

CLYDESDALE AREA COMMITTEE

Minutes of meeting held via Confero and in Committee Room 1, Council Offices, Almada Street, Hamilton on 15 November 2023

Chair:

Councillor Catherine McClymont

Councillors Present:

Councillor Alex Allison, Councillor Poppy Corbett, Councillor Ross Gowland (Depute), Councillor Lynsey Hamilton, Councillor Mark Horsham, Councillor Ross Lambie, Councillor Richard Lockhart, Councillor Eileen Logan, Councillor Julia Marrs, Councillor Ian McAllan, Councillor David Shearer

Councillor's Apology:

Councillor Ralph Barker

Attending:

Education Resources

M Farr, Quality Lead Officer (Supporting Families)

Finance and Corporate Resources

C Lyon, Administration Officer; L Wyllie, Administration Assistant

1 Declaration of Interests

The following interests were declared:-

| Councillor(s) | Item(s) | Nature of Interest(s) |
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| | Community Grant Applications:- | |
| Marrs | ♦ Kirkfield United Football Club (2011 Whites), Lanark (CL/25/23) | Known to Groups |
| | ♦ Braehead Lunch and Leisure Club, Forth (CL/26/23) | |

2 Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting of the Clydesdale Area Committee held on 6 September 2023 were submitted for approval as a correct record.

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

3 Participatory Budgeting – Education Resources - Pupil Equity Funding

A report dated 31 October 2023 by the Executive Director (Education Resources) was submitted on Participatory Budgeting (PB) in relation to Pupil Equity Funding (PEF).

Before the summer holidays, head teachers were informed that PB would continue into session 2023/2024. They were asked to allocate a minimum of 5% of their 2023/2024 PEF allocation and identify a staff member to lead/facilitate this activity in their school. Schools were informed that the principles and practices of PB were applicable across their full PEF allocation as per PEF National Operational Guidance. Schools were, therefore, encouraged to put aside more than the recommended 5% where possible.

PB training had been held on 21 August 2023 for head teachers and PB Leads who required a refresh or were new to the process. The training outlined expectations, timescales and support available and also drew on lessons learned previously in relation to good practice and signposting resources. The training was then shared with schools thereafter.

Schools within the Clydesdale area had allocated £86,482.74 of their £1,435,165.00 PEF Allocation for PB. A breakdown of the allocation for each learning community was provided in Appendix 1 to the report. Appendix 2 of the report summarised the percentage of PEF which schools had allocated for PB. A further school-by-school breakdown was outlined in Appendix 3 of the report.

PB Stakeholder groups, comprising pupils, parents and staff, were currently leading the PB process in their schools. The outcome for each school would be reported to Education Resources by 9 October 2023. Information on the outcome of the process would be shared at future Area Committee meetings. Appendix 4 provided a summary on what stakeholders chose as their PB outcome.

Education Resources would provide Area Committees with:-

- ◆ case studies of school activity, which had particular impact/success
- ◆ a detailed financial report of how PEF money allocated for PB had been spent

Education Resources would support schools and monitor and track the impact of this activity. Findings would inform any future PB activity within the Resource.

The Quality Lead Officer (Supporting Families) responded to members' questions on the report.

The Committee decided: that the report be noted.

[Reference: Minutes of 7 June 2023 (Paragraph 6)]

4 Community Grant Applications

A report dated 30 October 2023 by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) was submitted on applications for community grant.

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

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| (a) | Applicant: | Coulter Women's Rural Institute (CL/21/23) |
| | Purpose of Grant: | Outing and entrance fees |
| | Amount Awarded: | £350 |
| (b) | Applicant: | Kirkfield United Football Club (2011 Whites), Lanark (CL/25/23) |
| | Purpose of Grant: | Outing |
| | Amount Awarded: | £300 |
| (c) | Applicant: | Braehead Lunch and Leisure Club, Forth (CL/26/23) |
| | Purpose of Grant: | Outing and entrance fees |
| | Amount Awarded: | £350 |

Councillor Marrs, having declared an interest in the above 2 applications, withdrew from the meeting during their consideration

- (d) Applicant: Coalburn Homing Club (CL/30/23)
 Purpose of Grant: Administration and publicity costs
 Amount Awarded: £300

[Reference: Minutes of 6 September 2023 (Paragraph 5)]

5 Urgent Business

There were no items of urgent business.