

HAMILTON AREA COMMITTEE

Minutes of meeting held in Committee Room 1, Council Offices, Almada Street, Hamilton on 6 April 2011

Chair:

Councillor Jean McKeown

Councillors Present:

Andy Carmichael, Maureen Devlin, Hugh Dunsmuir (Depute), Jim Handibode, Bobby Lawson, Joe Lowe, Lesley McDonald, Jim McGuigan, Davie McLachlan, John McNamee, Henry Mitchell, John Murray, Bert Thomson

Councillors' Apologies:

Jackie Burns, Peter Craig, Barry Douglas, Allan Falconer, Tommy Gilligan, Graeme Horne, Brian McCaig, Mary Smith

Attending:

Corporate Resources

M Armstrong, Administration Officer; N Docherty, Administration Assistant

Enterprise Resources

S Clark, Planning Team Leader (Hamilton); A Cunningham, Network Team Leader (Roads and Transportation Services); J Forbes, Business Support and Property Information Manager

Social Work Resources

H Stevenson, Executive Director; S Sage, Child and Family Services Manager

Also Attending:

South Lanarkshire Leisure and Culture Limited

G Campbell, General 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 9 February 2011 were submitted for approval as a correct record.

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

3 Regeneration Services Activity in the Hamilton Area Committee Area

A report dated 14 March 2011 by the Executive Director (Enterprise Resources) was submitted providing an update on activity being undertaken by Regeneration Services with specific reference to activity within the Hamilton Area Committee area.

Details of the activity being undertaken by the 4 teams which made up the Service were provided as follows:-

Community Regeneration and Rural Development

- ◆ programme of activity, funded through the Fairer Scotland Fund, to tackle poverty in South Lanarkshire's most disadvantaged communities
- ◆ outcomes from the Changing Places community involvement projects based in Blantyre/ Hamilton and Larkhall
- ◆ a range of initiatives aimed at increasing tourism in the area

Regeneration and Inclusion

- ◆ Routes to Inclusion
- ◆ Range of programmes operating within the area including Future Jobs Fund, Routes to Work South, Connect 2, Rebuilding Opportunities and Youth Jobs Fund
- ◆ Community and Voluntary Sector support and role played by the new, single voluntary sector interface, Voluntary Action South Lanarkshire (VASLAN)

Business Support and Property Information

- ◆ role played in the Council's response to the economic downturn including working with the Business Gateway Programme
- ◆ promotion of business support initiatives such as the West of Scotland Loan Fund, Lanarkshire Sustainable Business Programme, Lanarkshire Property Advice Service and Lanarkshire Business Training Support
- ◆ promotion of the Small Business Rates Relief Scheme to ensure maximum uptake
- ◆ hosting targeted events such as Meet the Buyer and Lanarkshire Business Excellence Awards
- ◆ 91 leases concluded in the Hamilton Area Committee area between April 2010 and February 2011 with a value of £1,630,219

Property Development

- ◆ support for partners with the promotion and implementation of projects designed to enhance the attractiveness of the area as a place to work, live and do business including the following projects:-
 - ◆ Peacock Cross - Wellhall Road Link Road
 - ◆ Hamilton Towers project
 - ◆ the work of the Hamilton Marketing Group
 - ◆ Hillhouse Industrial Estate - construction of the new business space
 - ◆ Blackswell Lane site which had been sold to McCarthy and Stone for a development of 64 retirement flats
 - ◆ Hamilton Community Growth Area

The Business Support and Property Information Manager highlighted ongoing activity and key projects and responded to members' questions.

The Committee decided: that the report be noted.

[Reference: Minutes of 8 September 2010 (Paragraph 5)]

4 Corporate Parenting

A report dated 23 March 2011 by the Executive Director (Social Work Resources) was submitted providing an update on progress with the implementation of a Corporate Parenting approach within South Lanarkshire. Details were provided on the following key areas:-

- ◆ the context and scope of the Corporate Parenting approach
- ◆ looked after children statistics for 2009/2010

- ◆ progress with the implementation of Corporate Parenting in South Lanarkshire
- ◆ the role of elected members in supporting the Corporate Parenting agenda, particularly in relation to agreeing and influencing priority needs and playing a specific role in scrutinising the approach

The Child and Family Services Manager spoke on key aspects of the report and responded to members' questions.

The Committee decided: that the report and considerable progress made in implementing the Corporate Parenting approach be noted.

[Reference: Minutes of 9 February 2011 (Paragraph 3)]

5 South Lanarkshire Leisure and Culture Update

The General Manager of South Lanarkshire Leisure and Culture provided an introduction to and showed a promotional DVD which profiled the range of leisure and sporting facilities on offer within the area. At the conclusion of the DVD, the General Manager advised:-

- ◆ of the formation of South Lanarkshire Leisure and Culture (SLLC) on 1 October 2010, which had resulted from the expansion of South Lanarkshire Leisure to include South Lanarkshire Council's community and town halls, museums, country parks, arts development, library services and Active IT learning centres
- ◆ that SLLC was the second largest integrated sports and cultural organisation in Scotland
- ◆ that the initial challenge of integration with minimal service disruption had been achieved as a result of partnership working between South Lanarkshire Leisure and South Lanarkshire Council
- ◆ that significant funding had been made available from South Lanarkshire Council's Capital Programme to upgrade community halls, libraries and sports facilities

The Committee decided: that the content of the DVD and presentation be noted.

[Reference: Minutes of 19 November 2008 (Paragraph 3)]

6 Application HM/10/0518 - Installation of Partially Buried Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) Chamber and Concrete Headwall with Re-Profiling of Grounds and Ancillary Development off Wellhall Road, Opposite Junction with Allanshaw Gardens, Hamilton

A report dated 29 March 2011 by the Executive Director (Enterprise Resources) was submitted on planning application HM/10/0518 by Scottish Water for the installation of a partially buried CSO chamber and concrete headwall with re-profiling of grounds and ancillary development off Wellhall Road, opposite the junction with Allanshaw Gardens, Hamilton.

The Committee decided: that planning application HM/10/0518 by Scottish Water for the installation of a partially buried CSO chamber and concrete headwall with re-profiling of grounds and ancillary development off Wellhall Road, opposite the junction with Allanshaw Gardens, Hamilton be granted subject to the conditions specified in the Executive Director's report.

7 Application HM/10/0588 - Change of Use of Open Space to Form Community Garden Facility Including the Erection of Office/Store Building, Polytunnels and Ancillary Stores at Land to the Rear of Wilson Street/West Clyde Street and Wilkie Crescent, Larkhall

A report dated 21 March 2011 by the Executive Director (Enterprise Resources) was submitted on planning application HM/10/0588 by Larkhall Community Growers for the change of use of open space to form a community garden facility, including the erection of office/store building, polytunnels and ancillary stores, at land to the rear of Wilson Street/West Clyde Street and Wilkie Crescent, Larkhall.

The Committee decided: that planning application HM/10/0588 by Larkhall Community Growers for the change of use of open space to form a community garden facility, including the erection of office/store building, polytunnels and ancillary stores, at land to the rear of Wilson Street/West Clyde Street and Wilkie Crescent, Larkhall be granted subject to the conditions specified in the Executive Director's report.

8 Application HM/11/0043 - Erection of 2.4 Metre High Fence Around Perimeter of Site at Hareleeshill Community Hall, Alloway Street/Balmoral Path, Larkhall

A report dated 29 March 2011 by the Executive Director (Enterprise Resources) was submitted on planning application HM/11/0043 by Lowland Reserve Forces and Cadets Association for the erection of a 2.4 metre high fence around the perimeter of the site at Hareleeshill Community Hall, Alloway Street/Balmoral Path, Larkhall.

The Committee decided: that planning application HM/11/0043 by Lowland Reserve Forces and Cadets Association for the erection of a 2.4 metre high fence around the perimeter of the site at Hareleeshill Community Hall, Alloway Street/Balmoral Path, Larkhall be granted subject to the conditions specified in the Executive Director's report.

9 Grant to Voluntary Organisation

A report dated 21 March 2011 by the Executive Director (Corporate Resources) was submitted on a grant to a local voluntary organisation.

At its meeting on 23 February 2011, the Executive Committee had approved the overall grants funding package for 2011/2012 and it was now proposed that a grant of £490 be made to the Hamilton Churches Drop-In Centre. This was based on the level of funding which the organisation had received in previous years.

The grant would be met from within the Corporate Resources' Revenue Budget 2011/2012.

The Committee decided: that the grant be awarded to Hamilton Churches Drop-In Centre as detailed above.

[Reference: Minutes of Executive Committee of 23 February 2011 (Paragraph 11)]

10 Community Grant Applications

A report dated 18 March 2011 by the Executive Director (Corporate Resources) was submitted on:-

- ◆ applications for community grant to be met from the 2011/2012 budget
- ◆ 12 community grant applications which had been dealt with by the Executive Director, in consultation with the Chair, during the period 9 February to 31 March 2011 to ensure that the 2010/2011 budget was fully utilised

The Committee decided:

(1) that community grants be awarded as follows:-

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| (a) | Applicant: | forward@fifty, Hamilton (HA/1/11) |
| | Purpose of Grant: | Programme costs, outing and entrance fees |
| | Amount Awarded: | £350 |
| (b) | Applicant: | Hamilton Senior Citizens' Meeting (HA/2/11) |
| | Purpose of Grant: | Outing |
| | Amount Awarded: | £200 |
| (c) | Applicant: | Low Waters Miners' Welfare Bowling Club (HA/3/11) |
| | Purpose of Grant: | Equipment |
| | Amount Awarded: | £200 |
| (d) | Applicant: | Trinity Church Guild, Larkhall (HA/4/11) |
| | Purpose of Grant: | Outing |
| | Amount Awarded: | £200 |
| (e) | Applicant: | Priory Bridge Association, Blantyre (HA/5/11) |
| | Purpose of Grant: | Outing and publication costs |
| | Amount Awarded: | £350 |
| (f) | Applicant: | Larkhall Heritage Group (HA/6/11) |
| | Purpose of Grant: | Outing and entrance fees |
| | Amount Awarded: | £250 |
| (g) | Applicant: | Chatelherault Primary School Parent Teacher Association, Hamilton (HA/7/11) |
| | Purpose of Grant: | Outing and entrance fees |
| | Amount Awarded: | £250 |
| (h) | Applicant: | Hamilton South Presbyterial Council Guild (HA/8/11) |
| | Purpose of Grant: | Outing |
| | Amount Awarded: | £200 |
| (i) | Applicant: | UNITE Retired Members' Association, Hamilton (HA/9/11) |
| | Purpose of Grant: | Outing |
| | Amount Awarded: | £200 |
| (j) | Applicant: | Hamilton Bowling Club (HA/10/11) |
| | Purpose of Grant: | Outing |
| | Amount Awarded: | £200 |
| (k) | Applicant: | The Happy Hour, Larkhall Baptist Church (HA/11/11) |
| | Purpose of Grant: | Outing |
| | Amount Awarded: | £200 |

- (l) Applicant: Trinity Church Woman's Group, Hamilton (HA/12/11)
 Purpose of Grant: Outing
 Amount Awarded: £200
- (m) Applicant: Hillhouse and Earnock Art Groups (HA/13/11)
 Purpose of Grant: Publication costs, materials and outing
 Amount Awarded: £400
- (n) Applicant: Fairhill and Lighthstonehall Leisure Club (HA/14/11)
 Purpose of Grant: Outing
 Amount Awarded: £200
- (o) Applicant: Larkhall Old Age Pensioner Inter Club (HA/15/11)
 Purpose of Grant: Outing
 Amount Awarded: £200
- (p) Applicant: Larkhall OAP Association Town Branch (HA/16/11)
 Purpose of Grant: Outing and entrance fees
 Amount Awarded: £250
- (q) Applicant: St Machan's Church Friendship Circle, Larkhall (HA/17/11)
 Purpose of Grant: Outing
 Amount Awarded: £200
- (r) Applicant: Eddlewood Bowling Club Seniors' Section (HA/19/11)
 Purpose of Grant: Outing and entrance fees
 Amount Awarded: £250
- (s) Applicant: Larkhall Congregational Women's Fellowship (HA/21/11)
 Purpose of Grant: Outing and equipment
 Amount Awarded: £250
- (t) Applicant: Whitehill Senior Citizens' Bowling Club (HA/22/11)
 Purpose of Grant: Outing
 Amount Awarded: £200
- (u) Applicant: Hamilton South Church Guild (HA/23/11)
 Purpose of Grant: Outing
 Amount Awarded: £200
- (v) Applicant: Dalsarf Bowling Club (Senior Section) (HA/24/11)
 Purpose of Grant: Outing, entrance fees and equipment
 Amount Awarded: £300
- (w) Applicant: Burnbank Parish Church Women's Fellowship (Guild) (HA/25/11)
 Purpose of Grant: Outing
 Amount Awarded: £200
- (x) Applicant: 1st Larkhall Boys' Brigade (HA/26/11)
 Purpose of Grant: Special event
 Amount Awarded: £350
- (y) Applicant: Over Sixties Exercise Class, Uddingston (HA/27/11)
 Purpose of Grant: Outing and entrance fees
 Amount Awarded: £250

- (z) Applicant: Hillhouse Church Guild of Friendship (*HA/28/11*)
Purpose of Grant: Outing and entrance fees
Amount Awarded: £250
- (aa) Applicant: Blantyre Old Parish Church Guild (*HA/30/11*)
Purpose of Grant: Outing and entrance fees
Amount Awarded: £250
- (bb) Applicant: Dalsenf Church Guild, Larkhall (*HA/31/11*)
Purpose of Grant: Outing
Amount Awarded: £200
- (cc) Applicant: Bothwell Horticultural Society (*HA/200/10*)
Purpose of Grant: Publication costs
Amount Awarded: £350

(2) that the action taken during the period 9 February to 31 March 2011 by the Executive Director (Corporate Resources), in consultation with the Chair, to approve the award of the following community grants from the 2010/2011 budget be noted:-

- (a) Applicant: Hamilton South 60+ Activity Club (*HA/33/10*)
Purpose of Grant: Publication costs
Amount Awarded: £220
- (b) Applicant: Quarter Parish Church Guild (*HA/164/10*)
Purpose of Grant: Entrance fees
Amount Awarded: £200
- (c) Applicant: Larkhall Christmas Fayre (*HA/184/10*)
Purpose of Grant: Administration costs and equipment
Amount Awarded: £270
- (d) Applicant: St Andrew's Parish Church Guild, Blantyre (*HA/193/10*)
Purpose of Grant: Outing
Amount Awarded: £250
- (e) Applicant: St John Ogilvie's Men's Club, High Blantyre (*HA/195/10*)
Purpose of Grant: Start-up costs
Amount Awarded: £250
- (f) Applicant: Uddingston Disabled Sports and Social Club (*HA/196/10*)
Purpose of Grant: Specialist transport and entrance fees
Amount Awarded: £300
- (g) Applicant: Angela Way Uddingston Neighbourhood Watch (*HA/197/10*)
Purpose of Grant: Start-up costs
Amount Awarded: £250
- (h) Applicant: Bothwell Philharmonic Choir (*HA/198/10*)
Purpose of Grant: Outing and materials
Amount Awarded: £380
- (i) Applicant: Spectrum Art Group, Hamilton (*HA/199/10*)
Purpose of Grant: Outing and materials
Amount Awarded: £380

- (j) Applicant: ALLOVUS, Bothwell (HA/201/10)
Purpose of Grant: Outing and equipment
Amount Awarded: £250
- (k) Applicant: Burnbank Hamilton Bowling Club (Ladies' Section)
(HA/202/10)
Purpose of Grant: Outing and entrance fees
Amount Awarded: £250
- (l) Applicant: Bothwell Community Scarecrow Festival (HA/204/10)
Purpose of Grant: Start-up costs
Amount Awarded: £250

[Reference: Minutes of 9 February 2011 (Paragraph 7)]

11 Urgent Business

There were no items of urgent business.