

HAMILTON AREA COMMITTEE

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

Chair:

Councillor Mary Donnelly

Councillors Present:

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

Councillors' Apologies:

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

Attending:

Community and Enterprise Resources

G Newbigging, Roads Area Manager (Clydesdale and Hamilton)

Education Resources

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

Finance and Corporate Resources

G Bow, Administration Manager

Also Attending:

Police Scotland

Inspector R McCallum; Sergeants J McLeish and B Sloan

1 Declaration of Interests

The following interest was declared:-

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

2 Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting of the Hamilton Area Committee held on 9 October 2019 were submitted for approval as a correct record.

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

3 Education Scotland Report – St Peter's Primary School, Hamilton

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

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

A number of particular strengths of the school had been identified in the inspection letter. The areas of improvement, agreed with the school and education authority, had been incorporated into the school's improvement plan and parents would be informed of progress. Education Scotland had intimated that they would make no further visits in connection with the inspection.

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

The Committee decided: that the report be noted.

4 Presentation – Police Scotland

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

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

Information was also provided on:-

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

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

The Committee decided: that the presentation be noted.

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

5 Roads Investment Plan – Progress Report

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

Details were provided on:-

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

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

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

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

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

6 Community Grant Applications

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

7 Urgent Business

There were no items of urgent business.