

HAMILTON AREA COMMITTEE

Minutes of meeting held in Committee Room 1, Council Offices, Almada Street, Hamilton on 22 February 2017

Chair:

Councillor John McNamee

Councillors Present:

Stephanie Callaghan, Peter Craig, Maureen Devlin, Hugh Dunsmuir, Allan Falconer, Stuart Gallacher, Graeme Horne, Anne Kegg, Joe Lowe, Lesley McDonald, Jim McGuigan, Davie McLachlan (Depute), John Menzies

Councillors' Apologies:

Jackie Burns, Andy Carmichael, Monica Lennon, Brian McCaig, Jean McKeown, Mo Razzaq, John Ross, Bert Thomson

Attending:

Education Resources

F Robertson, Senior Community Learning and Home School Partnership Worker

Finance and Corporate Resources

G Bow, Administration Manager; G Cochran, Administration Assistant

1 Declaration of Interests

The following interest was declared:-

| Councillor(s) | Item(s) | Nature of Interest(s) |
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| Gallacher | Community Grant Application HA/96/16 Low Waters Juniors' Club, Hamilton | Volunteer |

2 Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting of the Hamilton Area Committee held on 30 November 2016 were submitted for approval as a correct record.

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

3 Community Learning and Home Partnership Service

A presentation by F Robertson, Senior Community Learning and Home School Partnership Worker, Education Resources was given providing an update on the comprehensive range of adult, family and community based learning opportunities available within the Hamilton area.

The Community Learning and Home School Partnership (CLHSP) operated 4 area teams across South Lanarkshire. Those teams, in partnership with a wide range of establishments and organisations within their localities, worked to maximise the impact of community learning provision.

The CLHSP had identified the following 6 key priority areas of work:-

- ◆ adult learning
- ◆ family learning

- ◆ English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)
- ◆ Adult Literacy and Numeracy (ALN)
- ◆ volunteering
- ◆ strengthening communities

Each team had produced a Locality Review Report which highlighted the work carried out during 2015/2016. The Review Report for Hamilton, which had been circulated to members, identified the following key outcomes:-

- ◆ 2,537 adults had participated in learning programmes
- ◆ 138 adults had received nationally recognised awards
- ◆ 73 family learning programmes had been delivered
- ◆ 2,409 young people had participated in learning programmes
- ◆ 138 adults had improved their English through ESOL provision
- ◆ 79 volunteers had accessed training and support to directly impact on CLHSP provision
- ◆ volunteers had contributed 370 hours to areas of work within their local community

Information was also provided on the following Service wide developments:-

- ◆ Adult Learners' Week - 2014
- ◆ Family Man Fun Day - 2015
- ◆ International Women's Day - 2016
- ◆ contribution of volunteers in complementing the work of the CLHSP

The Senior Community Learning and Home School Partnership Worker, having responded to members' questions, was thanked for her informative presentation.

The Committee decided:

- (1) that the Community Learning and Home School Partnership Service 2015/2016 Locality Review Report for the Hamilton Area be noted; and
- (2) that the positive impact that the Community Learning and Home School Partnership Service had made on local communities be noted.

4 Community Grant Applications

A report dated 6 February 2017 by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) was submitted on applications for community grants.

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 2015/2016 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 2017. Those grants awarded would be reported to the next meeting of the Area Committee for noting.

The Committee decided:

- (1) that community grants be awarded as follows:-
 - (a) Applicant: Hamilton Grammar School Parent Council (*HA/87/16*)
 - Purpose of Grant: Start-up costs
 - Amount Awarded: £70

- (b) Applicant: Low Waters Juniors' Club, Hamilton (HA/96/16)
Purpose of Grant: Start-up costs
Amount Awarded: £250

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

- (c) Applicant: St Joseph's Primary School Parent Teacher Association, Blantyre (HA/97/16)
Purpose of Grant: Equipment
Amount Awarded: £600

- (d) Applicant: Uddingston and Bothwell Women's Rural Institute (HA/99/16)
Purpose of Grant: Outing
Amount Awarded: £200

- (e) Applicant: The Miracle Foundation, Hamilton (HA/100/16)
Purpose of Grant: Start-up costs
Amount Awarded: £250

- (f) Applicant: Uddingston and Tannochside History Society (HA/101/16)
Purpose of Grant: Start-up costs
Amount Awarded: £250

- (g) Applicant: Uddingston District Churches United Men's Fellowship (HA/103/16)
Purpose of Grant: Outing and entrance fees
Amount Awarded: £250

- (h) Applicant: Livingstone Memorial Church Guild, Blantyre (HA/104/16)
Purpose of Grant: Outing
Amount Awarded: £200

(2) that, to ensure that the remaining 2016/2017 community grants 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 2017, subject to the applications meeting the Council's criteria for receipt of funding; and

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

5 Urgent Business

There were no items of urgent business.

Chair's Closing Remarks

The Chair thanked all members and officers for their hard work and support over the last 5 years and wished those members who were retiring a long and happy retirement and those who were standing for re-election well in the forthcoming elections.