

HAMILTON AREA COMMITTEE

Minutes of meeting held in Committee Room 1, Council Offices, Almada Street, Hamilton on 13 September 2017

Chair:

Councillor Mary Donnelly

Councillors Present:

Jackie Burns, Stephanie Callaghan, Andy Carmichael, Maureen Chalmers, Peter Craig (Depute), Maureen Devlin, Allan Falconer, Graeme Horne, Martin Grant Hose, Joe Lowe, Kenny McCreary, Mark McGeever, Davie McLachlan, Lynne Nailon, Richard Nelson, Mo Razzaq, Bert Thomson

Councillors' Apologies:

Jim McGuigan, John Ross, Josh Wilson

Attending:

Education Resources

P Brown, Headteacher, St Blane's Primary School; A Hope, Headteacher, St John's Primary School; J McKeran, Headteacher, Woodside Primary School; S Nicholson, Head of Education (Curriculum, Learning and Teaching); L Quinn and A Weatherston, Lead Officers

Finance and Corporate Resources

G Cochran, Administration Assistant; J Muirhead, Administration Adviser

Also Attending:

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service

B Rooney, Station Manager

1 Declaration of Interests

No interests were declared.

2 Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting of the Hamilton Area Committee held on 21 June 2017 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 Blane's Primary School, Blantyre

A report dated 30 August 2017 by the Executive Director (Education Resources) was submitted on the outcome of the inspection of St Blane's Primary School, Blantyre made by Education Scotland.

The inspection had taken place in January 2017 as part of a national sample of primary education and the inspection letter reporting on the findings had been published on 14 March 2017.

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

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

The Committee decided: that the report be noted.

4 Education Scotland Report - St John's Primary School, Hamilton

A report dated 30 August 2017 by the Executive Director (Education Resources) was submitted on the outcome of the inspection of St John's Primary School, Hamilton made by Education Scotland.

The inspection had taken place in May 2017 as part of a national sample of primary education and the inspection letter reporting on the findings had been published on 27 June 2017.

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

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

The Committee decided: that the report be noted.

5 Education Scotland Report for Woodside Primary School, Hamilton

A report dated 30 August 2017 by the Executive Director (Education Resources) was submitted on the outcome of the inspection of Woodside Primary School, Hamilton made by Education Scotland.

The inspection had taken place in March 2017 as part of a national sample of primary education and the inspection letter reporting on the findings had been published on 25 April 2017.

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

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

The Committee decided: that the report be noted.

6 Presentation by Fire and Rescue Scotland

B Rooney, Station Manager, Hamilton Community Fire Station, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service gave a presentation providing information on progress made during 2016/2017 against the key priorities within the Local Fire and Rescue Area Plan. The current Local Fire and Rescue Area Plan for South Lanarkshire contained the following key priorities:-

- ◆ local risk management and preparedness
- ◆ reduction of dwelling fires
- ◆ reduction of fire casualties and fatalities
- ◆ reduction of deliberate fire setting
- ◆ reduction of fires in non-domestic properties
- ◆ reduction in road traffic collisions
- ◆ reduction of unwanted fire signals

The performance report provided detailed analysis of relevant performance information covering the period 2016/2017. In order to provide a comparison, performance information was also provided for the financial years 2012/2013 to 2015/2016.

The Station Manager then tabled a summary of the local Fire and Rescue plan and highlighted forthcoming changes as the Service transformed to meet the changing risks associated with today's environment. Those changes included emphasis on a prevention role, home safety, severe weather response, responding to acts of terrorism and out of hospital cardiac arrest.

The members thanked Station Manager Rooney for his informative presentation.

The Committee decided: that the presentation be noted.

[Reference: Minutes of 27 April 2016 (Paragraph 4)]

Councillor Razzaq entered the meeting and Councillor Thomson left the meeting during this item of business

7 Community Grant Applications

A report dated 28 August 2017 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:-

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| (a) Applicant: | Royal British Legion Scotland, Women's Section, Larkhall (HA/6/17) |
| Purpose of Grant: | Outing and entrance fees |
| Amount Awarded: | £250 |
| (b) Applicant: | Birkenshaw Welfare Guild, Larkhall (HA/12/17) |
| Purpose of Grant: | Outing and entrance fees |
| Amount Awarded: | £250 |
| (c) Applicant: | Larkhall Water Polo Club, Larkhall (HA/38/17) |
| Purpose of Grant: | Equipment, administration and publicity costs |
| Amount Awarded: | £300 |
| (d) Applicant: | Hamilton Bowling Club (Ladies' Section) (HA/54/17) |
| Purpose of Grant: | Outing and entrance fees |
| Amount Awarded: | £250 |

- (e) Applicant: Harleeshill Lunch Club, Larkhall (*HA/55/17*)
 Purpose of Grant: Outing and entrance fees
 Amount Awarded: £120
- (f) Applicant: Tuesday Lunch Club At The Cross, Larkhall (*HA/56/17*)
 Purpose of Grant: Outing
 Amount Awarded: £200
- (g) Applicant: Thursday Lunch Club At The Cross, Larkhall (*HA/57/17*)
 Purpose of Grant: Outing
 Amount Awarded: £200
- (h) Applicant: Monday Lunch Club At The Cross, Larkhall (*HA/58/17*)
 Purpose of Grant: Outing
 Amount Awarded: £175
- (i) Applicant: Strutherhill Monday Lunch Club, Larkhall (*HA/59/17*)
 Purpose of Grant: Outing
 Amount Awarded: £175
- (j) Applicant: Thursday Night Group, Larkhall (*HA/60/17*)
 Purpose of Grant: Outing
 Amount Awarded: £175
- (k) Applicant: Newcomers Club, Blantyre (*HA/61/17*)
 Purpose of Grant: Outing and entrance fees
 Amount Awarded: £250
- (l) Applicant: Hamilton Bowling Club (*HA/63/17*)
 Purpose of Grant: Outing
 Amount Awarded: £200
- (m) Applicant: Blantyre Bowling Club (Ladies' Section) (*HA/64/17*)
 Purpose of Grant: Outing and entrance fees
 Amount Awarded: £250
- (n) Applicant: 112th Lanarkshire Beaver Scouts, Hamilton (*HA/66/17*)
 Purpose of Grant: Entrance fees
 Amount Awarded: £200
- (o) Applicant: 112th Lanarkshire Explorer Group, Hamilton (*HA/68/17*)
 Purpose of Grant: Outing and entrance fees
 Amount Awarded: £250
- (p) Applicant: Hamilton Caledonian Bowling Club Senior Section, Hamilton (*HA/71/17*)
 Purpose of Grant: Outing and entrance fees
 Amount Awarded: £250

8 Urgent Business

There were no items of urgent business.