

HAMILTON AREA COMMITTEE

Minutes of meeting held in Committee Room 1, Council Offices, Almada Street, Hamilton on 14 February 2018

Chair:

Councillor Mary Donnelly

Councillors Present:

Jackie Burns, Stephanie Callaghan, Andy Carmichael, Maureen Chalmers, Peter Craig (Depute), Allan Falconer, Joe Lowe, Kenny McCreary, Jim McGuigan, Lynne Nailon, Mo Razzaq, John Ross, Josh Wilson

Councillors' Apologies:

Maureen Devlin, Graeme Horne, Martin Grant Hose, Mark McGeever, Davie McLachlan, Richard Nelson, Bert Thomson

Attending:

Community and Enterprise Resources

S Clark, Planning Team Leader (Hamilton)

Education Resources

F Robertson, Senior Community Learning and Home School Partnership Worker

Finance and Corporate Resources

G Cochran, Administration Assistant; J Muirhead, Administration Adviser

Also Attending:

Citizens' Advice Bureau

S Griffiths, Caseworker; J Howdle, Team Leader (Hamilton)

1 Declaration of Interests

The following interest was declared:-

Councillor(s)	Item(s)	Nature of Interest(s)
Carmichael	Application HM/17/1550 – Change of use from Class 10 Nursery to Sui Generis – Public House with Associated External Alterations at 69 to 71 Church Street, Larkhall	Known to objectors

2 Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting of the Hamilton Area Committee held on 22 November 2017 were submitted for approval as a correct record.

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

3 Hamilton Citizens' Advice Bureau

J Howdle, Team Leader and S Griffiths gave a presentation on the services provided by Hamilton Citizens' Advice Bureau. The CAB offered free, confidential, independent and impartial advice on various including:-

- ◆ social housing
- ◆ benefits
- ◆ legal representation
- ◆ local energy advice
- ◆ debt
- ◆ housing
- ◆ health and welfare
- ◆ money advice

During 2016/2017, the CAB had dealt with 17,760 issues across 15 areas of advice and provided advice to 3,440 people, 2,306 of whom had not used the service before. The total workload could be broken down as follows:-

- ◆ 35% related to social security issues
- ◆ 19% related to legal issues in respect of housing and debt
- ◆ 13% related to housing issues
- ◆ 28% related to representation of clients

In relation to Universal Credit (UC), the CAB's main focus was to help clients understand the process and to assist them with their online claims. Details of 5 case studies were provided which highlighted the variety of issues that arose and the various ways assistance could be provided.

J Howdle and S Griffiths, having responded to members' questions, were thanked for their informative presentation.

The Committee decided: that the presentation be noted.

Councillor Burns entered the meeting during this item of business

4 Community Learning and Home School Partnership Service

A presentation was given by F Robertson, Senior Community Learning and Home School Partnership Worker, Education Resources 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.

Each team had produced a Locality Review Report which highlighted the work carried out during 2016/2017. The Review Report for Hamilton, which had been circulated to members, identified the following key outcomes:-

- ◆ 2,767 adults had participated in learning programmes
- ◆ 85 adults had received nationally recognised awards
- ◆ 94 family learning programmes had been delivered
- ◆ 2,321 young people had participated in learning programmes
- ◆ 174 adults had improved their English through English for Speakers of Other Languages provision
- ◆ 93 adults had improved their literacy and numeracy skills (50% of the participants being male)
- ◆ 114 volunteers had accessed training and support to directly impact on CLHSP provision
- ◆ volunteers had contributed 8206 hours of work within their local community
- ◆ 232 people had influenced decision-making within their community
- ◆ 12 community groups had been supported to achieve their planned outcomes

Information was also provided on a range of Service-wide developments.

F Robertson, having responded to members' questions, was thanked for her informative presentation.

The Committee decided:

- (1) that the Community Learning and Home School Partnership Service 2016/2017 Locality Review Report for Hamilton be noted; and
- (2) that the positive impact that the Community Learning and Home School Partnership Service had made on local communities be noted.

5 Application HM/17/0442 - Installation of an ATM and Associated Freestanding Steel Secure Room (Retrospective) at Petrol Station, 1 Machan Road, Larkhall

A report dated 25 January 2018 by the Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources) was submitted on planning application HM/17/0442 by NoteMachine UK Limited for the installation of an ATM and Associated Freestanding Steel Secure Room (Retrospective) at Petrol Station, 1 Machan Road, Larkhall.

Following discussion, the Committee agreed that the application be continued and the applicant be invited to attend the next meeting of the Hamilton Area Committee to present their views on the retrospective application and the potential relocation of the cashline machine to within the kiosk. In the meantime, a request be made to the applicant that use of the machine be suspended until such time as a decision had been made.

The Committee decided:

that planning application HM/17/0442 by NoteMachine UK Limited for the Installation of an ATM and Associated Freestanding Steel Secure Room (Retrospective) at Petrol Station, 1 Machan Road, Larkhall be continued to the next meeting of the Hamilton Area Committee to allow the applicant to be invited to present their views on the retrospective application and the potential relocation of the cashline machine to within the kiosk and that, in the meantime, a request be made to the applicant that use of the cashline machine be suspended until such time as a decision had been made.

Councillor Lowe, as the mover of an amendment which failed to find a seconder, asked that his dissent be recorded

6 Application HM/17/0550 - Change of use from Class 10 Nursery to Sui Generis - Public House with Associated External Alterations at 69 to 71 Church Street, Larkhall

A report dated 25 January 2018 by the Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources) was submitted on planning application HM/17/0550 by Q Bar and Restaurant for the change of use from Class 10 Nursery to Sui Generis Public House with Associated External Alterations at 69 to 71 Church Street, Larkhall.

The Committee decided: that planning application HM/17/0550 by Q Bar and Restaurant for the change of use from Class 10 Nursery to Sui Generis Public House with Associated External Alterations at 69 to 71 Church Street, Larkhall be granted subject to the conditions specified in the Executive Director's report.

Councillor Carmichael, having declared an interest in the above application, withdrew from the meeting during its consideration. Councillor Lowe left the meeting during this item of business

7 Community Grant Applications

A report dated 31 January 2018 by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) was submitted on applications for community grant.

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 2017/2018 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 2018. 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:-

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| (a) | Applicant: | The TACT Sewing Group, Blantyre (HA/83/17) |
| | Purpose of Grant: | Equipment and materials |
| | Amount Awarded: | £250 |
| (b) | Applicant: | South Lanarkshire Self-Directed Support Network, Hamilton (HA/84/17) |
| | Purpose of Grant: | Equipment |
| | Amount Awarded: | £350 |
| (c) | Applicant: | 78th Lanarkshire (3rd Blantyre) Scout Group (HA/87/17) |
| | Purpose of Grant: | Entrance fees and materials |
| | Amount Awarded: | £300 |
| (d) | Applicant: | St Machan's Guild, Larkhall (HA/88/17) |
| | Purpose of Grant: | Outing |
| | Amount Awarded: | £200 |
| (e) | Applicant: | Hillhouse Community Council, Hamilton (HA/90/17) |
| | Purpose of Grant: | Materials |
| | Amount Awarded: | £200 |

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| (f) | Applicant:
Purpose of Grant:
Amount Awarded: | Sharp and Gentles Fly Tying and Fishing Club, Hamilton
(HA/91/17)
Equipment and outing
£300 |
| (g) | Applicant
Purpose of Grant:
Amount Awarded: | Inter Cultural Milan Club, Hamilton (HA/92/17)
Outing
£200 |
| (h) | Applicant:
Purpose of Grant:
Amount Awarded: | Eddlewood Bowling Club Ladies' Section, Hamilton (HA/93/17)
Outing
£200 |
| (i) | Applicant:
Purpose of Grant:
Amount Awarded: | Hamilton South Church Craft Class (HA/95/17)
Outing and materials
£250 |
| (j) | Applicant:
Purpose of Grant:
Amount Awarded: | Handmades, Hamilton (HA/96/17)
Outing and entrance fees
£250 |
| (k) | Applicant:
Purpose of Grant:
Amount Awarded: | Livingstone Memorial Church Guild, Blantyre (HA/97/17)
Outing
£200 |
| (l) | Applicant:
Purpose of Grant:
Amount Awarded: | Lanarkshire Ethnic Minority Action Group, Blantyre (HA/98/17)
Outing and entrance fees
£250 |
- (2) that, to ensure that the remaining 2017/2018 community grant 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 2018, subject to the applications meeting the Council's criteria for the receipt of funding; and
- (3) that details of those applications approved be reported to a future meeting for noting.

8 Urgent Business

There were no items of urgent business.