

CAMBUSLANG AND RUTHERGLEN AREA COMMITTEE

Minutes of meeting held via Microsoft Teams on 23 February 2021

Chair:

Councillor Carol Nugent

Councillors Present:

Councillor Walter Brogan, Councillor Robert Brown, Councillor Janine Calikes, Councillor Margaret Cowie, Councillor Alistair Fulton, Councillor Ann Le Blond, Councillor Martin Lennon, Councillor Katy Loudon, Councillor Margaret B Walker, Councillor Jared Wark

Councillor's Apology:

Councillor John Bradley (Depute)

Attending:

Finance and Corporate Resources

P MacRae, Administration Adviser; K McLeod, Administration Assistant

1 Declaration of Interests

The following interest was declared:-

<i>Councillor(s)</i>	<i>Item(s)</i>	<i>Nature of Interest(s)</i>
Cowie	Community Grant Applications (COVID-19) - Fernhill Communities Together	Vice Chair

2 Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting of the Cambuslang and Rutherglen Area Committee held on 1 December 2020 were submitted for approval as a correct record.

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

3 Community Grant Applications

A report dated 8 February 2021 by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) was submitted on:-

- ♦ an application for a community grant
- ♦ action taken by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources), in consultation with the Chair, to allocate community grants to assist community groups engaged in supporting their communities during the COVID-19 pandemic

In view of the fact that this was the last meeting of the Committee in the current financial year, and to allow best use to be made of the remaining 2020/2021 community grant budget, it was proposed that the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources), in consultation with the Chair, be authorised to approve any further community grant applications meeting the relevant criteria in the period to 31 March 2021. Those grants awarded would be reported to a future meeting for noting.

The Committee decided:

(1) that a community grant be awarded as follows:-

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| (a) | Applicant: | Upstairs Kids Klub, Cambuslang (CR/14/20) |
| | Purpose of Grant: | Equipment |
| | Amount Awarded: | £1,000 |

(2) that the action taken by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources), in consultation with the Chair, to allocate grants to support community groups with their response to the COVID-19 pandemic, be noted, as follows:-

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| (a) | Applicant: | Hope Amplified |
| | Purpose of Grant: | Outdoor garden activities at Fernbrae Meadow - isolation and poverty support for African families |
| | Amount Awarded: | £1,000 |
| (b) | Applicant: | Whitlawburn Resource Centre |
| | Purpose of Grant: | Christmas meal and virtual Grotto for vulnerable and isolated families |
| | Amount Awarded: | £950 |
| (c) | Applicant: | Fernhill Communities Together |
| | Purpose of Grant: | Food delivery service for isolated families |
| | Amount Awarded: | £1,000 |

(3) that, to ensure that the remaining 2020/2021 community grant budget was utilised as fully as possible, the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources), in consultation with the Chair, be authorised to approve community grant applications in the period to 31 March 2021, subject to the applications meeting the Council's criteria for the receipt of funding; and

(4) that details of those applications approved be reported to a future meeting for noting.

[Reference: Note of Delegated Decisions taken by the Chief Executive, in consultation with Group Leaders, in relation to the Cambuslang and Rutherglen Area Committee Agenda of 23 June 2020 (Paragraph 3)]

Councillor Lennon joined the meeting during consideration of this item of business

Councillor Cowie, having declared an interest in the application from Fernhill Communities Together, remained in the meeting as the award of grant was for noting

4 Consideration of Future Items of Business

The Chair made reference to the revised Terms of Reference for Area Committees which had been approved by the Council on 13 February 2020, which included:-

- ◆ scrutiny at a local level, in relation to participatory budgeting and health and social care
- ◆ an overview of the impact of the Community Empowerment Act
- ◆ provision for items of local relevance to be added to the agenda more easily than at present
- ◆ remittance of items of significant investment/new policy to the appropriate Area Committee in the first instance prior to referral to the Resource/Executive Committee

It was noted that the Community Engagement Manager had attended the last meeting to provide an update on the work carried out in the Cambuslang and Rutherglen area in relation to neighbourhood planning, in particular, the Neighbourhood Plans for Burnhill and Cambuslang East, and the annual progress report, January 2019 to March 2020, for Springhall and Whitlawburn. A further update report would be submitted to the next meeting on 11 May 2021.

A report by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) would be submitted to the next meeting to provide an update on the Common Good Fund. Representatives from Strathclyde Fire and Rescue would also attend the meeting to provide performance information and also to update members on local and national activities.

Following discussion on items of business which the Committee would wish to consider at future meetings, it was proposed that arrangements be progressed for reports on the following matters to be submitted to future meetings of the Committee:-

- ◆ town centres
- ◆ update on the consultation process for the Review of Day Care Centres
- ◆ upgrade of play parks/sports facilities
- ◆ potential use of derelict brownfield sites in the Strategic Housing Investment Programme
- ◆ Westburn/Carmyle Viaduct Project

The Committee decided:

- (1) that the business currently scheduled for inclusion in agendas for forthcoming meetings of the Committee be noted; and
- (2) that arrangements be progressed for reports on the matters suggested by members to be submitted to future meetings of the Committee.

[Reference: Minutes of Special Meeting of South Lanarkshire Council of 13 February 2020 (Paragraph 2)]

5 Urgent Business

There were no items of urgent business.