

CLYDESDALE AREA COMMITTEE

Minutes of meeting held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, South Vennel, Lanark on 16 December 2008

Chair:

Councillor Hamish Stewart

Councillors Present:

Alex Allison (Depute), Beith Forrest, Bev Gauld, Eileen Logan, Archie Manson, Alex McInnes, Mary McNeill, Patrick Ross-Taylor, David Shearer, George Sutherland

Councillors' Apologies:

Ian Gray, Danny Meikle

Attending:

Corporate Resources

R Lake, Administration Manager

Education Resources

C Mason, Head of Education (Clydesdale); J Kennedy, Headteacher, Coulter Primary School; M Scott, Headteacher, Lanark Primary School and Nursery Class

Enterprise Resources

B Cairns, Divisional Engineer (Clydesdale), Roads and Transportation Services; L Dickson, Planning Team Leader (Clydesdale)

Also Attending:

Strathclyde Fire and Rescue

J Doyle, Area Commander; A McIntosh, Staff Officer

1 Declaration of Interests

The following interests were declared:-

Councillor(s)	Item(s)	Nature of Interest(s)
McInnes	Community Grant Application CL/129/08 Lesmahagow Old Age Pensioners	Honorary member
Stewart	Community Grant Application CL/134/08 Biggar Museum Trust Brownsbank Committee	Committee member

2 Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting of the Clydesdale Area Committee held on 18 November 2008 were submitted for approval as a correct record.

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

3 HMle Report - Coulter Primary School, Biggar

A report dated 3 November 2008 by the Executive Director (Education Resources) was submitted on the outcome of the inspection of Coulter Primary School, Biggar made by Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Education (HMle).

The inspection had taken place in May 2008 as part of a national sample of primary education and the inspection report had been published on 7 October 2008.

Education Resources' employees would ensure that the recommendations contained within the report were followed up and that appropriate support was made available to the school.

The Head of Education (Clydesdale) and the Headteacher spoke on key aspects of the report and responded to members' questions.

The Headteacher was commended on achieving an "excellent" rating in all 3 of the quality indicators relating to "Leading and improving the school".

The Committee decided: that the report be noted.

Councillor Manson entered the meeting during this item of business

4 HMle Follow-through Report - Lanark Primary School and Nursery Class

A report dated 18 November 2008 by the Executive Director (Education Resources) was submitted on the outcome of the follow-through visit of Lanark Primary School and Nursery Class undertaken by Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Education (HMle) in June 2008.

The initial inspection of the school and nursery class had taken place in June 2007 and the report published in October 2007 had identified 8 main points for action. An action plan had been put in place to ensure that the areas highlighted in the report were addressed. The follow-through report, published on 21 October 2008, had concluded that the headteacher and her staff had made good or very good progress in addressing the main points for action highlighted in the initial inspection report and indicated that HMle would make no further visits in connection with the inspection undertaken in June 2007.

The Head of Education (Clydesdale) and the Headteacher spoke on key aspects of the follow-through report and responded to members' questions.

Congratulations were extended to the Headteacher and her staff on the progress achieved within the school in the period since the publication of the initial inspection report.

In addition, the Head of Education (Clydesdale) highlighted that Milton Primary School, Lesmahagow; Crawfordjohn Primary School and Rigsby Primary School would be inspected in January 2009 and that follow-through reports would be carried out on Braidwood Primary School, Stablestone Primary School and Victoria Park, Carluke.

The Committee decided: that the report be noted.

[Reference: Minutes of 26 February 2008 (Paragraph 3)]

5 Strathclyde Fire and Rescue

The representatives of Strathclyde Fire and Rescue gave a presentation on the South Lanarkshire Area within Strathclyde Fire and Rescue covering:-

- ◆ Strathclyde Fire and Rescue's corporate priorities
- ◆ statistical information on the number of casualties, fatalities and rescues in the period 2003 to 2008

- ♦ a breakdown of operational activity by ward in the period April to November 2008
- ♦ core activities, statutory duties and partnership initiatives including community safety involvement
- ♦ future issues within the Clydesdale area

The Committee decided: that the presentation be noted.

[Reference: Minutes of 25 September 2007 (Paragraph 3)]

6 Planning Application Appeals

A report dated 2 December 2008 by the Executive Director (Enterprise Resources) was submitted on:-

- ♦ planning application appeal decisions issued by the Scottish Government Directorate of Planning and Environment Appeals (DPEA) during the period 1 April to 30 September 2008
- ♦ appeals lodged with the Scottish Ministers during that period which had still to be determined

The Committee decided: that the report be noted.

[Reference: Minutes of Planning Committee of 18 November 2008 (Paragraph 12)]

7 Application CL/08/0008 - Erection of House (Outline) adjacent to 26 Devonburn Road, Lesmahagow

A report dated 1 December 2008 by the Executive Director (Enterprise Resources) was submitted on planning application CL/08/0008 by F Wilson for the erection of a house (outline) adjacent to 26 Devonburn Road, Lesmahagow.

The Committee decided: that planning application CL/08/0008 by F Wilson for the erection of a house (outline) adjacent to 26 Devonburn Road, Lesmahagow be granted subject to the conditions specified in the Executive Director's report.

8 Community Grant Applications

A report dated 2 December 2008 by the Executive Director (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: | Lesmahagow Old Age Pensioners (CL/129/08) |
| | Purpose of Grant: | Outing, entrance fees and equipment |
| | Amount Awarded: | £400 |

Councillor McInnes declared an interest in the above application and withdrew from the meeting during its consideration

- (b) Applicant: Douglasdale Players, Douglas (CL/133/08)
Purpose of Grant: Special event
Amount Awarded: £700
- (c) Applicant: Biggar Museum Trust Brownsbank Committee (CL/134/08)
Purpose of Grant: Publicity costs
Amount Awarded: £600

Councillor Stewart, having declared an interest in the above application, withdrew from the meeting during its consideration. Councillor Allison took the Chair for this item only

- (d) Applicant: Kirkstyle Toddlers' Group, Carluke (CL/135/08)
Purpose of Grant: Equipment
Amount Awarded: £500
- (e) Applicant: Lesmahagow Community Council (CL/136/08)
Purpose of Grant: Special event and publicity costs
Amount Awarded: £350
- (f) Applicant: Coalburn Women's Rural Institute (CL/137/08)
Purpose of Grant: Outing, entrance fees and special event
Amount Awarded: £500
- (g) Applicant: Lanark Bowling Club (CL/138/08)
Purpose of Grant: Equipment
Amount Awarded: £500
- (h) Applicant: Tarbrax Village Hall Association (CL/141/08)
Purpose of Grant: Special event
Amount Awarded: £250

9 Urgent Business

There were no items of urgent business.