

CLYDESDALE AREA COMMITTEE

Minutes of meeting held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, South Vennel, Lanark on 21 February 2017

Chair:

Councillor Catherine McClymont

Councillors Present:

Ed Archer, Ralph Barker (Depute), Bev Gauld, George Greenshields, Lynsey Hamilton, Pat Lee, Alex McInnes, Gordon Muir, David Shearer, Hamish Stewart

Councillors' Apologies:

Eileen Logan, Vivienne Shaw

Attending:

Education Resources

C Fleming, Headteacher, Bent Primary School; D Hinshelwood, Support Services Manager; D Jenkins, Senior Community Learning and Home School Partnership Worker

Finance and Corporate Resources

G Bow, Administration Manager

1 Declaration of Interests

The following interests were declared:-

Councillor(s)	Item(s)	Nature of Interest(s)
Archer, Hamilton and McClymont	Community Grant Application CL/89/16 Clydesdale International Twinning Association, Lanark	Members
Archer	Community Grant Application CL/99/16 Lanark and District U3A	Member

2 Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting of the Clydesdale Area Committee held on 29 November 2016 were submitted for approval as a correct record.

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

3 Community Learning and Home School Partnership Service

A presentation by D Jenkins, 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 Clydesdale 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 Clydesdale and Larkhall, which had been circulated to members, identified the following key outcomes:-

- ◆ 1,191 adults had participated in learning programmes
- ◆ 74 adults had received nationally recognised awards
- ◆ 59 family learning programmes had been delivered
- ◆ 1,099 young people had participated in learning programmes
- ◆ 21 adults had improved their English through ESOL provision
- ◆ 261 volunteers had accessed training and support to directly impact on CLHSP provision
- ◆ volunteers had contributed 11,640 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 Clydesdale and Larkhall 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 Education Scotland Report - Bent Primary School, Lesmahagow

A report dated 7 February 2017 by the Executive Director (Education Resources) was submitted on the outcome of the inspection of Bent Primary School, Lesmahagow made by Education Scotland.

The inspection had taken place in May 2016 as part of a national sample of primary education and the inspection letter reporting on the findings had been published on 23 August 2016.

A number of particular strengths of the school had been highlighted 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.

D Hinshelwood, Support Services Manager and C Fleming, Headteacher spoke on key aspects of the report and responded to members' questions.

The Committee decided: that the report be noted.

5 Community Grant Applications

A report dated 8 February 2017 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 2016/2017 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 a future meeting for noting.

The Committee decided:

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

- (a) Applicant: Clydesdale International Twinning Association, Lanark (CL/89/16)
Purpose of Grant: Equipment and materials
Amount Awarded: £750

Councillors Archer, Hamilton and McClymont, having declared an interest in the above application, withdrew from the meeting during its consideration. Councillor Barker took the Chair for this application only

- (b) Applicant: Leadhills Youth Silver Band (CL/90/16)
Purpose of Grant: Equipment
Amount Awarded: £258
- (c) Applicant: Leadhills Silverband (CL/91/16)
Purpose of Grant: Administration, publicity costs and materials
Amount Awarded: £245
- (d) Applicant: Braehead Lunch and Leisure Club, Forth (CL/92/16)
Purpose of Grant: Outing and entrance fees
Amount Awarded: £250
- (e) Applicant: Douglas Community Council (CL/93/16)
Purpose of Grant: Administration and publicity costs
Amount Awarded: £250
- (f) Applicant: Crawfordjohn Public Hall Association (CL/94/16)
Purpose of Grant: Administration, publicity costs and materials
Amount Awarded: £300
- (g) Applicant: Lanark in Bloom (CL/95/16)
Purpose of Grant: Environmental project and equipment
Amount Awarded: £900

- (h) Applicant: Coalburn Silver Band (CL/96/16)
Purpose of Grant: Materials
Amount Awarded: £300
- (i) Applicant: Biggar Royal British Legion Pipe Band (CL/97/16)
Purpose of Grant: Equipment and materials
Amount Awarded: £500
- (j) Applicant: Abington Bowling Club (CL/98/16)
Purpose of Grant: Equipment
Amount Awarded: £300
- (k) Applicant: Lanark and District U3A (CL/99/16)
Purpose of Grant: Outing and entrance fees
Amount Awarded: £250

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

- (l) Applicant: Carstairs and Carstairs Junction Guild (CL/100/16)
Purpose of Grant: Outing
Amount Awarded: £200
- (m) Applicant: Coalburn Homing Club (CL/101/16)
Purpose of Grant: Equipment
Amount Awarded: £350
- (n) Applicant: Carnwath Parish Church (CL/102/16)
Purpose of Grant: Administration, publicity costs and materials
Amount Awarded: £500
- (o) Applicant: Carluke Probus Club (CL/103/16)
Purpose of Grant: Outing and entrance fees
Amount Awarded: £250

(2) that, to ensure that the remaining 2016/2017 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 2017, 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.

6 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 all those members who were retiring a long and happy retirement and those who were standing for re-election well in the forthcoming elections.