

CLYDESDALE AREA COMMITTEE

Minutes of meeting held in the Council Chamber, South Vennel, Lanark on 29 November 2016

Chair:

Councillor Catherine McClymont

Councillors Present:

Ed Archer, Ralph Barker (Depute), Bev Gauld, George Greenshields, Lynsey Hamilton, Pat Lee, Eileen Logan, Gordon Muir, Vivienne Shaw, David Shearer

Councillors' Apologies:

Alex McInnes, Hamish Stewart

Attending:

Community and Enterprise Resources

M Polland, Roads Area Manager

Education Resources

J Armour, Acting Headteacher, Forth Primary School and Nursery Class; C McKenzie, Head of Education (Hamilton and Clydesdale Areas); M Millar, Headteacher, Underbank Primary School

Finance and Corporate Resources

J Muirhead, Administration Adviser

Also Attending:

Police Scotland

Inspector S Jones; Superintendent J McTear; G Wilson, Police Liaison Officer

1 Declaration of Interests

The following interests were declared:-

Councillor(s)	Item(s)	Nature of Interest(s)
Hamilton, Lee and Shearer	Community Grant Application CL/84/16 Law Community Trust	Members of the Trust
McClymont	Community Grant Application CL/87/16 Tolbooth Heritage Trust, Lanark	Trustee

2 Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting of the Clydesdale Area Committee held on 20 September 2016 were submitted for approval as a correct record.

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

3 Police Scotland - Presentation

Superintendent J McTear and Inspector S Jones 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
- ◆ protecting people at risk of harm
- ◆ serious and organised crime
- ◆ counter terrorism
- ◆ 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 Inspector Jones, having responded to members’ questions, were thanked for their informative presentation.

The Committee decided: that the presentation be noted.

[Reference: Minutes of 17 November 2015 (Paragraph 3)]

Councillor Shaw entered the meeting during this item of business

4 Education Scotland Report - Underbank Primary School, Crossford, Carluke

A report 15 November 2016 by the Executive Director (Education Resources) was submitted on the outcome of the inspection of Underbank Primary School, Crossford, Carluke made by Education Scotland.

The inspection had taken place in April 2016 as part of a national sample of primary education and the inspection letter reporting on the findings had been published on 14 June 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.

C McKenzie, Head of Education (Hamilton and Clydesdale Areas) and M Millar, Headteacher, spoke on key aspects of the report and responded to members’ questions.

Congratulations were extended to all staff and pupils at Underbank Primary School on the positive inspection report.

The Committee decided: that the report be noted.

5 Education Scotland Report - Forth Primary School and Nursery Class

A report dated 15 November 2016 by the Executive Director (Education Resources) was submitted on the outcome of the inspection of Forth Primary School and Nursery Class made by Education Scotland.

The initial inspection had taken place in December 2014 as part of a national sample of primary education and the inspection letter reporting on the findings had been published on 17 February 2015. As part of their continuing engagement, there was a subsequent follow-up visit to the school and nursery class in May 2016 and the inspection letter was 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 return to carry out a further inspection within 12 months of the publication of their letter.

C McKenzie, Head of Education (Hamilton and Clydesdale Areas) and J Armour, Acting Headteacher, spoke on key aspects of the report and responded to members' questions.

The Committee decided: that the report be noted.

[Reference: Minutes of 24 March 2015 (Paragraph 3)]

6 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 Clydesdale Area Committee area.

Details were provided on the:-

- ◆ phasing of the £126 million expenditure on the Roads Investment Plan from 2008/2009 to 2018/2019
- ◆ progress made in relation to the schemes within the Clydesdale Area Committee area which showed that, as at 17 October 2016, 55 schemes had been completed and 35 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 Clydesdale Area Committee area be noted.

[Reference: Minutes of 17 November 2015 (Paragraph 5) and Minutes of the Executive Committee of 16 November 2011 (Paragraph 9)]

7 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:-

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| (a) Applicant: | Lanark Primary School Parent Teachers' Association (CL/66/16) |
| Purpose of Grant: | Equipment |
| Amount Awarded: | £436 |

- (b) Applicant: Forth and District Development Trust (CL/67/16)
Purpose of Grant: Start-up costs
Amount Awarded: £250
- (c) Applicant: 1st Lesmahagow Senior Section (CL/70/16)
Purpose of Grant: Equipment
Amount Awarded: £350
- (d) Applicant: Crawfordjohn Heritage Venture Trust (CL/71/16)
Purpose of Grant: Administration and publicity costs
Amount Awarded: £250
- (e) Applicant: KFM Tenants' Group, Carluke (CL/72/16)
Purpose of Grant: Specialist transport and entrance fees
Amount Awarded: £350
- (f) Applicant: Hawksland Women's Rural Institute, Lesmahagow (CL/73/16)
Purpose of Grant: Outing, entrance fees and printing costs
Amount Awarded: £270
- (g) Applicant: Lesmahagow Women's Rural Institute (CL/74/16)
Purpose of Grant: Outing
Amount Awarded: £150
- (h) Applicant: Carnwath 2000 (CL/75/16)
Purpose of Grant: Materials and administration costs
Amount Awarded: £600
- (i) Applicant: Douglas Heritage Museum Trust (CL/77/16)
Purpose of Grant: Outing and entrance fees
Amount Awarded: £250
- (j) Applicant: 1st Carstairs Girls' Brigade (CL/77/16)
Purpose of Grant: Outing, entrance fees and materials
Amount Awarded: £300
- (k) Applicant: Carmichael Primary Parent Council, Biggar (CL/78/16)
Purpose of Grant: Outing, entrance fees and equipment
Amount Awarded: £659
- (l) Applicant: Bizzyberry Art Club, Biggar (CL/79/16)
Purpose of Grant: Equipment and materials
Amount Awarded: £800
- (m) Applicant: Lanark Writers' Circle (CL/80/16)
Purpose of Grant: Printing and publication costs
Amount Awarded: £300
- (n) Applicant: The Probus Club of Biggar (CL/81/16)
Purpose of Grant: Outing
Amount Awarded: £200
- (o) Applicant: Coulter Women's Rural Institute (CL/82/16)
Purpose of Grant: Outing and entrance fees
Amount Awarded: £250

(p) Applicant: Braehead Village Trust, Forth (CL/83/16)
Purpose of Grant: Outing, entrance fees and printing costs
Amount Awarded: £400

(q) Applicant: Law Community Trust (CL/84/16)
Purpose of Grant: Administration, publicity and equipment
Amount Awarded: £350

Councillors Hamilton, Lee and Shearer, having declared an interest in the above application, withdrew from the meeting during its consideration

(r) Applicant: Clydesdale Horse Society, Lanark (CL/85/16)
Purpose of Grant: Administration, publicity and materials
Amount Awarded: £500

(s) Applicant: Braehead Primary School Parent Council, Forth (CL/86/16)
Purpose of Grant: Outing, entrance fees and materials
Amount Awarded: £400

(t) Applicant: Tolbooth Heritage Trust, Lanark (CL/87/16)
Purpose of Grant: Equipment
Amount Awarded: £800

Councillor 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

(u) Applicant: Carmichael Playschool, Biggar (CL/88/16)
Purpose of Grant: Outing and materials
Amount Awarded: £310

8 Urgent Business

There were no items of urgent business.