

Tuesday, 17 January 2023

Dear Councillor

Clydesdale Area Committee

The Members listed below are requested to attend a meeting of the above Committee to be held as follows:-

Date: Wednesday, 25 January 2023

Time: 14:00

Venue: Hybrid - Council Chamber, Council Offices, Almada Street, Hamilton,

ML3 0AA

The business to be considered at the meeting is listed overleaf.

Yours sincerely

Cleland Sneddon Chief Executive

Members

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

BUSINESS

1 Declaration of Interests

2 Minutes of Previous Meeting

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Minutes of the meeting of the Clydesdale Area Committee held on 12 October 2022 submitted for approval as a correct record. (Copy attached)

Item(s) for Noting

3 Education Scotland Report - Milton Primary School

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Report dated 5 January 2023 by the Executive Director (Education Resources). (Copy attached)

4 Education Resources - Participatory Budgeting - Pupil Equity Funding

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Report dated 9 January 2023 by the Executive Director (Education Resources). (Copy attached)

Item(s) for Decision

5 Community Grant Applications/Warm Welcome Initiative

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Report dated 9 January 2023 by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources). (Copy attached)

Urgent Business

6 Urgent Business

Any other items of business which the Chair decides are urgent.

For further information, please contact:-

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CLYDESDALE AREA COMMITTEE

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Minutes of meeting held via Confero and in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, Almada Street, Hamilton on 12 October 2022

Chair:

Councillor Catherine McClymont

Councillors Present:

Councillor Alex Allison, Councillor Ralph Barker, 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

Attending:

Community and Enterprise Resources

K McGuire, Waste Services Manager

Education Resources

L Mitchell, Lead Officer

Finance and Corporate Resources

C Lyon, Administration Officer; A Norris, Administration Assistant; L O'Hagan, Finance Manager (Strategy); L Wyllie, Administration Assistant

1 Declaration of Interests

The following interest was declared:-

Councillor(s) Item(s)
Marrs Community Grant Application (CL/22/22)

Community Grant Application (CL/22/22) Braehead Lunch and Leisure Club, Forth

Nature of Interest(s)
Known to applicant

2 Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting of the Clydesdale Area Committee held on 17 August 2022 were submitted for approval as a correct record.

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

3 Common Good Update

A report dated 27 September 2022 by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) was submitted providing background information and an update on the Lanark and Biggar Common Good funds.

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.

The Common Good funds held within South Lanarkshire Council were Lanark, Biggar, Hamilton and Rutherglen. Finance Services administered the Common Good Accounts and accounts were prepared on an annual basis, as part of the Council's year end process, with the position at 31 March 2022 detailed in Appendix 1 to the report.

As at 31 March 2022, Biggar Common Good Account had cash balances amounting to £0.024 million. The Biggar Common Good Account held cash balances only and had no physical assets. As there were no assets to maintain, little expenditure was incurred by the Common Good Account.

The position on the Lanark Common Good Account, as at 31 March 2022, showed that the fund had cash balances amounting to £0.191 million. As well as cash balances, the Lanark Common Good Account also held assets, as detailed in Appendix 2 to the report. Expenditure was incurred on the upkeep of those assets and the cost of repairs and maintenance during 2021/2022 was £0.011 million.

An annual budget of £15,000 was available for the maintenance of Common Good properties in Lanark. For 2022/2023, £450 had been set aside, leaving a remaining budget of £14,550.

Decisions on the Common Good Accounts were taken by the Finance and Corporate Resources Committee. A report on the management of the Common Good fund would also be provided annually to the Clydesdale Area Committee.

The Committee decided: that the background information and update on the Lanark

and Biggar Common Good funds be noted.

[Reference: Minutes of 7 September 2021 (Paragraph 3)]

Councillor Shearer joined the meeting after this item of business

4 Participatory Budgeting – Education Resources - Pupil Equity Funding

A report dated 28 September 2022 by the Executive Director (Education Resources) was submitted on Participatory Budgeting (PB) in relation to Pupil Equity Funding (PEF).

An update was given on PB activity within Education Resources in 2021/2022 which highlighted that:-

- a video showing the work of PB within Education Resources in 2021/2022 had been shared locally and nationally
- ♦ lead officers had presented the Council's PB journey at PB Scotland's National Conference on 28 September 2022
- ♦ Education Resources had submitted an award application to the International Observatory on Participatory Democracy for the Best Practice Award for Citizen Participation. The application highlighted the success of PB in schools during 2021/2022. The evaluation phase for the award was currently underway
- ♦ a PB section had been developed within a new Equity Hub, an online site to provide schools with support and resources to assist in tackling the poverty related attainment gap

PB activity in 2022/2023 was also detailed in the report which highlighted that:-

- prior to the summer holiday period, Head Teachers had been asked to allocate a minimum of 5% of their 2022/2023 PEF allocation and identify a staff member to lead/facilitate this activity in their school
- refreshed PB training had been developed and delivered to Head Teachers and PB Leads
- Head Teachers had subsequently identified the percentage of their 2022/2023 PEF allocation they wished to allocate to PB in 2022/2023

Schools within the Clydesdale area had allocated £102,222.60 of their £1.435,165 million PEF allocation for PB. A breakdown of the allocation for each learning community was provided in Appendix 1 to the report. Appendix 2 to the report summarised the percentage of PEF which schools had allocated for PB. A further school-by-school breakdown was outlined in Appendix 3 to 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 7 October 2022. Information on the outcome of the process would be shared at future Area Committee meetings.

Education Resources would provide Area Committees with the following:-

- ♦ a summary report of each school's PB outcome, and Local Authority and Area analysis report of this
- case studies of school activity which had particular impact/success
- detailed Local Authority 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 Lead Officer (Equity) responded to members' questions.

The Committee decided: that the report be noted.

[Reference: Minutes of 7 September 2021 (Paragraph 3)]

5 Update on Household Waste and Recycling Centre (HWRC) Booking System - Carluke Pilot

A report dated 28 September 2022 by the Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources) was submitted on the on-line booking system which had been introduced on a pilot basis at Carluke Household Waste and Recycling Centre (HWRC).

In order to manage the number of visitors using the Carluke HWRC, especially during peak times, the Council decided to introduce a booking system on a pilot basis. The booking system went live on Monday 21 February 2022. Waste Services had worked with Corporate Communications to devise a communications plan to promote the booking system to local residents 4 weeks in advance of the go-live date. Residents who arrived at the site without a booking were allowed access for a period after the system went live. This 'grace period' ended on 31 March 2022.

Between 21 February and 4 August 2022, residents in South Lanarkshire made over 27,000 booking requests for Carluke HWRC. Almost 96% of the bookings had been 'self-service', ie, made by the resident or a representative, using the on-line booking form. The remainder (1,091) were made on behalf of the resident by the Council's Customer Contact Centre. The breakdown of booking requests were as follows:-

- ♦ completed bookings 24,082 (89%)
- no shows 2,143 (8%)
- cancelled by resident 803 (3%)

A breakdown of where visitors who used the site resided, days and times the site was used and customer satisfaction information were also contained in the report.

Given the positive evaluation results, it was now proposed to continue with the on-line booking system at Carluke HWRC. The Service would now also consider introducing the booking system, initially on a pilot basis, at the Council's other HWRCs. Those sites were currently operated on behalf of the Council by a third party and, as such, any decision to introduce a booking system required consultation with the contractor. Proposals for the system at Carluke and further expansion across all HWRCs would be presented to a future meeting of the Community and Enterprise Resources Committee for consideration.

The cost of maintaining the on-line booking system was £5,000 per annum and this would be met from the existing Waste revenue budget.

The Waste Services Manager responded to members' questions.

The Committee decided: that the evaluation of the pilot of the on-line booking

system at Carluke HWRC be noted.

[Reference: Minutes of 16 November 2021 (Paragraph 5)]

6 Community Grant Applications

A report dated 26 September 2022 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:-

(a) Applicant: Lanark Agricultural Discussion Society (CL/19/22)

Purpose of Grant: Outing Amount Awarded: £300

(b) Applicant: Crawfordjohn Heritage Venture Trust, Biggar (CL/20/22)

Purpose of Grant: Materials, administration and publicity costs

Amount Awarded: £310

(c) Applicant: Crawfordjohn and Elvanfoot Women's Rural Institute (WRI),

Crawford (*CL*/21/22)

Purpose of Grant: Outing Amount Awarded: £300

(d) Applicant: Braehead Lunch and Leisure Club, Forth (CL/22/22)

Purpose of Grant: Outing, entrance fees and equipment

Amount Awarded: £380

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

(e) Applicant: KFM Tenants' Group, Carluke (CL/23/22)

Purpose of Grant: Outing and entrance fees

Amount Awarded: £350

(f) Applicant: Scottish Old People's Welfare Committee (Douglas Branch)

(CL/24/22)

Purpose of Grant: Outing and entrance fees

Amount Awarded: £350

(g) Applicant: Coulter Women's Rural Institute (WRI) (CL/25/22)

Purpose of Grant: Outing Amount Awarded: £300

(h) Applicant: 1st Carstairs Girls' Brigade (CL/26/22)

Purpose of Grant: Outing and entrance fees

Amount Awarded: £350

(i) Applicant: Carmichael Babies and Toddlers (CL/27/22)

Purpose of Grant: Entrance fees

Amount Awarded: £325

(j) Applicant: Crossford, Hazelbank and District War Memorial Group, Crossford

(CL/28/22)

Purpose of Grant: Start-Up Costs – Equipment and materials

Amount Awarded: £300

(k) Applicant: Coalburn Brass Band Family (CL/29/22)

Purpose of Grant: Materials Amount Awarded: £500

7 Urgent Business

There were no items of urgent business.



Report

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Report to: Clydesdale Area Committee

Date of Meeting: 25 January 2023

Report by: Executive Director (Education Resources)

Subject: Education Scotland Report – Milton Primary School

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-
 - advise of the outcome of the inspection of Milton Primary School by Education Scotland inspectors

2. Recommendation(s)

- 2.1. The Committee is asked to approve the following recommendation(s):-
 - (1) that the Education Scotland report on Milton Primary School be noted.

3. Background

- 3.1. Milton Primary School was inspected in September 2022 as part of a national sample of primary education.
- 3.2. As part of the revised approach to inspection, the Education Scotland inspectors evaluated learning, teaching and assessment and raising attainment and achievement.
- 3.3. The inspection team analysed questionnaires issued to a sample of parents, pupils and to all staff. Inspectors observed class lessons and interviewed groups of pupils, including the pupil council, and staff. Members of the inspection team also met parents and members of the local community.
- 3.4. The report by Education Scotland was published on 6 December 2022.

4. Finding of HM inspectors

- 4.1. Education Scotland made comment under the following headings:-
 - ♦ Learning, teaching and assessment and
 - Raising attainment and achievement
- 4.2 The particular strengths of the school were identified as follows:-
 - The headteacher and staff have created a positive and nurturing ethos across the school. The 'Heart of Milton' values of, hard work, enthusiasm, achievement, respect and teamwork are evident in all adult and child interactions
 - ♦ Children are friendly, polite, well behaved and keen to talk to adults about their learning. They are caring, considerate and support one another thoughtfully

- ◆ The effective approaches teachers take to integrate digital technologies in learning and teaching. The headteacher supports them well to continue to build on these skills to enhance the quality of learning and teaching
- 4.3 Education Scotland identified the following areas for continued improvement:-
 - ◆ Teachers should ensure that children have consistently high quality learning experiences across the school. These experiences should provide an appropriate level of challenge for all children
 - ◆ Teachers should plan more effectively to assess how well children apply their learning in new situations
- 4.6 The Inspection report can be accessed by clicking the following web link: Milton Primary School

5. Employee Implications

5.1. None.

6. Financial Implications

6.1. None.

7. Climate Change, Sustainability and Environmental Implications

7.1. None.

8. Other Implications

8.1. There are no direct risks associated with this report which is provided for information only.

9. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements

- 9.1. There is no requirement to carry out an assessment in terms of the proposals contained within this report.
- 9.2. The content of Education Scotland reports are shared with parents and discussed at Parent Council meetings.

Tony McDaid

Executive Director (Education Resources)

5 January 2023

Link(s) to Council Values/Ambitions/Objectives

♦ Education and Learning: inspiring learners, transforming learners, strengthening partnerships.

Previous References

♦ None

List of Background Papers

◆ Education Scotland Report of Milton Primary School - 6 December 2022

Contact for Further Information

If you would like to inspect the background papers or want further information, please contact:-Carole McKenzie Head of Education (Clydesdale)

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6 December 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

In September 2022, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Milton Primary School. During our visit, we talked to parents/carers and children and worked closely with the headteacher and staff.

The inspection team found the following strengths in the school's work.

- The headteacher and staff have created a positive and nurturing ethos across the school. The 'Heart of Milton' values of, hard work, enthusiasm, achievement, respect and teamwork are evident in all adult and child interactions.
- Children are friendly, polite, well behaved and keen to talk to adults about their learning. They are caring, considerate and support one another thoughtfully.
- The effective approaches teachers take to integrate digital technologies in learning and teaching. The headteacher supports them well to continue to build on these skills to enhance the quality of learning and teaching.

The following areas for improvement were identified and discussed with the headteacher and a representative from South Lanarkshire Council

- Teachers should ensure that children have consistently high quality learning experiences across the school. These experiences should provide an appropriate level of challenge for all children.
- Teachers should plan more effectively to assess how well children apply their learning in new situations.



We gathered evidence to enable us to evaluate the school's work using quality indicators from How good is our school? (4th edition). Quality indicators help schools, local authorities and inspectors to judge what is working well and what needs to be improved. Following the inspection of each school, the Scottish Government gathers details of our evaluations to keep track of how well Scottish schools are doing.

Here are Education Scotland's evaluations for Milton Primary School

Quality indicators	Evaluation	
Learning, teaching and assessment	good	
Raising attainment and achievement	good	
Descriptions of the evaluations are available from: How good is our school? (4 th edition), Appendix 3: The six-point scale		

A more detailed document called Summarised Inspection Findings (SIF) will be available on the Education Scotland website at:

https://education.gov.scot/education-scotland/inspection-reports/reports-page//?id=3692

What happens next?

We are confident that the school has the capacity to continue to improve and so we will make no more visits in connection with this inspection. South Lanarkshire Council will inform parents/carers about the school's progress as part of its arrangements for reporting on the quality of its schools.

Rosalind J Webster **HM** Inspector

Participatory Budgeting – Update for Clydesdale Area Committee December 2022 Service Area Education Laura Mitchell

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:

The figures reported at last area committee have been updated, with new information we have gathered from schools. The latest figures are as follows:

Schools within the Clydesdale area have collectively allocated £100,406.85 (approximately 7%) of their £1,435,165 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 – 68% of schools have allocated the minimum 5% of their PEF budget, whilst 32% of schools have allocated more than this.

Reported Outcome

The Participatory Budgeting Stakeholder Group in each school has led the PB process in their school with the consultation now complete. Appendix 3 outlines the outcome of the vote for each school. Appendix 4 shows the distribution of spend across the Clydesdale Area. Appendix 5 outlines the distribution of votes by stakeholders across the Clydesdale area.

Next Steps

Schools are now progressing with their spend, to ensure the minimum 5% is spent in full by end of March 2023. The central Equity Team are available to help schools navigate any challenges they face to ensure a full spend before the end of the financial year.

Stage 2 : Post Consultation

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

Following the voting, 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 of this
- Case studies of school activity, which has had particular impact/success (ongoing throughout the year)
- Detailed Local Authority Financial Report of how PEF money allocated for PB has been spent (May/June 2023)

Education Resources will support schools with implementation of this and monitor and track the impact of this activity. 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 Equity Hub and through our @SLCEquity Twitter handle.

Appendix 1:



Projected Clydesdale Participatory Budgeting Spend for 22/23

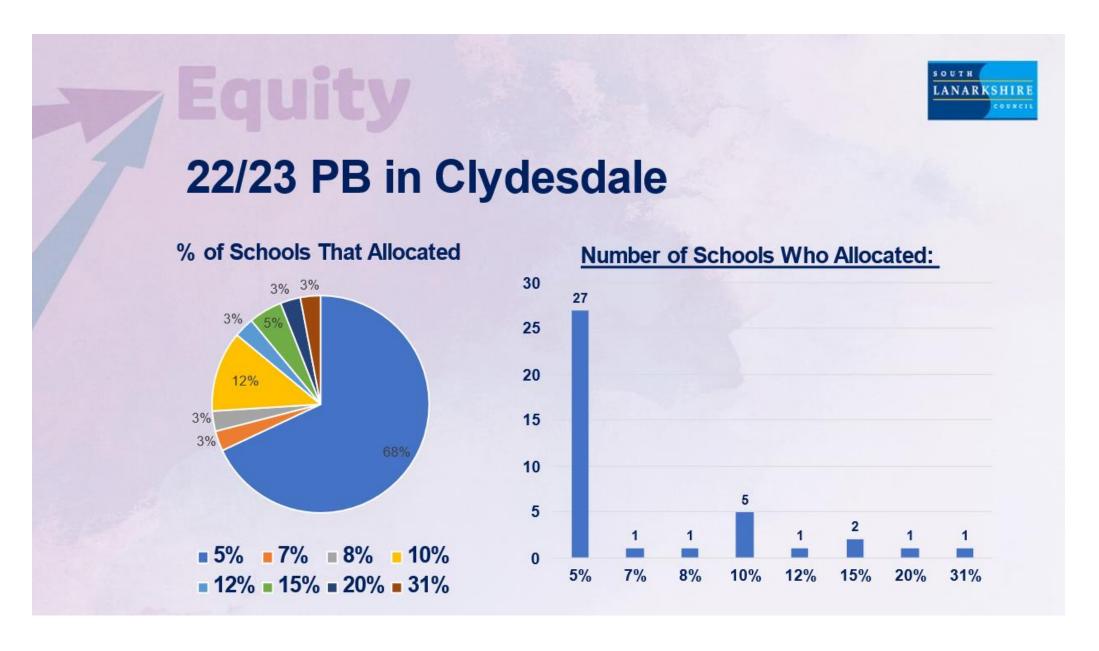
£100,406.85

7% of Clydesdale schools collective PEF Budget

Split across learning communities:

Biggar = £11,102 (11% of Clydesdale PB budget)
Carluke = £54,742.10 (55% of Clydesdale PB budget)
Lanark = £18,170.25 (18% of Clydesdale PB budget)
Lesmahagow = £16,392.50 (16% of Clydesdale PB budget)

Appendix 2:





Biggar Learning Community

School	PB Allocation	PB % of PEF	Category of Spend
Abington Primary	£162.00	5%	Resources/Training for Clubs
Auchengray primary	£486	15%	Outdoor Play Equipment
Biggar High School	£2,572.50	5%	Health and Wellbeing Day
Biggar Primary	£1,049	5%	Educational Excursions
Black Mount Primary	£810	15%	Educational Excursions
Carnwath Primary	£1,715.00	5%	Educational Excursions
Coulter Primary	£432.00	10%	Educational Excursions
Crawford Primary	£183.75	5%	Outdoor Play Equipment
Leadhills Primary	£367.50	5%	Extra-curricular Activities
Libberton Primary	£612.50	5%	Educational Excursions
Tinto Primary	£2,658.25	31%	Educational Excursions
Wiston Primary	£61.25	5%	Outdoor Play Equipment

Total PB Allocation - £11,102

Average PB % - 9%

Carluke Learning Community



School	PB Allocation	PB % of PEF	Category of Spend
Braidwood Primary	£1,225.00	10%	Educational Excursions
Carluke High School	£25,970.00	20%	Outdoor Gym Equipment
Carluke Primary	£5,390.00	8%	Educational Excursions
Crawforddyke			Playground Equipment
Primary	£5,083.75	5%	
Forth Primary	£3,186.00	5%	Educational Excursions
High Mill Primary	£5,961.60	12%	Educational Excursions
Kirkton Primary	£857.50	5%	Playground Equipment
Law Primary	£1,837.50	5%	Visiting Specialists
			Enhanced Learning
Victoria Park School	£5,230.75	7%	Experiences

Total PB Allocation - £54,742.10 Average PB % - 9%

Lanark Learning Community



School	PB Allocation	PB % of PEF	Category of Spend
Braehead Primary	£122	10%	Transport for Clubs
Carmichael Primary	£367	5%	Library Development
Carstairs Junction Primary	£1,531.25	5%	Educational Excursions
Carstairs Primary	£1,286.25	5%	Residential Trips
Douglas Primary	£1,960.00	5%	Educational Excursions
Kirkfieldbank Primary	£980	10%	Educational Excursions
Lanark Grammar	£5,700	5%	Outdoor Seating Area
Lanark Primary	£2,430.00	5%	Educational Excursions
New Lanark Primary	£1404	10%	Educational Excursions
Rigside Primary	£1,960.00	5%	Educational Excursions
Robert Owen Memorial			Educational Excursions
Primary	£3,001.00	5%	
Underbank Primary	£428.75	5%	Online Subscription

Total PB Allocation - £18,170.25 Average PB % - 6%



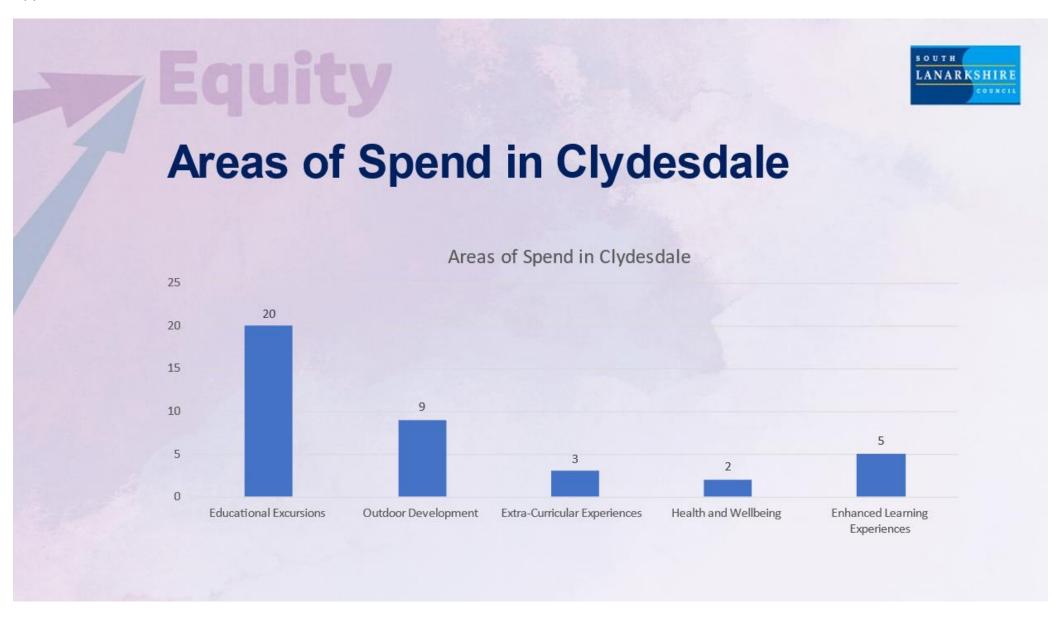


Lesmahagow Learning Community

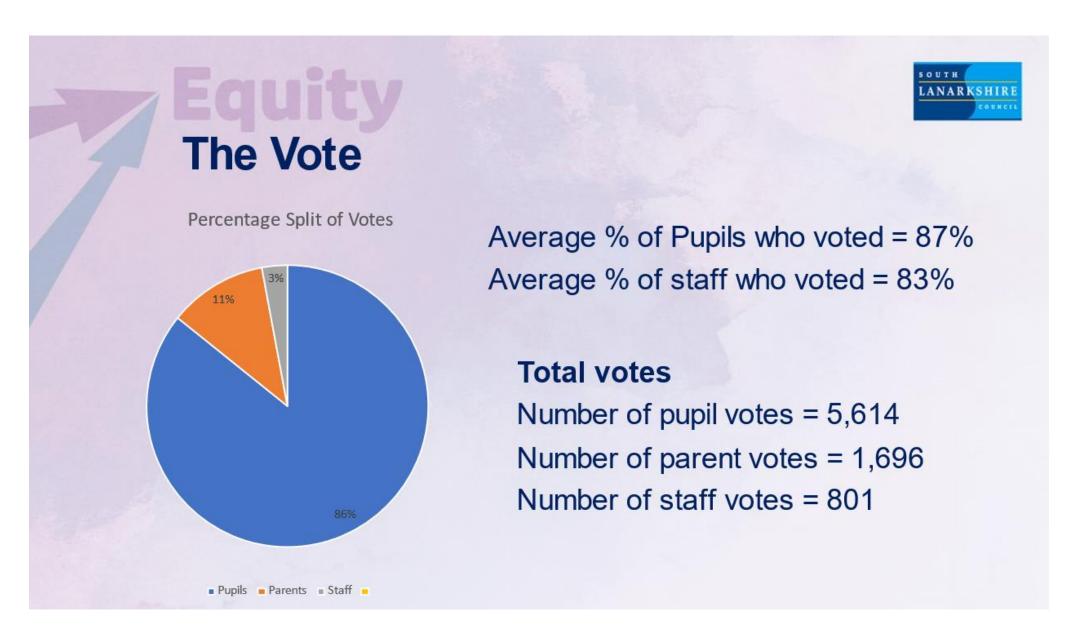
School	PB Allocation	PB % of PEF	Category of Spend
Bent Primary	£2,143.75	5%	PE Equipment
Blackwood Primary	£3,001.25	5%	Outdoor Equipment
Coalburn Primary	£1,286.25	5%	Educational Excursions
Lesmahagow High School	£4,287.50	5%	Enhancing School Experiences
Milton Primary	£1,080.00	5%	Educational Excursions
Woodpark Primary	£4,593.75	5%	Outdoor Equipment

Total PB Allocation - £16,392.50 Average PB % - 5%

Appendix 4:



Appendix 5:





Report

Report to: Clydesdale Area Committee

Date of Meeting: 25 January 2023

Report by: Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources)

Subject: Community Grant Applications/Warm Welcome

Initiative

1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- request approval for the allocation of community grants to 6 community groups in the Clydesdale Area Committee area from the 2022/2023 community grant budget
- ♦ advise of grants awarded to community and voluntary groups/organisations in the Clydesdale Area Committee area in response to the Warm Welcome Initiative

2. Recommendation(s)

- 2.1. The Committee is asked to approve the following recommendation(s):-
 - (1) that community grants be awarded as follows:-

(a) Applicant: Clydesdale Community Gaelic,

Initiative, Lanark (CL/30/22)

Purpose of Grant: Administration and publicity costs Identified Community Benefits: Caring, connected, sustainable

communities

Estimated Cost: £2,800
Total Eligible Grant Applied for: £1,000
Recommendation: £800

Amount Awarded: To be determined by the Committee

(b) Applicant: Coalburn Regeneration Group,

Coalburn (CL/31/22)

Purpose of Grant: Start-up Costs – Materials,

administration and publicity costs

Identified Community Benefits: Caring, connected, sustainable

communities

Estimated Cost: £300
Total Eligible Grant Applied for: £300
Recommendation: £300

Amount Awarded: To be determined by the Committee

(c) Applicant: Crawfordjohn Toddlers, Crawfordjohn

(CL/33/22)

Purpose of Grant: Start-up costs - Equipment Identified Community Benefits: Caring, connected, sustainable

communities

Estimated Cost: £690
Total Eligible Grant Applied for: £690
Recommendation: £300

Amount Awarded: To be determined by the Committee

(d) Applicant: Coalburn Homing Club, Coalburn

(CL/34/22)

Purpose of Grant: Materials, administration and publicity

costs

Identified Community Benefits: Caring, connected, sustainable

communities

Estimated Cost: £500
Total Eligible Grant Applied for: £500
Recommendation: £300

Amount Awarded: To be determined by the Committee

(e) Applicant: Carnwath Primary School and Nursery

Parent Council, Carnwath (CL/35/22)

Purpose of Grant: Equipment

Identified Community Benefits: Caring, connected, sustainable

communities

Estimated Cost: £400
Total Eligible Grant Applied for: £400
Recommendation: £240

Amount Awarded: To be determined by the Committee

(f) Applicant: Rigside Community Nursery Committee,

Rigside (*CL*/36/22)

Purpose of Grant: Equipment

Identified Community Benefits: Caring, connected, sustainable

communities

Estimated Cost: £900
Total Eligible Grant Applied for: £900
Recommendation: £800

Amount Awarded: To be determined by the Committee

(2) that the award of 12 grants, totalling £11,600, to the following community and voluntary groups/organisations in the Clydesdale Area in response to the Warm Welcome Initiative be noted:-

(a) Applicant: Abington Community Development

Group

Amount Applied for: £1,000 Amount Awarded: £1,000

(b) Applicant: Greyfriars Parish Church, Lanark

Amount Applied for: £1,000 Amount Awarded: £1,000 (c) Applicant: Healthy Valleys, Clydesdale

Amount Applied for: £1,000 Amount Awarded: £1,000

(d) Applicant: Forth and District Development Trust,

Forth

Amount Applied for: £1,000 Amount Awarded: £1,000

(e) Applicant: Youth, Family and Community Learning,

Lanark

Amount Applied for: £1,000 Amount Awarded: £1,000

(f) Applicant: Forth and Wilsontown Bowling Club,

Forth

Amount Applied for: £1,000 Amount Awarded: £1,000

(g) Applicant: ISKCON Scotland, Lesmahagow

Amount Applied for: £1,000 Amount Awarded: £1,000

(h) Applicant: Esteem Clydesdale, Lanark

Amount Applied for: £1,000 Amount Awarded: £1,000

(i) Applicant: Universal Connections, Douglas

Amount Applied for: £600 Amount Awarded: £600

(j) Applicant: Kirkmuirhill Parish Church

Amount Applied for: £1,000 Amount Awarded: £1,000

(k) Applicant: Carstairs Junction Welcome All Hub

Amount Applied for: £1,000 Amount Awarded: £1,000

(I) Applicant: Forth Community Resource Steering

: Group
Amount Applied for: £1,000
Amount Awarded: £1,000

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.
- 3.4. At the meeting of the full Council on 28 September 2022, it was agreed that the Chief Executive would bring forward a package of cost of living supports for agreement, in consultation with the Group Leaders, and endorsed by the Executive Committee at its meeting on 30 November 2022. This package included support for a Warm Welcome Initiative.
- 3.5. Working in conjunction with South Lanarkshire Leisure and Culture and community and voluntary groups and organisations, the Warm Welcome Initiative is a network of warm spaces in community settings and public buildings where members of the public are welcomed and can participate in activities and access advice and support. To support the Initiative, a small grants scheme was created offering grants to a maximum of £1,000 to cover extra costs incurred by offering a Warm Welcome. A total of £40,000 was identified for the Initiative and the monies were apportioned equally between the 4 Area Committees.
- 3.6. As funds were required immediately to assist in the response effort, it was agreed that applications would be considered by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources), in consultation with the relevant Area Committee Chair (or Depute) and submitted to the Area Committee for noting.
- 3.7. In terms of the community grants scheme, community groups would normally only be permitted to submit one application in each financial year, however, community groups that applied for funding to assist in the Warm Welcome Initiative are entitled to apply for a grant for another purpose under the scheme in the same financial year.
- 3.8. A total of 12 grants were awarded to community and voluntary groups/organisations in the Clydesdale Area, totalling £11,600. As the total exceeded the budget of £10,000, with the agreement of the Depute Chair, the additional £1,600 would be met from the existing community grants budget for 2022/2023.

4. Employee Implications

4.1. None.

5. Financial Implications

5.1. The current position of the community for the Clydesdale Area Committee area in 2022/2023 is as follows:-

Total allocation for Community Grants	£25,750
Grants previously allocated	£11,357
*Warm Welcome Initiative grants (exceeding £10,000	£ 1,600
allocated)	
Community grants allocated in this report	£ 2,740
Remaining balance	£10,053

^{*} as referred to in paragraph 3.8 above

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)

9 January 2023

Link(s) to Council Values/Priorities/Outcomes

- ♦ Accountable, effective, efficient and transparent
- ♦ We will work towards a sustainable future in sustainable places
- ♦ Caring, connected, sustainable communities

Previous References

- ♦ Clydesdale Area Committee 12 October 2022
- ◆ Executive Committee 30 November 2022
- ♦ South Lanarkshire Council 28 September 2022

List of Background Papers

♦ Individual application forms

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