committee of 2 October 2013 (Paragraph 11)]*

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#### **4 Participatory Budgeting - Community and Enterprise Resources - Footpaths and Roads**

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A report dated 20 July 2021 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 million footway/footpath and road projects
- ◆ initial/potential learning points to develop future exercises
- ◆ next steps, locations, and forthcoming communications

As part of an agreed budget, an additional £2 million had been allocated to support footway/footpath and road improvements. This investment would continue the Council's commitment to prioritise investment in roads infrastructure and footways/footpaths, including those within parks.

The predominant focus of the investment had been to target footpath improvement together with further investment to improve road conditions in South Lanarkshire. This additional sum was to be allocated across the 4 localities based on network length and would be subject to an online PB exercise which would allow communities to prioritise, on a thematic basis, where the further expenditure in their area could be targeted. The resulting programme of works would be informed by the road condition index and footway/footpath conditions information.

It had been considered appropriate to allocate 75% of the funding towards footway/footpath and 25% towards carriageways, with work to be implemented in 2021/2022. Details of how the funding had been allocated were highlighted in the report.

The consultation took place between 27 April and 11 May 2021 and had been promoted via the Council's website, social media channels and third sector networks. Separate votes were held for each of the 4 areas, with separate provision within each area vote for roads and footways/footpaths. A full breakdown of participant engagement in the process and the representation levels was detailed in Appendix 1 to the report.

Locations had been identified in line with the funding and specific locations where works would be undertaken were detailed in Appendix 2 to the report.

Operating the first mainstream PB across the Council had identified several learning points to be considered as the process developed further and those were detailed in the report.

Officers responded to members' questions on various aspects of the report.

**The Committee decided:**

- (1) that the outcome and level of engagement for the PB consultation exercise to identify £2 million footway/footpath and road projects, as set out in Appendix 2 of the report, be noted; and
- (2) that the learning points to develop future consultation exercises and forthcoming communications be noted.

*Councillor Burns entered the meeting during this item of business*

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## **5 Participatory Budgeting - Community and Enterprise Resources - Renewable Energy Fund**

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A report dated 24 August 2021 by the Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources) was submitted on Participatory Budgeting in relation to the Renewable Energy Fund.

The Executive Committee, on 21 November 2018, agreed that a series of amendments be made to the Renewable Energy Fund. One amendment was the introduction of a micro grant fund in 2019/2020 of up to £5,000 per annum available to Community Councils or equivalent community organisations to award and administer small grants of up to £500 locally.

This was established for an initial 2 year period and the Community and Enterprise Resources Committee, held on 16 February 2021, agreed to continue the micro grants after 2020/2021. At the start of August 2021, 3 Community Councils within the Hamilton Area had been awarded micro grants in 2021/2022 totalling £12,895 and those were detailed in the report.

**The Committee decided:** that the report be noted.

*[Reference: Minutes of the Executive Committee of 21 November 2018 (Paragraph 10) and Minutes of the Community and Enterprise Resources Committee of 16 February 2021 (Paragraph 4)]*

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## **6 Participatory Budgeting - Education Resources - Pupil Equity Funding**

A report dated 25 July 2021 by the Executive Director (Education Resources) was submitted on Participatory Budgeting in relation to Pupil Equity Funding.

The public had been asked about how 5% of their school's Pupil Equity Funding (PEF) would be spent. The funding was targeted at supporting pupils affected by poverty. 146 out of 148 schools within South Lanarkshire received PEF. Each school would set aside a minimum of 5% of its PEF allocation, which equated to £0.495 million, and members of the public had been asked to indicate how this should be spent. Schools would confirm the percentage that they would set aside to Education Resources by 30 August 2021 and final figures would be reported to the next meeting of the Area Committee.

Head Teachers had been briefed on the Participatory Budgeting (PB) process and were now identifying a staff member to lead/facilitate the process within their school. An initial training session for PB leads was delivered on 6 May 2021.

Schools were now beginning to set-up a PB group, consisting of pupils and parents/carers. This group would lead PB activity in schools, consulting with stakeholders to generate ideas and facilitate the voting. Details of the stakeholders were provided in the report. All schools would have completed the PB process, with voting and spend agreed, by 8 October 2021. This information would be collated and shared at future meetings of this Committee.

Schools would then progress with the spend, ensuring that the funding was fully spent by 31 March 2021.

The Quality Improvement Officer/Lead Officer (Equity) responded to a member's question in relation to the measures, outcomes and reporting of the PEF spent through PB and that spent by Head Teachers.

**The Committee decided:** that the report be noted.

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## **7 Community Grant Applications**

A report dated 23 August 2021 by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) was submitted on applications for community grant.

As previously reported, the 2020/2021 year-end report considered by the Executive Committee on 23 June 2021 included a recommendation to carry forward the unspent monies from the 2020/2021 community grants budget. This recommendation had been approved and, in relation to this Area Committee, the unspent monies amounted to £12,272.05, which resulted in a revised total allocation for community grants for 2021/2022 of £38,022.05.

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

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| (a) | Applicant:        | Hillhouse Community Council, Hamilton (HA/3/21)                |
|     | Purpose of Grant: | Equipment  |
|     | Amount Awarded:   | £700   |
| (b) | Applicant:        | Westcraigs at Heart Group, Blantyre (HA/6/21)                  |
|     | Purpose of Grant: | Start-up costs – equipment, administration and publicity costs |
|     | Amount Awarded:   | £250   |

*[Reference: Minutes of 9 June 2021 (Paragraph 5)] and Minutes of the Executive Committee of 23 June 2021 (Paragraph 3]*

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## **8 Urgent Business**

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There were no items of urgent business.





# Report

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Report to:	<b>Hamilton Area Committee</b>
Date of Meeting:	<b>17 November 2021</b>
Report by:	<b>Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources)</b>

Subject:	<b>Neighbourhood Planning Update</b>
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## 1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ update the area committee on the work being carried out in Hamilton in relation to neighbourhood planning

## 2. Recommendation(s)

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

- (1) that the progress being made in respect of neighbourhood planning be noted; and
- (2) that the annual reports that have been produced for the neighbourhood plans within the area be noted.

## 3. Background

- 3.1. The Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 places a statutory duty on Community Planning Partnerships (CPP), of which the Council is a statutory partner, to identify smaller areas within the local authority area which experience the poorest outcomes and to prepare and publish locality plans to improve outcomes on agreed priorities for these communities. These plans are required to set out clear priorities for improving local outcomes and tackling inequalities which agreed by the CPP and community. In South Lanarkshire these plans are referred to as neighbourhood plans.
- 3.2. The guidance makes it clear that participation with communities must lie at the heart of community planning and that the partners must engage with the communities identified as requiring specific attention and be more than just consultation but involve active engagement and empowerment.
- 3.3. At the 14 July 2017 meeting of the CPP Board, it considered the results of a statistical exercise which identified the areas experiencing the poorest outcomes in South Lanarkshire relative to the South Lanarkshire average position, which resulted in areas within 9 of the Council's 20 wards being identified as potential neighbourhood planning areas.
- 3.4. At its meeting of the 11 October 2017, the Community Planning Board agreed to pilot the use of neighbourhood planning activity in South Lanarkshire, and recognised that this approach required a longer investment of time within communities to engage and involve people and produce plans. The first 3 neighbourhood plans, for the pilot

areas of Hillhouse/Udston/Burnbank, Whitlawburn and Springhall and Strutherhill and Birkenshaw were published in January 2019.

- 3.5. The legislation further requires that reports are produced on a yearly basis which identify the progress made in relation to the plans. The purpose of these reports is for the communities involved to see and understand what has happened in their areas. The guidance accompanying the legislation states that annual reports should be published in an accessible and easy to understand way which enables communities to understand the direction and scale of progress. As a result, the manner in which reports are produced for communities will vary from the way in which partners may usually report.

#### **4. Progress to Date**

- 4.1. Learning from the phase 1 areas included the recognition that each area is individual in its capacity and the priorities which it identifies, and that the work which is carried out in neighbourhoods as a result must be individualised. In addition, the neighbourhood planning work should strengthen and empower the community within the neighbourhood, developing their capacity to both engage with potential delivery services and to create and deliver upon their own priorities where this is appropriate.
- 4.2. In September 2019, the Community Planning Board agreed the neighbourhood planning processes should be rolled out further areas, including Burnhill and Cambuslang east. Each community has individual levels of community capacity and support already in place and required individualised programmes of support, which were delivered by the Community Engagement Team (CET) alongside local partners and community groups. Plans for these areas were produced by March 2020, being published just as the COVID-19 pandemic began.
- 4.3. Annual reports for the Hillhouse, Udston and Burnbank, Fairhill and Strutherhill and Birkenshaw areas have now been produced for the year 2020/2021 and are attached as appendices 1 to 3. Progress has been made on delivering actions against the top priorities of all areas, despite the impact of the pandemic on engagement activities. Key progress in all areas has been the increase in the number of local people participating in neighbourhood planning processes, in particular participatory budgeting approaches and this again is outlined in the annual reports. Highlights of the work which are detailed within the reports for each area are:-

Hillhouse, Udston and Burnbank	The stakeholders have continued to make progress against 9 of their local priorities; in addition, 868 residents took part in the participatory budgeting vote, participation levels far exceeded any expectations.
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Strutherhill and Birkenshaw	The Community Group are working closely with a range of partners and have progressed 8 local priorities, including delivering physical environmental improvements, including play development and early discussions around the use of vacant land.
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Fairhill	The Fairhill community have progressed 5 of their priorities and pulled together to support one another through the pandemic, despite individually facing their own challenges; they ensured no one in the community was left behind.
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- 4.4 In Blantyre, work has progressed in a different way due to the pandemic and subsequent reallocation of resources from the Coalfields Regeneration Trust. Work is under way there to produce an action plan for the current year which creates identified and deliverable steps for the community and partners to take in order to progress the themes from the original plan. Reporting on this will begin in the 2021/2022 year.

## **5. Future Plans**

- 5.1. A neighbourhood plan is now under development within the Whitehill area, and work with stakeholders has commenced. Work on this plan has been slower than usual due to the restrictions of the pandemic making face to face work impossible for long periods of time. However, a local survey is open and will remain open until the target of 40% of all households in the area participating has been reached and the stakeholders are content that they have a representative view of Whitehill residents' priorities. As restrictions have relaxed, some face to face engagement is now possible using safe systems of working and this is being utilised where it can be.
- 5.2. Work continues with the existing areas to make certain that the priorities remain correct in the current times, and that progress is being made towards achieving them.
- 5.3. As the number of neighbourhood plans increases, locality priorities will begin to be developed by identifying key shared priorities across localities. This provides the opportunity for wider resources to support actions over localities with a view to improving outcomes and to work in partnership at a locality level across South Lanarkshire. This again offers a further chance for challenge and scrutiny between partners and communities. Initial conversations have been conducted with stakeholder groups and community councils to begin to identify these shared priorities and link them to the Community Planning process in a more strategic manner.

## **6. Employee Implications**

- 6.1. There are no employee implications associated with this report.

## **7. Financial Implications**

- 7.1. There are no financial implications associated with this report.

## **8. Climate Change, Sustainability and Environmental Implications**

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

## **9. Other Implications**

- 9.1. There are no risk or sustainability issues associated with the content of this report.

## **10. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements**

- 10.1. This report does not introduce a new policy, function or strategy or recommend a change to existing policy, function or strategy and, therefore, no impact assessment is required. Consultations on neighbourhood plans are carried out on an ongoing basis with each community involved in the process.

**Paul Manning**  
**Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources)**

1 November 2021

**Link(s) to Council Values/Ambitions/Objectives**

- ◆ Work with communities to promote high quality and thriving and sustainable communities
- ◆ Support our communities by tackling disadvantage and deprivation and supporting aspiration

**Previous References**

- ◆ None

**List of Background Papers**

- ◆ None

**Contact for Further Information**

If you would like to inspect the background papers or want further information, please contact:-

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**Appendix 1: Hillhouse, Udston and Burnbank Neighbourhood Annual Report**

**Appendix 2: Fairhill Neighbourhood Annual Report**

**Appendix 3: Strutherhill and Birkenshaw Annual Report**

# Our Neighbourhood Plan for Hillhouse, Udston and Burnbank

## Annual Progress Report 2021–2022



South Lanarkshire Council

**Can Do**  
**Community**



# Introduction

Hillhouse, Udston and Burnbank (HUB) is one of three neighbourhoods identified by the South Lanarkshire Community Planning Partnership (CPP) in 2017 to test a new collective approach to tackling inequalities, taking preventative action and improving the lives of local people.

Hillhouse, Udston and Burnbank encompasses Hillhouse Central, Hillhouse East, Hillhouse South, Hillhouse South East, Udston Central, Udston North, Udston South West and Wellhall North.

The area has a population of 7,236.

51% of the population are female and 49% are male.

The total number of households is 3,527

- 985 lone adult households
- 515 households with dependent children
- 482 lone adults with dependent children
- 628 children aged under 16 in lone parent households

Community assets include schools and nurseries, churches, community buildings and libraries, sport facilities and outdoor spaces including woodland, community gardens, MUGAs and play areas.

An ever growing vibrant community/voluntary sector provides a range of opportunities including but not exclusively youth projects, a homework club, an emergency food project, dementia support, a tenants and residents association, sports HUB, child and family focused activity, an ESOL group and a number of uniformed organisations.

We continue to be inspired by group members, who continue to work together to improve their community. They have forged strong partnerships that have brought about so many positive changes and opportunities. It is a privilege to work alongside them, celebrate their numerous achievements and continue to assist them in realising their ambitions and goals. After a challenging year, we continue to grow and adapt and look forward to what the future will bring.

**Community Links  
Development Team**

# History

- In October 2017 the South Lanarkshire Community Planning Partnership agreed to test a new collective approach to tackling local inequalities and improving the lives of local people.
- 3 areas were chosen to test this approach including Hillhouse, Udston and Burnbank (HUB).
- In November 2017 an awareness raising event was held involving residents involved in community life and those working in the neighbourhood.
- The community engagement process is co-designed with local residents. The four big questions were devised.
- Survey opened in November 2017 and closed in February 2018, 550 households participate.
- March 2018 the Community Action Group is established. 10 priorities themes identified through the survey form the basis HUB neighbourhood plan. Thematic working groups are formed. Early actions are agreed in May 2018 – ongoing deliberative priority setting has been a key feature of neighbourhood planning activity since.
- March 2018 £60,000 Community Choices Fund is secured, match contributions secured from the NHS, CPP and TP programme. Funding is aligned to support the delivery of early actions.
- A participatory budgeting approach was used to allocate funds. 268 residents cast their votes 14 new projects were designed and delivered.
- January 2019 the Neighbourhood plan is agreed.
- Community Action Group and working groups continued to meet regularly with the community and stakeholder working collaboratively to bring the neighbourhood plan to life. Post the first lockdown the Community Action Group resumed with online information sessions and meetings.

# Information

In 2020/21, £7000 was allocated to the HUB area to facilitate a participatory budgeting process.

The Community Action Group were actively involved in devising every aspect of the participatory budgeting process. Contributing towards and fine tuning, the engagement process, setting criteria, considering paperwork and promotion. Pre the public vote the group also reviewed the submitted proposals to ensure they complied with priorities.

Covid-19 restrictions were a huge consideration but the group were fully committed to the community engagement process and making sure it wasn't compromised because of the lack of direct contact and the absence of community meetings and events, key features of previous rounds of participatory budgeting.

To help achieve wide and representative involvement the group used the participatory budgeting charter to plan participatory budgeting in 2020. A small grants model was used to generate ideas and proposals and a combination of on line voting and telephone contact was undertaken to maximise participation.

- 858 HUB residents voted
- 13 proposals submitted
- 3 fully funded
- 1 partial award

All projects have set outcomes and will be monitored once activities are fully delivered.

Post the vote all proposal leads were invited to a meeting with the Lottery and VASLan to discuss alternative funding options.



## Priority

## Progress that has been achieved

# 1

### More leisure and social opportunities



- The homework club provides a range of support.
- Go Football sessions were offered by SLLC in collaboration with a range of stakeholders. Asda provide medals, wristbands and hospitality.

# 2

### Greater community safety



- The Our Place A Safe Place survey is opened seeking views and solutions concerning anti-social behaviour.
- In response to community concerns new public space CCTV is installed in Burnbank.

# 3

### Physical environment improvements



- Participatory budgeting funding enables Hillhouse Residents and Tenants Association to deliver substantial environmental improvements at their community garden. Providing a much needed and valued focal point for community events and activities.

# 4

### Stronger and better communities



- A local Covid Response Group was established, extensive collaboration between the community/voluntary sector and partners resulted in delivery of a coordinated response ensuring the welfare of vulnerable individuals and families throughout the pandemic.
- The Community Action Group have developed a "Whats On" guide to better connect/reconnect residents to community life.

# 5

### Easier to get about/moving around



- Stakeholders and partners are working together to develop actions.



## Priority

## Progress that has been achieved

# 6

### Housing improvements



- Replacement and upgrade of door entry system to flats in Burnbank the new systems have video entry which provide enhanced safety and security to tenants.

# 7

### Better employment and business opportunities



- SELECT continued to engage residents seeking training or work via online digital hubs.

# 8

### Better financial wellbeing



- Gilmour and Whitehill Parish Church in partnership with the Harvest Group and other partners are supporting an emergency food supply initiative. Over 120 packages are being distributed per month.
- Hamilton CAB continued to provide services via telephone contact during Covid-19 targeting the area.
- Back to school activities take place.
- The community sports Hub model is enabling young people to test and try new sports, offering reduced membership fees and reducing the financial outlay for kit.

# 9

### Better education and training opportunities



- Community Links South Lanarkshire SELECT project provides digital skills training to promote digital inclusion, enabling members and the wider community to participate in online activities/opportunities.
- IT devices are made available via the Connecting Scotland Fund.

# 10

### Health improvements



- Participatory budgeting funding is used to develop a Community Sports Hub introducing young people to new sports experiences. The project is delivered in collaboration with South Lanarkshire Leisure and the Harvest Group.

## Development plans

The Community Action Group are currently identifying and setting realistic and achievable goals for the year ahead. Emerging issues include:

- The need to promote community wellbeing and connections to help reduce social isolation and other impacts of Covid-19.
- Celebrating community spirit, participation and involvement.
- Maximising collaborations and partnerships built and strengthened during the pandemic and how to sustain this as we move forward into recovery.
- Identify ways to support and resource existing groups as they prepare to resume operations post the pandemic.

To begin to achieve this group are:

- A mapping exercise is underway to create a single point of contact for community information/opportunities. To highlight existing community activity and how this can be built upon to best meet the community's need and maximise community assets and resources. The Community Action Group will coordinate key dates and identify collaborations, and mapping will be used to support community conversations to identify new areas of interest/development in line with priority themes.
- Joint events will take place to strengthen the community infrastructure and build community spirit.
- Back to school activities will be delivered to mitigate the cost of the school day.
- Participatory budgeting will be used to support community recovery.

Being involved means you find out more and learn about "why" decisions are made.

It's been a joy to be part of Our Place Our Plan, you get a sense of achievement, a feeling of improving things and creating opportunities.

Having a clear plan from the start has really helped. Working with the top ten local priorities and having a timetable for action. It's interesting so see the timetable and how it is being delivered.

**David Downie**  
Community  
Group Member



## Case study

Situated in the heart of Burnbank, Gilmour and Whitehill Parish Church is providing a much needed focal point for the communities of Hillhouse, Udston and Burnbank. Strong partnerships have been forged between Gilmour and Whitehill Church, the Harvest Church, Our Place Our Plan Community Action group, and the wider community. There is no doubt that community led initiatives are making positive differences to resident's quality of life.

The Burnbank café and emergency food supplies project are examples of how local people and organisations identify and quickly respond to local need. Providing a warm welcome and treating people well and with dignity is the cornerstone of everything that is going on in the church. The café runs from 10am to 2pm every Friday, providing hot drinks and a snack. Once restrictions ease further a full menu will be re-introduced.

Ensuring residents have ease of access to services or signposting is an integral part of the café, and because of this staff are on hand or on call from a whole range of organisations when needed.

The emergency food supply initiative operates every Friday from 12 noon to 2pm. Participatory budgeting funds, donations and an enormous amount of people power in the form of a dedicated band of volunteers, are enabling food packages to be provided to individuals and families.

On average 30 packages are being distributed every week.



“We are simply doing the right thing in challenging times. People are just so grateful.”

**Anne Paul**  
Session Clerk  
Gilmour and Whitehill  
Parish Church

“I was overwhelmed by the support I received and the food package was much more than I expected. I was wary of asking for help, but I was met with such a warm friendly welcome, it put me at my ease right away. My thanks to everyone involved.”

**A mum of two**  
from Burnbank

If you would like to find out more  
or get involved please contact:

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Our Place Our Plan Facebook page  
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The biggest  
achievement has to be  
community involvement.

Neighbourhood planning has given  
the community the opportunity and the  
confidence to make real changes and  
improvements. Residents have been encouraged  
to recognise and build community assets especially  
our people and place. Relationships are at the  
centre of all we do through Our Place Our Plan, so  
building connections and strong partnerships are  
helping to make our priorities become a reality.

Only by working together can we  
leave a lasting legacy in Hillhouse,  
Udston and Burnbank.

**HUB focus group**

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## Our Neighbourhood Plan for

# Fairhill

## Annual Progress Report 2021–2022



# Introduction

Fairhill is an area in Hamilton, South Lanarkshire, with a population of around 2800. The housing is a mix of social housing, private rent and owned properties. Fairhill has a number of organisations active in the area who provide social and recreational opportunities for the community.

In November 2020 Fairhill started to develop their neighbourhood plan. This was overseen by a group of local people, organisations active in the area and public sector partners. This plan is the beginning and will be reported on each year by the stakeholders group to show what difference has been made in the area.

To continue to grow and develop, the stakeholders would like to invite any local resident to join us and help to make Fairhill an ever-better place to live.

The neighbourhood plan aims to get everyone working together to make Fairhill an even better place to live. This is done through local people identifying and setting priorities to improve the area. Once the areas for improvement are identified everyone works together including local people, charities, community groups, businesses and the public sector to look at how the identified priorities can be improved.

Fairhill's neighbourhood plan has been created solely using local people's views and respects Fairhill residents as experts as their own area. We need everyone to get involved to continue to drive this plan forward for the benefit of all the residents of Fairhill.





# History

Fairhill is a new area for neighbourhood planning. A series of open meeting were held in September 2019 to generate interest in setting up a steering group for the neighbourhood plan. The consultation around the plan started in November 2019 and concluded in February 2020, 498 people took part in this consultation to identify the priorities for the community. The consultation was carried out by the community engagement team and steering group members. The plan was due to be launched in the community in April 2020, however, due to the pandemic this launch was unable to go ahead.

At the point of the pandemic priorities changed within the area and resources were pulled to ensure everyone was able to eat, receive medication they needed and generally support people where they could. Fairhill community group led on this in the area. The group worked in partnership with local businesses and other voluntary groups in the area to help out with shopping, collection of prescriptions, provisions of free food for children and general support for the local community.

Naturally, none of these services were identified as priorities on the neighbourhood plan as no one knew they would become so vital over the course of 20/21. The Fairhill community showed the resilience and strength of the community through the support provided to each other in an unprecedented year of challenges no one could have anticipated would have been faced.

Neighbourhood planning is a real opportunity for everyone to work together on improving Fairhill. Fairhill over the past year and a bit has faced the COVID pandemic as a community, supporting each other and ensuring no one was left behind. Moving forward we need to use this energy to make Fairhill an even better place for people to live.

**Craig Allan**

# Information

Due to the pandemic a participatory budgeting process was not carried out in the area over 2020/21. Micro Grant monies was given to organisations who were continuing to focus on the priorities highlighted in the neighbourhood plan.

Over the next year it will be a focus to ensure a full participatory budgeting process is ran to ensure local people have their say in how public money is spent.



Priority	Progress that has been achieved
<b>1</b> <b>Physical environment</b> 	<p>Everything around you, play parks, grass verges, street furniture, roads, pavements etc.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conversations are ongoing with local groups to explore opportunities of how we can use open space in Fairhill more productively.</li> </ul>
<b>2</b> <b>More leisure and social opportunities</b> 	<p>Activities for you to engage in and socialise within your own community.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Due to the restrictions due to the pandemic this point could not be actioned as activities were stopped to keep people safe. Actions will be developed when possible.</li> </ul>
<b>3</b> <b>Greater community safety</b> 	<p>How safe you feel in your community whether this be road safety or physical safety from crime.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Actions will be developed as the stakeholders begin to meet again.</li> </ul>
<b>4</b> <b>Easier to get about/moving around</b> 	<p>The ability to move in and around your community and access to other local areas.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Actions will be developed as the stakeholders begin to meet again.</li> </ul>
<b>5</b> <b>More variety of shops/businesses</b> 	<p>The choice of business in the area and what sectors are available locally.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Actions will be developed as the stakeholders begin to meet again.</li> </ul>



Priority	Progress that has been achieved
<b>6 Housing improvements</b> 	<p>The upkeep and presentation of local housing stock.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Actions will be developed as the stakeholders begin to meet again.</li> </ul>
<b>7 Stronger and better communities</b> 	<p>Feeling connected to your local community and the sense of community spirit.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Many people were isolated throughout 2020/21 due to the nature of the pandemic. This will be a crucial priority moving into the recovery phase.</li> </ul>
<b>8 Better financial wellbeing</b> 	<p>Locally available services to assist you to access financial advice and maximise income.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CAB continues to offer support in the area throughout the pandemic through phone call appointments.</li> <li>• Plans are being made to hold discussions around the affordability of services for local people.</li> </ul>
<b>9 Health improvements</b> 	<p>Opportunities within the community to access activities and services to improve health.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Health was a consistent worry in 2020/21 due to the pandemic. The community rallied to support each other be it through mental or physical health. This was done through food parcels, prescription drop-offs and regular phone calls.</li> </ul>
<b>10 Better education, training and employment opportunities</b> 	<p>Locally available opportunities around employment and education for all ages.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Actions will be developed as the stakeholders begin to meet again.</li> </ul>

## Development plans

Moving forward from the pandemic the stakeholder's group will look to set up regular meetings to look at how we can successfully drive this plan forward and ensure it is still representative of the Fairhill communities priorities.

A full participatory budgeting process will be carried out to allocate monies in the area aligned to projects that look to meet the identified priorities within the area.

Overall, the focus will likely be based on recovery from the pandemic and ensuring that everyone in the community has an effective way to communicate their priority and work towards making Fairhill an even better place to live.



I'd like to say what a pleasure it's been getting to know the team, the partners and other residents who are like minded and want to make a difference to our community. I have especially appreciated how we have been able to sit round the table together, as equals, and recognise all the good things already going on here and how we can build on these to make the area even better. I can't wait to see how the project evolves going forward, and hope that many more people feel inspired to get on board.

**Local Resident**

# Progress in Fairhill

Due to the COVID pandemic the progress on the neighbourhood plan was delayed. However the stakeholder group were able to allocate £5000 to local community groups in order to carry out local activities. These activities will be coming soon as restrictions continue to ease and local residents can start to come together again.

There were 10 grants of £500 given out, decided by the stakeholders group made up of local people and organisations. Thanks to Fairhill's vibrant third sector there was a wide variety of activities, these were;

- ▶ Three themed community events
- ▶ Holiday youth programme
- ▶ 4 social events – older people
- ▶ Intergenerational reading club with local primary school
- ▶ Free fitness taster sessions
- ▶ Free hall lets for the community

These funding applications were approved by local people in direct response to the priorities identified by local people through the survey for the neighbourhood plan. Moving forward, we will be looking for you to directly vote on what projects receive funding, this will ensure that we continue to meet the needs of our local community.

Hopefully as we move out of the restrictions of the pandemic you will be able to participate in some of these activities and continue to let us know what is important to you in the Fairhill community.



The stakeholders have not been able to meet due to the Covid pandemic. We hope that as the situation improves we will be able to hold meetings again in the near future.

If you would like to get involved please contact **0303 123 1017** or email **communities@southlanarkshire.gov.uk**



During the pandemic we strengthened our links with locals, business and partners to support the community and address the immediate needs. We are looking forward to getting activities going again.

**Fairhill Community Group**

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# Our Neighbourhood Plan for Strutherhill and Birkenshaw

## Annual Progress Report 2021–2022





# Introduction

Strutherhill and Birkenshaw is one of the neighbourhoods identified by the South Lanarkshire Community Planning Partnership to test a new collective approach to tackling inequalities, taking preventative action and improving the lives of local people. This work has its roots in the Community Empowerment Act which requires the CPP to develop a neighbourhood plan along with communities and to improve outcomes where this is needed the most.

Neighbourhood planning activity is being delivered using a solution focused, asset based approach to build community confidence, increase community involvement and to bring about lasting improvements through community led decision making.

The area encompasses Strutherhill North, Strutherhill North West, Strutherhill South East, Strutherhill South West and Strutherhill West.

Strutherhill and Birkenshaw has a population of 3,559. 53% of the population are female and 47% are male.

The area has 1,602 households

- 322 lone adult households
- 259 households with dependent children
- 209 lone adults with dependent children
- 209 children aged under 16 in lone parent households

Community assets include:

- 2 primary schools (1 community wing)
- 1 nursery
- 1 church with lettable space
- 2 play areas
- 2 MUGA's (Multi use games arenas)
- Playing fields
- Access to a natural woodland and a Friends of group
- 2 youth projects
- Women's Guild
- Scouts and Army Cadets
- Breakfast clubs and after-school care
- Pre five and family focused groups
- Community based café with wrap around services provided



# History

- ▶ In October 2017 the South Lanarkshire Community Planning Partnership agreed to test a new collective approach to tackling local inequalities and improving the lives of local people.
- ▶ In November 2017 an awareness raising event was held involving residents contributing to community life and those working in the neighbourhood.
- ▶ The community engagement process is co-designed with local residents. The four big questions were devised.
- ▶ Our Place Our Plan survey opened in November 2017 and closed in February 2018, 106 households participated.
- ▶ March 2018 the Community Group is established. Ten priorities themes identified through the survey form the neighbourhood plan. Thematic working groups are formed.
- ▶ May 2018 early actions are agreed. Ongoing deliberative priority setting has been a key feature of neighbourhood planning activity since.
- ▶ March 2018 £10,000 is secured from the Lottery. This is aligned to support the delivery of early actions in the Plan.
- ▶ A participatory budgeting approach was used to allocate funds. 101 residents cast their votes 21 projects were proposed and 6 new projects were designed and delivered.
- ▶ A further two rounds of participatory budgeting activity took place in 2019 (201 votes) and 2020.
- ▶ January 2019 the Neighbourhood plan is launched.
- ▶ Community Group and working groups continued to meet regularly, working collaboratively to bring the neighbourhood plan to life. Post the first lockdown the group resumed with online meetings.

# Information

In 2020/21, £4,200 was allocated to the Strutherhill and Birkenshaw area to help deliver activities associated with the Neighbourhood Plan priority themes.

The Community Group were actively involved in devising every aspect of the participatory budgeting process, including engagement approaches, setting criteria, considering proposal arrangements and promotion.

Covid-19 restrictions were a huge consideration but the group were fully committed to involving the community in a meaningful way and making sure this was not compromised due to a lack of direct contact. With this in mind the group decided to undertake a devolved approach to participatory budgeting. Established local groups and organisations already contributing to community wellbeing were approached to secure their involvement. The groups and their core activity was then considered in the public vote, and funds were allocated based on the proportion of votes received. Proposals were then developed based on funds awarded and group priorities. The Participatory Budgeting Charter was used to plan participatory budgeting a combination of on line voting and telephone contact was undertaken to maximise participation.

- ▶ 192 votes were cast
- ▶ 7 groups received funding

All funded projects and proposals will be monitored against agreed outcomes when activities are fully delivered.



## Priority

## Progress that has been achieved

# 1

### More leisure and social opportunities



- Strutherhill and Birkenshaw Youth project are providing bushcraft activities encouraging young people to embrace the outdoor develop new skill and reconnect with peers develop a youth led programme of activities supported by participatory budgeting.
- The Community group are at the early stages of developing a bike initiative.
- Birkenshaw Women's Guild received participatory budgeting funding to help reintroduce and sustain their activities, helping to reduce social isolation.

# 2

### Physical environment improvements



- Discussions are underway with Housing and Technical Resources and Grounds service regarding the positive use of unused and derelict land.
- Participatory budgeting funding is invested in play park development, design proposals will be influenced by community consultation planned for autumn 2021.
- Friends of Morgan Glen receive participatory budgeting funds to support a wider programme of outdoor activities.

# 3

### Easier to get about/moving around



- Larkhall and District Volunteer Group secured external funding from Pathways for All "Smarter Choices Smarter Places" to sustain and extend the shopping bus service. Participatory budgeting funding is being used for publicity to promote the service.

# 4

### Greater community safety



- Sites synonymous with fly tipping and anti-social behaviour are being considered for development.



## Priority

## Progress that has been achieved

# 5

### Stronger and better communities



- The Community Group decide to invest participatory budgeting money in established groups, to enable current activities to be built upon.

# 6

### Housing improvements



- Two new house building sites are approved. This will provide 58 new social rented homes in the area. Housing and Technical resources are also commencing phase 1 of external fabric upgrades to existing houses.

# 7

### Better employment and business opportunities



- Stakeholders and partners are all working together to develop actions.

# 8

### Better financial wellbeing



- Weekly breakfast packs are provide to local families by the Machan Trust funded by participatory budgeting.

# 9

### Better education and training opportunities



- Stakeholders and partners are all working together to develop actions.

# 10

### Health improvements



- Craigbank Primary school received participatory budgeting funding to deliver parental workshops delivered by Barnardos. The workshops aim to improve children's ability to develop healthy relationships and assist parents with understanding and managing children's behaviour.



## Development plans

The Community Group have been working together to identify realistic and achievable goals in 2021/2022 agreed actions include:

- ▶ Providing practical support to established groups as restrictions ease. As groups begin to resume activity support will be available to promote activities, build membership and capacity.
- ▶ A major priority for the group continues to be, the need to enhance outdoor play opportunities for children and young people across the neighbourhood. Consultations are planned to support this.
- ▶ Community Group will pursue the development of vacant and derelict land and establish partnerships to achieve this. Primrose Lane has been identified as a site for development, this will involve extensive community consultation and a partnership approach.
- ▶ Members are at the early stages of developing a bike initiative they are gathering information and meeting with others involved in similar projects to determine the scope of activity and plans going forward.

I like the fact that the group is run by locals with the support of Community Links and South Lanarkshire Council who have knowledge of grants, laws and contacts that we don't. Together that makes a force to be reckoned with and we will and do get things done. Hopefully it also awakens the amazing community spirit/pride these schemes once had.

**Margaret Gilfillan**  
Community Action  
Group Member

I have enjoyed being involved in the Community Group because it's run by local people who know the area and what needs done. Working in partnership with other people is really important because in return I believe this will ignite pride in the heart of our community and make the future brighter for all.

**Strutherhill Resident**  
and Community Action  
Group Member



# Local priorities, partnerships and participatory budgeting.

## The perfect combination

The shopping bus is a joint venture between Larkhall and District Volunteer Group (LDVG) and the Our Place Our Plan Strutherhill and Birkenshaw Community Group.

The original shopping bus was developed in response to issues highlighted in the neighbourhood plan and initial funding came from local participatory budgeting funds.

The service started in 2018 to support older people and those with mobility issues to go shopping at ASDA.

The service has grown and members are enjoying shopping trips and visits further afield.

As well as providing much needed transport members have also enjoyed the opportunity to make new friends and be part of a support network.

This initiative is valued locally, and recently received national recognition from Age Scotland due to extensive partnership working and efforts in reducing isolation.

Further funding has been secured from Pathways for All "Smarter Choices Smarter Places" programme which means the bus can continue for longer.

Sandra McRory from LDVG said "The aim of this funding is to reduce single-occupancy car journeys by encouraging people to travel together"



It was great. It gave me something to look forward to. These days all the days blend together, and the weeks fly in so it's given me something to do. It's been a big help. There's a wee lady who just stays up the road from me who I am now speaking to – I met her for the first time on the bus!"

**A Shopping Bus Member**

If you would like to find out more or get involved please contact:

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Our Place Our Plan Facebook page  
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I've been involved with the group for a few years and although there could always be more involvement of the local community residents, It hasn't stopped the brilliant work and great efforts of those who have contributed for the good of the area.

Seeing residents making decisions about our own area has to be the biggest achievement and I hope there is more to come.

**Davy McAinsh**  
Community Action  
Group Member

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**Participatory Budgeting – Update for Hamilton Area Committee  
17 November 2021**

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<b>Service Area</b>	Education	<b>Lead Officer</b>	Laura Mitchell
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**Stage 1 : Pre Consultation :**

- What are we asking the public for their view on (what service is it / description etc)?
- How much funding are we asking about?
- Who are we asking,
- How are we doing this ?
- When are we doing this ?
- When will we report back ?

**Progress update since last Area Committee:**

**Participatory Budget Allocation**

Schools within the Hamilton Area have allocated £255,013.94 of their £3,149,520 PEF Allocation for participatory budgeting (PB). Appendix 1 shows a breakdown of this for each of the learning communities. Appendix 2 summarises the percentage of PEF allocation that schools have allocated for participatory budgeting – 87.8% of schools have allocated the minimum 5% of their PEF budget, whilst 10.2% of schools have allocated more than this. A further school-by-school breakdown is outlined in Appendix 3.

**Reported Outcome**

Schools have undertaken a rigorous consultation process with stakeholders led by a Participatory Budgeting Stakeholder Group in each school. Some examples of how stakeholder ideas have been collected by schools are: outdoor parent coffee sessions; Google Forms; use of electronic programmes like Jamboard to create post-it note boards of pupil ideas; and paper mind maps of ideas.

Schools then engaged stakeholders in the voting process. Electronic and paper-based voting, as well as more hands-on options, were used by establishments based on their own intelligence in meeting the needs of their stakeholders. Appendix 3 outlines the outcome of the vote for each school. Appendix 4 outlines the distribution of votes by stakeholders across the Hamilton area.

**Support Available**

A Microsoft Teams group for school PB Leads has supported and signposted schools to good practice. Practitioners have asked questions and shared good practice within the online area. This has been supported by the central Equity Team. Many schools have been tweeting their PB work to date, tagging our @SLCEquity Twitter feed in their posts. The central Equity Team has been actively monitoring this feed to promote good practice and the sharing of ideas.

**Next Steps**

Schools are now progressing with their spend, to ensure the minimum 5% is spent in full by end of March 2022. The central Equity Team is available to help schools navigate any challenges they face to ensure a full spend before the end of the financial year. Some schools have communicated that the PB Stakeholder Group in their school will continue to lead this across the school, further consulting with stakeholders on the detail of the proposed spend. The Equity Team is currently gathering specific school examples of good practice, which will be collated into case studies; these will be shared at future Area Committee meetings.

## Stage 2 : Post Consultation

- The outcome of the PB activity
- What happens next ?
- Further reporting requirements (eg required Committee approval)

Following the voting process, Education Resources will provide Area Committees with the following:

- Summary Report of each school's PB outcome (available late October/early November) and Local Authority and Area analysis report
- Regular updates and reports at Area Committee meetings including case studies focussed on impact/success (ongoing)
- Local Authority Financial Report on how PEF money allocated for PB has been spent (May/June 2022)

Education Resources will support schools with the implementation of PB and monitor and track the impact. Findings will inform any future PB activity within Education Resources.

Regular PB Updates and the highlighting of good practice will be communicated to schools via the PB and Equity Teams Pages and through our @SLCTwitter handle.



# Total PB Spend

## £255,013.94 (8%)

Split amongst learning communities:

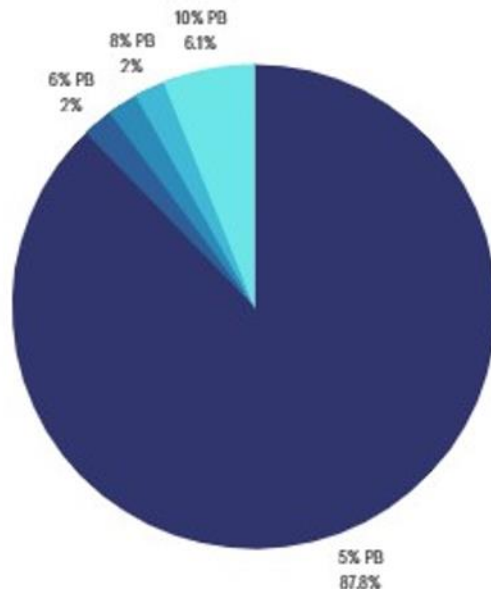
Calderside - £63,780.40 (25%)  
Hamilton GS - £52,626.90 (21%)  
Holy cross - £32,483.71 (13%)  
St. John Ogilvie - £45,067.53 (17%)  
Uddingston - £14,180 (6%)  
Larkhall - £46,875.40 (18%)



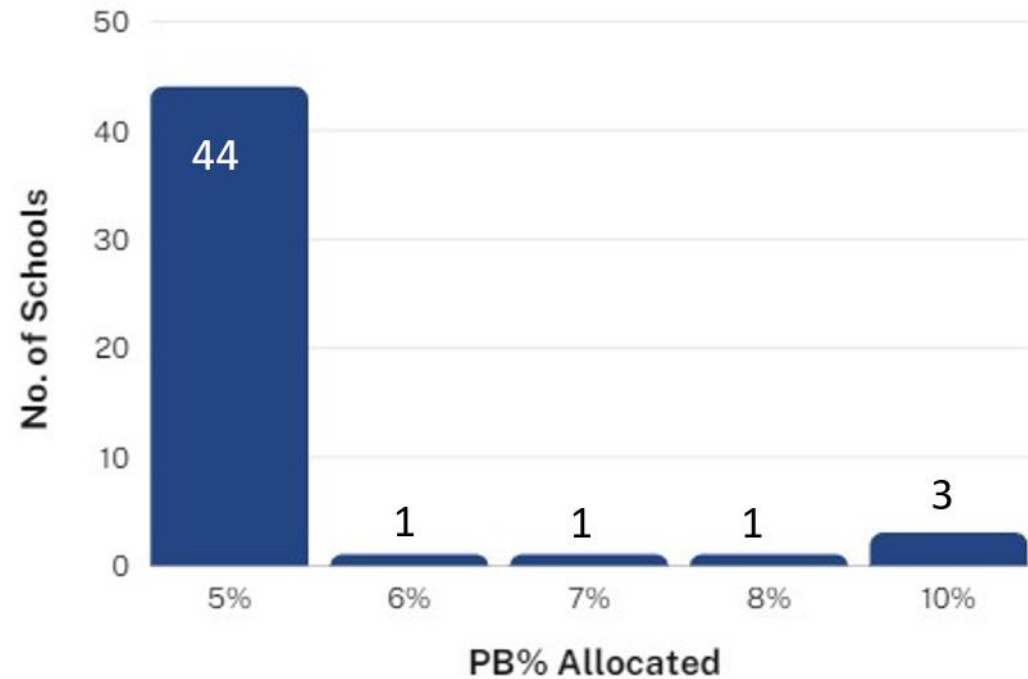
# PB in the Hamilton Area



% of Schools Who Allocated:  
(PB%)



Number of Schools Who Allocated:





## A Further Breakdown Calderdale L.C.

School	Total PB Spend	PB % of PEF	Approach
Auchinraith Primary	£10,820.94	6%	Curriculum visits, ICT, Outdoor Resources and Mental Health and Wellbeing resources
David Livingstone Memorial Primary	£4,086.05	5%	Specialist coaches for Extra-curricular clubs
Glenlee Primary	£8,172.10	5%	Outdoor Resources
High Blantyre Primary	£4,579	5%	Curriculum visits, Healthy Snacks, Uniform Bank, Winter Clothing Bank
Neilsland Primary	£3,240.65	5%	Outdoor Resources, Extra-curricular Clubs, Stationery supplies
Townhill Primary	£2,606.60	5%	Outdoor Resources, Extra-curricular coaches/, Make a Difference fund
Udston Primary	£5,283.70	5%	Play Based Learning
Woodhead Primary	£7,988.90	10%	Outdoor and nurture resources
Hamilton School for the Deaf	£887.65	5%	Curriculum visits
Kear Campus	£4,640.06	10%	Sports Equipment
Calderdale Academy	£11,474.75	5%	Water fountain and reusable bottles

**Total PB Spend = £ 63,780.40**

**Average PB % = 6%**

## A Further Breakdown Hamilton L.C.

School	Total PB Spend	PB % of PEF	Approach
Beckford Primary	£4,367.85	5%	Literacy, Numeracy, Health & Wellbeing, Family Learning
Chatelherault Primary	£2,677.05	5%	Stationery, Literacy and Numeracy resources
Quarter Primary	£634.00	5%	Extra-curricular Clubs
St. John's Primary	£4,931.00	5%	Chromebooks
Woodside Primary	£6,340.40	5%	Curriculum visits and Extra-curricular Clubs
Hamilton Grammar	£33,676.60	10%	Outdoor Shelter

**Total PB Spend = £ 52,626.90**

**Average PB % = 6%**

# A Further Breakdown Holy Cross L.C.

School	Total PB Spend	PB % of PEF	Approach
Our Lady & St. Anne's	£4,086.05	5%	Outdoor resources
St. Brides PS (Bothwell)	£1,458.30	5%	STEM Resources
St. Athanasius' Primary	£1,972.55	5%	Outdoor Nurture Area, Extra-curricular Clubs
St. Elizabeth's Primary	£5,128.69	7%	Outdoor Resources
St. John's Primary (Blackwood)	£1,069	5%	STEM Resources
St. John the Baptist Primary	£1,127	5%	Extra-curricular clubs and transport
St Mary's PS (Hamilton)	£2,254.35	5%	Outdoor shelter
St. Mary's PS (Lanark)	£1,197.65	5%	Numicon resources
St. Mary's PS (Larkhall)	£704.50	5%	Cost of the School Day
St. Patrick's Primary	£744.95	5%	Extra-curricular Clubs
St Paul's Primary	£3,240.65	5%	Outdoor Resources
Holy Cross High	£9,500	5%	Indoor/Outdoor Seating

**Total PB Spend = £32,483.71**

**Average PB % = 5%**

## A Further Breakdown St John Ogilvie L.C.

School	Total PB Spend	PB % of PEF	Approach
St. Blane's Primary	£3,592.90	5%	Curriculum visits
St. Cuthbert's Primary	£3,381.55	5%	Extra-curricular Clubs
St. Joseph's Primary	£4,438.30	5%	Extra-curricular Club (Digital/ICT)
St. Mark's Primary (Hamilton)	£1,197.65	5%	Outdoor shelter
St. Ninian's Primary	£4,579.20	5%	Extra-curricular Clubs, ICT Devices and MiFi
St. Peter's Primary	£3,240.65	5%	Extra-curricular Clubs, Outdoor Resources, ICT
St John Ogilvie HS	£24,637.28	8%	Uniform bank

**Total PB Spend = £45,067.53**

**Average PB % = 5%**



## A Further Breakdown Uddingston L.C.

School	Total PB Spend	PB % of PEF	Approach
Bothwell Primary	£2,817.95	5%	Outdoor resources Outdoor Sensory and Nurture Area
Muiredge Primary	£2,254.35	5%	
Newton Farm Primary	£3,452	5%	Extra-curricular Clubs
Uddingston GS	£5,655.25	5%	Cost of the School Day, Supporting 'Out of Hours' Education, Supporting the Curriculum

**Total PB Spend = £14,180**

**Average PB % = 5%**





# A Further Breakdown Larkhall L.C.

School	Total PB Spend	PB % of PEF	Approach
Craigbank Primary	£3,099.75	5%	Outdoor resources
Dalserf Primary	£845	5%	Outdoor resources
Glengowan Primary	£3,311.10	5%	Sports equipment and Extra-curricular Clubs
Hareleeshill Primary	£6,974.45	5%	Sensory equipment
Machanhill Primary	£4,579.20	5%	Food and hygiene products for families
Netherburn Primary	£2,536.15	5%	Curricular visits
Newfield Primary	£3,360.40	5%	Outdoor Resources, transport
Robert Smillie Memorial Primary	£6,481.30	5%	Extra-curricular Clubs
Stonehouse Primary	£3,381.55	5%	Outdoor Resources/School events
Larkhall Academy	£12,306.50	5%	Winter Uniform supplies

**Total PB Spend = £46,875.40**

**Average PB % = 5%**



Appendix 4:

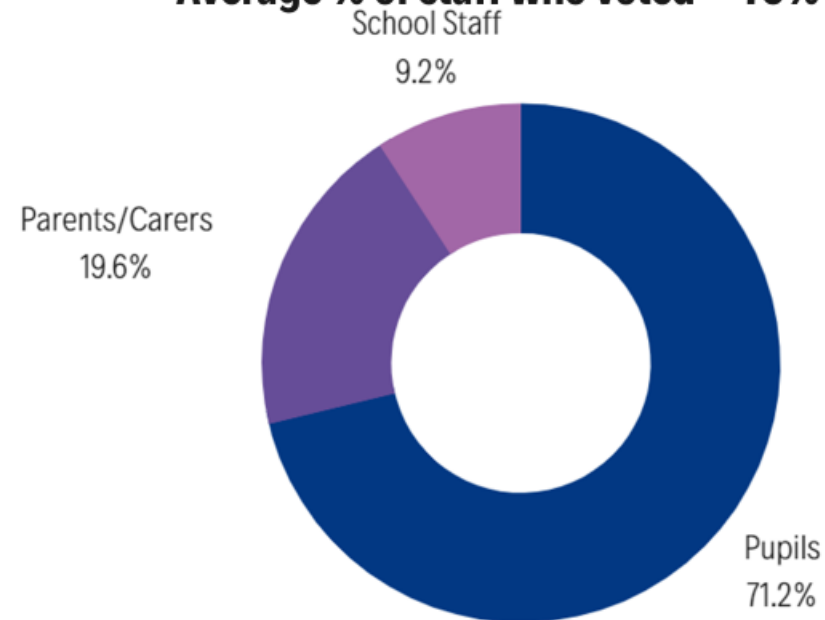
# The Vote

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## Percentage Split of votes:

**Average % of Pupils who voted – 77%**

**Average % of staff who voted – 75%**



**Number of pupils who voted – 10,690**

**Number of parents/carers who voted – 2,943**

**Number of staff who voted – 1,377**

**Total votes – 15,010**



# Report

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Report to:	<b>Hamilton Area Committee</b>
Date of Meeting:	<b>17 November 2021</b>
Report by:	<b>Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources)</b>

Application no.	P/21/0340
Planning proposal:	Demolition of timber shed and erection of garage/store

## 1 Summary application information

Application type:	Detailed planning application
Applicant:	Mr Roy Jackson
Location:	Fairholm Orchard Access from Wee Sunnyside Road to Sunnyside and Fairholm Larkhall ML9 1RB

## 2 Recommendation(s)

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

- (1) Grant detailed planning permission (subject to conditions) based on conditions attached.

### 2.2 Other actions/notes

- (1) The Hamilton Area Committee has delegated powers to determine this application.

## 3 Other information

- ◆ Applicant's Agent: Phil Birse
- ◆ Council Area/Ward: 20 Larkhall
- ◆ Policy Reference(s): **South Lanarkshire Local Development Plan 2 (Adopted April 2021)**  
Policy 1 - Spatial Strategy  
Policy 2 - Climate Change  
Policy 4 - Green Belt and Rural Area  
Policy 5 - Development Management and Placemaking  
Policy DM1 - New Development Design



◆ **Representation(s):**

▶	10
▶	0
▶	0

Objection Letters  
Support Letters  
Comment Letters

◆ **Consultation(s):**

Roads Flood Risk Management

Countryside and Greenspace

## **Planning Application Report**

### **1 Application Site**

- 1.1 The planning application site extends to 0.75 hectares and relates to a registered agricultural holding.
- 1.2 The site includes a traditional detached dwellinghouse, a detached garage, greenhouse, an agricultural shed and an area of hardstanding at the southern side of the house which previously contained a shed. The topography of the site is relatively level at the western part of the site; the gradient of the site, however, falls steeply at the eastern side towards the Avon Water. Access/egress is gained by a single width private access track with an unmade surface.
- 1.3 The site is situated within a rural setting and is located to the west of the settlement of Larkhall. It is surrounded on all sides by grazing fields and is located within the designated Greenbelt. An established equestrian centre (Ross Dhu) is to the east of the site and 'shares' the private access.

### **2 Proposal(s)**

- 2.1 The applicant seeks detailed planning consent for the demolition of a timber shed and the erection of a relatively large garage/store at their property.
- 2.2 The timber shed at the southern side of the house (constructed pre-1945 and in a poor state of repair) will be demolished. This area along with the footprint/hardstanding of the previously demolished shed will be redeveloped with the proposed garage/store.
- 2.3 The proposed garage/store will have a floor area of approximately 120 square metres. It will be utilised as a workshop and to store vehicles, animal feed, fertiliser as well as tools and equipment related to the small agricultural holding.
- 2.4 The proposed building will have a traditional dual pitch roof and has been designed to accommodate the topography of the site. The garage/storage will have two roller shutters for vehicle access and a door on the western elevation. The building will be 16m long and 7.5m wide, the proposed materials being steel cladding (forest green) and concrete panels for the external walls and steel cladding (forest green) for the roof.

### **3 Background**

#### **3.1 Local Plan Status**

- 3.1.1 The site is designated as Greenbelt in the adopted Local Development Plan 2. The site is affected by Policy 1 'Spatial Strategy,' Policy 2 'Climate Change,' Policy 4 'Green Belt and Rural Area,' Policy 5 'Development Management and Place Making' and Policy DM1 'New Development Design' of the adopted Local Development Plan.

### 3.2 Relevant Government Advice/Policy

- 3.2.1 In terms of development within the Greenbelt, Scottish Planning Policy (SPP) establishes that Local Development Plans should describe the types and scales of development which would be appropriate within a Greenbelt. These include development associated with agriculture, woodland and forestry, horticulture, recreational uses and essential infrastructure such as digital communications. In addition, the SPP further identifies that appropriate Greenbelt development includes proposals which meet a national requirement or an established need and the intensification of established uses, subject to the new development being of a suitable scale and form.

### 3.3 Planning Background

- 3.3.1 In terms of the planning history of the site, planning consent was granted on 19 September 2014 for 'demolition of existing timber sheds and erection of new agricultural shed/garage' (HM/14/0337). In addition, planning consent was granted on 18 September 2014 for the 'erection of single storey side and rear extensions and alteration to existing garage to increase its height and depth' (HM/14/0338).

## 4 Consultation(s)

- 4.1 **Roads Flood Risk Management** - have offered no objection to the proposal subject to the imposition of a condition relating to the submission of a Flood Risk Assessment and the submission of further details relating to the proposed surface water drainage arrangements.

**Response:** Noted. It is advised that these requirements can be addressed through the use of a planning conditions, where appropriate.

- 4.2 **Countryside and Greenspace** - have offered no objection to the proposal.

**Response:** Noted.

## 5 Representation(s)

- 5.1 Statutory neighbour notification was undertaken and subsequently ten letters of representation have been received in relation to the application. The grounds of objection are summarised below:

- a) **Concern that the demolition and construction works proposed will have an adverse impact on existing wildlife, including protected species at the site and within the surrounding area.**

**Response:** An 'Ecological Assessment,' prepared by GLM Ecology, was submitted to the Planning Service in May 2021 in support of the planning application. The assessment identifies that the site was surveyed for protected species, using a recognised methodology, and no signs of any protected species were recorded. In addition, the report further establishes that within the context of the size of the site, its residential nature and the lack of suitable breeding habitat, the proposed development would have no adverse impact on any protected species or habitats.

- b) **We are concerned that there are bats roosting within the roofspace of the remaining shed which is proposed to be demolished.**  
**Response:** As identified in (a) above, a survey of the site has been undertaken and no signs were recorded of any protected species including bats.
- c) **Following the demolition of the shed on the site there has been an increase in vermin in the area.**  
**Response:** Noted. However, this is a matter out with the remit of the Planning Service and the Council's Environmental Services can be contacted for further advice in relation to this issue. That said given the rural nature of the site and the nearby River Avon the presence of vermin in the area is possible irrespective of the demolition of the structure.
- d) **The replacement building is substantially larger and higher than the existing outbuilding on the site and the previous demolished outbuilding.**  
**Response:** The proposed building will be constructed primarily within the footprint of the demolished shed and the one that is to be demolished. The footprint of the proposed building has a similar footprint to the two outbuildings which it will replace but it is acknowledged that it will be higher than the existing timber outbuilding on the site. This itself, however, is no reason or justification on its own to resist the proposal given the agricultural setting of the site and the fact that the applicants existing garage at the northern side of the house is of a similar height to that proposed.
- In addition to the above, the application site is a substantial area of ground, which includes a number of existing buildings of varying heights and the proposal is considered to be appropriately located within the site. Furthermore a number of properties within the surrounding area have outbuildings of a similar height, scale and design to the outbuilding now proposed. Subsequently, it is not considered that the proposed garage/store will result in a significant adverse visual impact on the area.
- e) **The replacement outbuilding should be of wooden construction as the new building will be out of keeping with the existing structures on the site.**  
**Response:** The proposed materials for the outbuilding include steel cladding (forest green) and concrete panels. It is considered that these materials have a greater longevity than timber and are commonly used for outbuildings within the rural area. In addition, the green colour proposed for the steel cladding is commonly used in agricultural buildings.
- Subsequently, it is not considered that the materials proposed for the outbuilding will be out of keeping with the existing character of the rural area or result in an adverse visual impact.
- f) **The applicant has access to their property via a private farm track which is not suitable for heavy goods or construction vehicles. In addition, this road is used by walkers, equestrian riders and cyclists and the increase in traffic to the site may result in injury.**



**Response:** It is noted that the site is located at the end of a single width private road. There is, however, an adequate turning area for vehicles. Therefore, as long as all road users (including walkers and horse riders) exercise due care and attention (especially during the construction phase which will be time limited) it is considered that the constraints of the access are not insurmountable. Indeed the proposed garage/store is unlikely to generate additional traffic to the house once built.

Notwithstanding the above, a condition can be attached to the consent which requires the submission and approval of a Construction Traffic Management Plan. This document would provide details regarding the proposed arrangements for delivery and construction vehicles.

- g) **The applicant has previously damaged fencing on the access road and has refused to pay for the damage. In addition, it is anticipated that the construction process is likely to result in further damage to the road.**

**Response:** This is a private matter out with the role and scope of the Planning Service. Ultimately any dispute which may arise over alleged damage to property (including a private road) is not a planning consideration but is a civil matter to be resolved between the parties involved.

- h) **The applicant does not pay due care or caution around horses on this narrow area of road and has already caused a number of incidents.**

**Response:** The applicant should be aware of the physicality of the road and the likelihood of horses using it. Allegations, however, of irresponsible driving/incidents/lack of due care and attention are not material planning considerations in the assessment of this planning application. Such matters should be reported to Police Scotland in the first instance as they are the responsible authority for such accusations.

- i) **An increase in construction traffic along the access track would have a detrimental impact on the horses at the Ross Dhu Equestrian Facility some of which are being rehabilitated, and ultimately this business.**

**Response:** The concerns regarding the impact of the construction traffic are noted, however, as with any development, it is accepted that there will always be a degree of disruption during the construction phase. In this instance, the applicant has advised that the proposed garage/store would take approximately 11 days to construct. In addition, it is noted that the existing equestrian centre and surrounding properties within the rural area will generate traffic including large vehicles such as tractors, horse transportation vehicles etc. Subsequently, it is not considered that the proposed development would result in a significant detrimental impact on the equines or the operations of the equestrian facility.

- j) **We are seeking clarification regarding what the applicant intends to store in the proposed shed as we are concerned about chemical spillages at the site.**

**Response:** The agent has advised that the garage/storage facility is proposed to accommodate vehicles, animal feed, fertiliser and tools. The probability of chemical spills are, therefore, no greater at the proposed store/garage than they would be at any other residential property/site.

- k) **There are a number of outbuildings at the site and there is no need for another. Therefore, we are concerned that the proposed building or the existing garage at the site will be utilised for residential accommodation or a commercial use in the longer term.**

**Response:** The proposal relates solely to a garage/storage outbuilding and not for a residential dwelling or commercial use. The suggestion that another used is proposed is not based on the drawings submitted and is supposition only. That said any alternative use at the site would require to be the subject of a separate planning application.

- 5.2 These letters have been copied and are available for inspection in the usual manner and on the planning portal.

## **6 Assessment and Conclusions**

- 6.1 The applicant seeks detailed planning consent for the demolition of a timber shed and the erection of a garage/store at Fairholm Orchard, Larkhall.
- 6.2 The determining issues in the consideration of this application are its compliance with the adopted South Lanarkshire Local Development Plan 2 and its impact on visual amenity, environmental matters and the Greenbelt.
- 6.3 With regards to Government guidance and advice, as detailed in section 3.2, the site relates to development associated with an established small agricultural holding and house within the Greenbelt. The residential use of the site is lawful and the proposed store and garage is essentially residential in nature. On this basis, it is considered that there are no significant issues raised by the proposal with regards to Government guidance and advice.
- 6.4 Policies 1 and 2 of the adopted Local Development Plan promote sustainable economic growth and regeneration, a move towards a low carbon economy, the protection of the natural and historic environment and mitigation against the impacts of climate change. The proposal relates to a developed area of land associated with an established property/curtilage and it is not considered that it will have a significant adverse impact on the established rural environment. In addition, the proposal would not result in a flood risk and there would not be an adverse impact on water, soils, habitat, air quality or green networks. Therefore, it is considered that the proposal raises no issues within the context of Policies 1 and 2 of the adopted Local Development Plan.
- 6.5 Policy 4 of the adopted Local Development Plan establishes that the Greenbelt and the rural area function primarily for agriculture, forestry, recreation and other uses appropriate to the countryside. The proposal relates to the construction of an outbuilding associated with an established residential property/agricultural holding within the designated Greenbelt. Subsequently, the proposed development does not challenge the provisions of Policy 4 of the adopted Local Development Plan.
- 6.6 Policy 5 of the adopted Local Development Plan identifies that all development proposals will require to take account of and be integrated with the local context and built form. It is considered that the design, location and scale of the proposed outbuilding is acceptable and will not result in a significant material impact on the

surrounding rural area. Therefore, the proposal raises no issues within the context of Policy 5 of the adopted Local Development Plan.

- 6.7 Policy DM1 of the adopted Local Development Plan relates to the design and layout of all new developments. The applicant owns neighbouring land and the application site is surrounded by green fields. Therefore, given these physical characteristics, it is considered that the development will not result in an adverse impact on any nearby properties or the rural character of the area in general. In addition, the external finishes of the proposed outbuilding are considered acceptable within the context of the established rural area being similar to many other agricultural buildings. Subsequently, the proposed development accords with the provisions of Policy DM1 of the adopted Local Development Plan.
- 6.8 In terms of the planning history of the site, the principle of the construction of a new outbuilding at the site was acceptable in terms of consent HM/14/0337.
- 6.9 With regards to infrastructure considerations, the consultees have not raised any concerns in relation to the proposal and it is considered that any detailed requirements can be dealt with by the use of planning conditions.
- 6.10 In conclusion, the proposal relates to the erection of a replacement outbuilding associated within an established agricultural holding within the designated Greenbelt. The layout, design and general appearance of the proposal is acceptable. Overall and in view of the above, it is recommended that planning consent be granted.

## **7 Reasons for Decision**

- 7.1 The proposal will not significantly adversely impact on visual amenity, environmental matters or the character of the designated Greenbelt. The proposal raises no issues within the policy context of 1, 2, 4, 5 and DM1 of the adopted Local Development Plan 2 and there are no other material considerations which would justify the refusal of planning permission.

**Michael McGlynn**

**Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources)**

Date: 3 November 2021

### **Previous references**

- ◆ HM/14/0337
- ◆ HM/14/0338

### **List of background papers**

- ▶ Application form
- ▶ Application plans
- ▶ South Lanarkshire Local Development Plan 2 (adopted 2021)
- ▶ Neighbour notification letter, dated 5 March 2021
- ▶ Ecological Assessment, prepared by GLM Ecology, dated May 2021

►	Consultations	
	Roads Flood Risk Management	10.05.2021
	Countryside And Greenspace	18.10.2021
►	Representations	Dated:
	Mrs Margaret Colquhoun, Ross Dhu Cottage, Sunnyside Farm, Sunnyside Road, Larkhall, ML9 1RB	
	Mrs Morag Higgins, Ross Dhu Cottage, Sunnyside Farm, Sunnyside Road, Larkhall, ML9 1RB	15.03.2021
	Mr Mark Higgins, Ross Dhu Cottage, Sunnyside Farm, Sunnyside Road, Larkhall, ML9 1RB	15.03.2021
	Jennifer L Smith, 34 Dunglass Square, East Kilbride, G74 4EN	25.03.2021
	Elise Smith, Received Via Email	10.03.2021
	Judith Donald, 11 Easter Hawhill Wynd, Broomhouse, G71 7TY	10.03.2021
	Mr Brian Dixon, The Gables, Sunnyside Farm, Larkhall, ML9 1RB	20.03.2021
	Sandra McCulloch, Received Via Email	29.03.2021
	Nicola Taylor-Rowan, 23 Dee Place, East Kilbride, G75 8RZ	29.03.2021
	Ute Barrett, Received Via Email	29.03.2021

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### **Conditions and reasons**

01. That for the avoidance of doubt the use of the approved building shall be for garage and storage purposes only associated with the existing dwellinghouse at the site.

Reason: To ensure that the building is ancillary to the established use of the site and will not be used for commercial or residential purposes.

02. That before any development commences on site a Flood Risk Assessment shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Council as Planning Authority.

Reason: These details have not been submitted or approved.

03. That no development shall commence until details of surface water drainage arrangements have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Council as Planning Authority; such drainage arrangements will require to comply with the principles of sustainable urban drainage systems and with the Council's Sustainable Drainage Design Criteria and shall include signed appendices as required. The development shall not be occupied until the surface drainage works have been completed in accordance with the details submitted to and approved by the Council as Planning Authority.

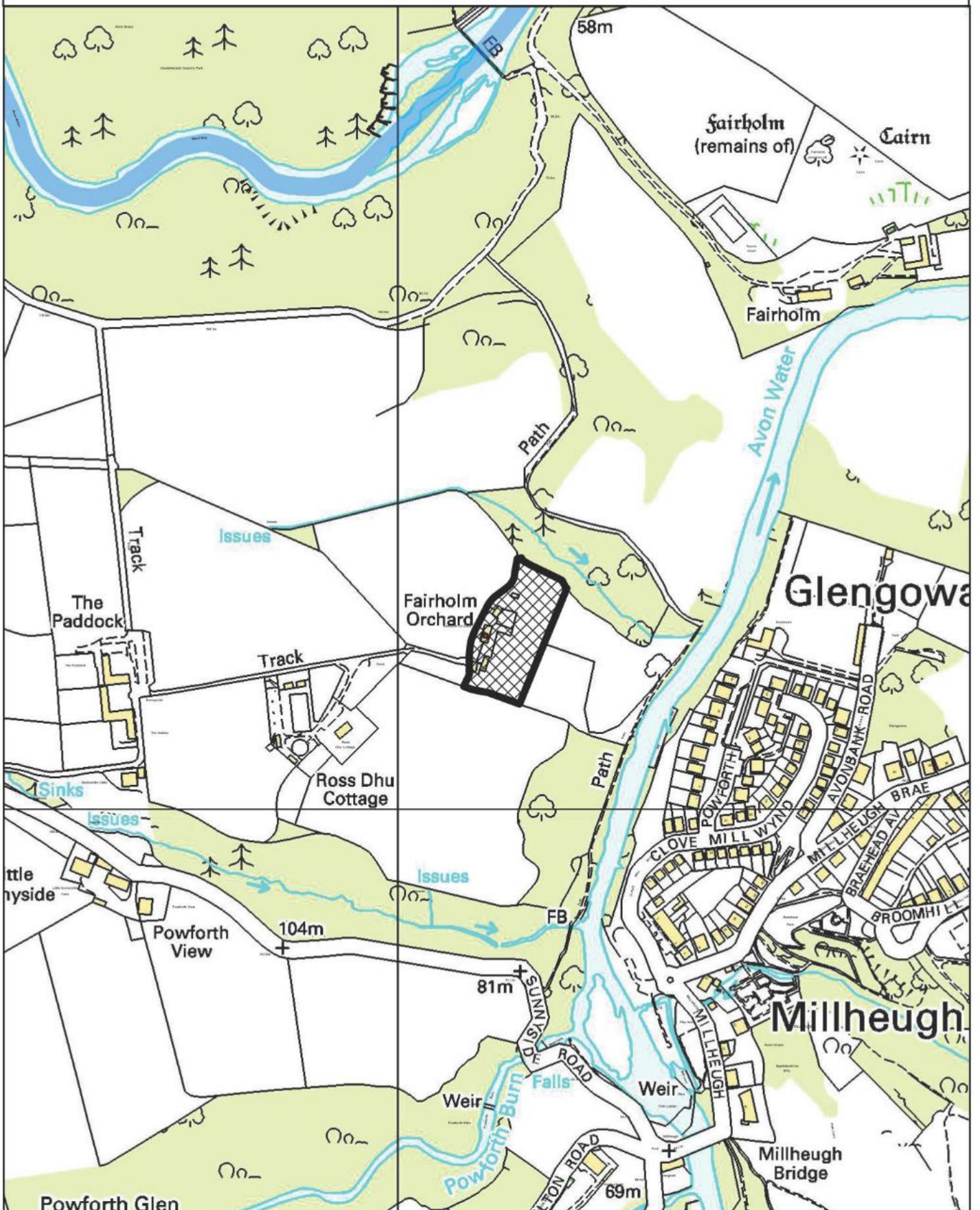
Reason: To ensure that the disposal of surface water from the site is dealt with in a safe and sustainable manner, to return it to the natural water cycle with minimal adverse impact on people and the environment and to alleviate the potential for on-site and off-site flooding.

04. That prior to the commencement of any works associated with the development, a Construction Traffic Management Plan shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Council as Roads and Planning Authority and implemented thereafter.

Reason: in the interests of traffic and public safety as well as to preserve the amenity of the surrounding area.

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Fairholm Orchard, Access from Wee Sunnyside Road to Sunnyside and Fairholm





# Report

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Report to:	<b>Hamilton Area Committee</b>
Date of Meeting:	<b>17 November 2021</b>
Report by:	<b>Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources)</b>

Subject:	<b>Community Grant Applications</b>
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## 1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ request approval for the allocation of community grants to 5 community groups in the Hamilton Area Committee area from the 2021/2022 community grant 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:        | SLC Radio, Hamilton ( <i>HA/7/21</i> )                                      |
|     | Amount Requested: | £1,000  |
|     | Purpose of Grant: | Materials   |
|     | Amount Awarded:   | £500  |
| (b) | Applicant:        | Bothwell and Uddingston Men's Shed ( <i>HA/9/21</i> )                       |
|     | Amount Requested: | £1,500  |
|     | Purpose of Grant: | Start-up - Equipment and materials  |
|     | Amount Awarded:   | £250  |
| (c) | Applicant:        | Cadzow Community Corps, Hamilton ( <i>HA/11/21</i> )                        |
|     | Amount Requested: | £590  |
|     | Purpose of Grant: | Materials   |
|     | Amount Awarded:   | £400  |
| (d) | Applicant:        | Hamilton Stitchers ( <i>HA/12/21</i> )                                      |
|     | Amount Requested: | £250  |
|     | Purpose of Grant: | Materials   |
|     | Amount Awarded:   | £250  |
| (e) | Applicant:        | Champions of Autism Spectrum Together (Coast), Hamilton ( <i>HA/14/21</i> ) |
|     | Amount Requested: | £500  |
|     | Purpose of Grant: | Start-up – Equipment and materials  |
|     | Amount Awarded:   | £250  |
| (f) | Applicant:        | Dalserf Village Garden Club, Larkhall ( <i>HA/15/21</i> )                   |
|     | Amount Requested: | £350  |



Purpose of Grant: Environmental project  
Amount Awarded: £350

### **3. Background**

- 3.1. The Council operates a community grants scheme to support local constituted community groups and voluntary organisations. 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. Applications are invited continually throughout the year.
- 3.2. The main aims of the community grants scheme are to:-
- ◆ fund activities and projects which bring community benefit
  - ◆ involve people in the community by bringing them together to enjoy educational, recreational, leisure and other community activities or to improve the local environment
- 3.3. Support can be provided for a range of activities including administration and publicity costs, purchase of equipment and materials, annual outings and entrance fees, start-up costs and special events.

### **4. Employee Implications**

- 4.1. None.

### **5. Financial Implications**

- 5.1. The current position of the community grants for the Hamilton Area Committee area in 2021/2022 is as follows:-

Total allocation for Community Grants	£38,022.05
Grants previously allocated	£3,450
Community grants allocated in this report	£2000
Remaining balance	£32,572.05

### **6. Climate Change, Sustainability and Environmental Implications**

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

### **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)**

1 November 2021

**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 – 8 September 2021

**List of Background Papers**

- ◆ Individual application forms

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