

HAMILTON AREA COMMITTEE

Minutes of meeting held in Committee Room 1, Council Offices, Almada Street, Hamilton on 30 November 2016

Chair:

Councillor Davie McLachlan (Depute)

Councillors Present:

Andy Carmichael, Peter Craig, Maureen Devlin, Hugh Dunsmuir, Allan Falconer, Stuart Gallacher, Joe Lowe, Lesley McDonald, Jim McGuigan, Jean McKeown, John Menzies, Mo Razzaq, John Ross, Bert Thomson

Councillors' Apologies:

Jackie Burns, Stephanie Callaghan, Graeme Horne, Anne Kegg, Monica Lennon, Brian McCaig, John McNamee (Chair)

Attending:

Community and Enterprise Resources

I Russell, Roads Area Manager

Education Resources

T McDaid, Head of Education (Curriculum and Quality); H Hodge, Acting Head of Establishment, Larkhall Children's Centre; J Todd, Acting Early Learning and Childcare Locality Lead Officer (East Kilbride Area) (secondment) and Head of Establishment, Larkhall Children's Centre

Finance and Corporate Resources

G Cochran, Administration Assistant; M Macdougall, Administration Officer

Also Attending:

Police Scotland

Chief Inspector S Blair; Superintendent J McTear

1 Declaration of Interests

The following interest was declared:-

Councillor(s)	Item(s)	Nature of Interest(s)
Falconer	Community Grant Application HA/89/16 Voice Design and Print Limited, Hamilton	Board Member

2 Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting of the Hamilton Area Committee held on 21 September 2016 were submitted for approval as a correct record.

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

3 Presentation by Police Scotland

Superintendent J McTear and Chief Inspector S Blair provided details of Police Scotland's policing priorities for South Lanarkshire which were as follows:-

- ◆ violence, disorder and anti-social behaviour
- ◆ road safety and road crime
- ◆ serious and organised crime
- ◆ counter terrorism

- ◆ protecting people at risk of harm
- ◆ public confidence

Information was also provided on:-

- ◆ national policing issues which included:-
 - ◆ cyber crime
 - ◆ child sexual exploitation
 - ◆ counter terrorism
 - ◆ mental health
 - ◆ police offices
- ◆ the 4 Pillars, which underpinned the 10 year plan, to rationalise and modernise Police Scotland as follows:-
 - ◆ protecting the public
 - ◆ localism and serving diverse communities
 - ◆ a sustainable operating model
 - ◆ culture and performance
- ◆ Police Scotland engagement – ‘Your view counts’
- ◆ the success of various initiatives undertaken in the locality

Superintendent McTear and Chief Inspector Blair, having responded to members’ questions, were thanked for their informative presentation.

The Committee decided: that the presentation be noted.

[Reference: Minutes of 18 November 2015 (Paragraph 3)]

4 Education Scotland Report for Larkhall Children's Centre

A report dated 3 November 2016 by the Executive Director (Education Resources) was submitted on the outcome of the inspection of Larkhall Children’s Centre, Larkhall 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 28 June 2016.

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 and Head of Establishment spoke on key aspects of the report and responded to members’ questions.

The Committee decided: that the report be noted.

5 Roads Investment Plan - Progress Report

A report dated 25 October 2016 by the Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources) was submitted on progress with roads investment activity within the Hamilton Area Committee area.

Details were provided on:-

- ◆ phasing of the £126 million expenditure on the Roads Investment Programme from 2008/2009 to 2018/2019
- ◆ progress made in relation to the schemes within the Hamilton Area Committee area which showed that, as at 18 October 2016, 47 schemes had been completed and 12 were in progress or programmed to be completed by the end of March 2017

The Roads Area Manager gave a presentation on key aspects of the Roads Investment Plan and responded to members' questions. The Chair, on behalf of the Committee, thanked the Roads Area Manager and his employees for their efforts in respect of the progress that had been made.

The Committee decided: that progress with the Roads Investment Plan within the Hamilton Area Committee area be noted.

[Reference: Minutes of 18 November 2015 (Paragraph 4)]

Councillor Lowe left the meeting during this item of business

6 Community Grant Applications

A report dated 14 November 2016 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:-

- (a) Applicant: Ashgill Community Group, Larkhall (HA/82/16)
Purpose of Grant: Start-up costs
Amount Awarded: £250
- (b) Applicant: Strathclyde Bowling Club, Hamilton (HA/83/16)
Purpose of Grant: Equipment
Amount Awarded: £388
- (c) Applicant: Dalsersf Village Garden Club, Larkhall (HA/84/16)
Purpose of Grant: Environmental project
Amount Awarded: £432
- (d) Applicant: Larkhall OAP Association Town Branch (HA/85/16)
Purpose of Grant: Outing
Amount Awarded: £160
- (e) Applicant: St John's Church Guild, Hamilton (HA/86/16)
Purpose of Grant: Outing and entrance fees
Amount Awarded: £250
- (f) Applicant: St Bride's Bothwell Tuesday Club (HA/88/16)
Purpose of Grant: Outing and entrance fees
Amount Awarded: £250

- (g) Applicant: Voice Design and Print Limited, Hamilton (HA/89/16)
Purpose of Grant: Equipment
Amount Awarded: £500

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

- (h) Applicant: Bothwell Road Action Group (HA/90/16)
Purpose of Grant: Start-up costs
Amount Awarded: £250
- (i) Applicant: The Lanarkshire Festival of Male Voice Choirs, Hamilton (HA/91/16)
Purpose of Grant: Materials
Amount Awarded: £300
- (j) Applicant: Bothwell Historical Society (HA/92/16)
Purpose of Grant: Administration and publicity costs
Amount Awarded: £420
- (k) Applicant: 78th Lanarkshire (3rd Blantyre) Scout Group, Blantyre (HA/93/16)
Purpose of Grant: Entrance fees
Amount Awarded: £200
- (l) Applicant: Blantyre Community Committee (HA/94/16)
Purpose of Grant: Equipment, materials, administration and publicity costs
Amount Awarded: £500
- (m) Applicant: Eddlewood Boys' Club 2006 (HA/95/16)
Purpose of Grant: Start-up costs
Amount Awarded: £250

7 Urgent Business

There were no items of urgent business.