

CLYDESDALE AREA COMMITTEE

Minutes of meeting held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, South Vennel, Lanark on 16 November 2010

Chair:

Councillor Hamish Stewart

Councillors Present:

Alex Allison (Depute), Beith Forrest, Bev Gauld, Ian Gray, Eileen Logan, Alex McInnes, Danny Meikle, David Shearer, George Sutherland

Councillors' Apologies:

Mary McNeill, Archie Manson, Patrick Ross-Taylor

Attending:

Corporate Resources

R Lake, Administration Manager

Education Resources

T Lyons, Headteacher, St John's Primary School, Blackwood; J Mauchline, Quality Improvement Officer; C Mason, Head of Education (Clydesdale); A O'Neill, Quality Improvement Officer; M Thomson, Headteacher, Rigside Primary School; A Stark, Headteacher, Tinto Primary School and Nursery Class; S Troop, Headteacher, Douglas Primary School and Nursery Class

Enterprise Resources

S Boertin, Planning Officer (Clydesdale); B Cairns, Roads Area Manager (Clydesdale); L Dickson, Planning Team Leader (Clydesdale)

Housing and Technical Resources

S Gibb, Area Services Manager (Clydesdale)

1 Declaration of Interests

No interests were declared.

2 Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting of the Clydesdale Area Committee held on 7 September 2010 were submitted for approval as a correct record.

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

3 HMle Report - Douglas Primary School and Nursery Class

A report dated 25 October 2010 by the Executive Director (Education Resources) was submitted on the outcome of the inspection of Douglas Primary School and Nursery Class made by Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Education (HMle).

The inspection had taken place in June 2010 and the inspection report had been published on 21 September 2010.

Education Resources' employees would ensure that the recommendations contained within the report were followed up and that appropriate support was made available to the school. HMle had intimated that they would make no further visits in connection with this inspection.

The Quality Improvement Officer and the Headteacher spoke on key aspects of the report and responded to members' questions.

The Committee decided: that the report be noted.

Councillor Logan entered the meeting during this item of business

4 HMle Report - St John's Primary School, Blackwood

A report dated 25 October 2010 by the Executive Director (Education Resources) was submitted on the outcome of the inspection of St John's Primary School, Blackwood made by Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Education (HMle).

The inspection had taken place in May 2010 as part of a national sample of primary education and the inspection report had been published on 24 August 2010.

Education Resources' employees would ensure that the recommendations contained within the report were followed up and that appropriate support was made available to the school. HMle had intimated that they would make no further visits in connection with this inspection.

The Quality Improvement Officer and the Headteacher spoke on key aspects of the report and responded to members' questions.

The Committee decided: that the report be noted.

5 HMle Follow-Through Report - Rigside Primary School

A report dated 25 October 2010 by the Executive Director (Education Resources) was submitted on the outcome of the follow-through inspection of Rigside Primary School undertaken by Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Education (HMle).

A copy of the follow-through report, published on 24 August 2010, was attached as an appendix to the report. It was noted that the school had improved aspects of its performance since the original inspection and that a further follow-through visit would be carried out within 1 year of the publication of the follow-through report.

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

The Committee decided: that the report and progress made since the initial inspection be noted.

[Reference: Minutes of 23 June 2009 (Paragraph 4)]

6 HMle Follow-Through Report - Tinto Primary School and Nursery Class

A report dated 25 October 2010 by the Executive Director (Education Resources) was submitted on the outcome of the follow-through inspection of Tinto Primary School and Nursery Class Symington undertaken by Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Education (HMle).

A copy of the follow-through report, published on 18 May 2010, was attached as an appendix to the report. There had been clear evidence of improvement since the initial inspection in April 2009 and it was intimated that no further visits would be undertaken in connection with that inspection.

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

The Committee decided: that the report and progress made since the initial inspection be noted.

[Reference: Minutes of 23 June 2009 (Paragraph 5)]

7 Housing and Technical Resources - Local Performance Report

A report dated 3 November 2010 by the Executive Director (Housing and Technical Resources) was submitted on Housing Services' activity and performance in the Clydesdale Area Committee area. Details were provided on the following key areas:-

- ◆ housing investment
 - ◆ HomeHappening Programme
 - ◆ repairs and adaptations
 - ◆ customer satisfaction
- ◆ housing regeneration and new housing supply
- ◆ community safety

The Area Services Manager responded to questions raised and points made by members.

The Committee decided: that the report be noted.

[Reference: Minutes of 3 November 2009 (Paragraph 7)]

8 Roads Investment Programme - Progress Report

A report dated 25 October 2010 by the Executive Director (Enterprise Resources) was submitted on progress with roads investment activity within the Clydesdale area. Details were provided on the:-

- ◆ phasing of the additional £126 million expenditure on the Roads Investment Programme from 2008 to 2016
- ◆ level of expenditure allocated to each Council area including confirmation that £44.10 million would be spent in Clydesdale over the 8 year programme
- ◆ increased expenditure on footways/footpaths
- ◆ priority scoring system for carriageway and footway/footpath schemes
- ◆ progress made in relation to the schemes within the Clydesdale area which showed that 74 schemes had been completed or were programmed to be completed by the end of March 2010

The Committee decided: that progress with the Roads Investment Programme within the Clydesdale area to date be noted.

[Reference: Minutes of 26 January 2010 (Paragraph 5)]

9 Application CL/10/0330 - Change Of Use and Alterations to Detached Outbuilding to Form Additional Class 2 Floorspace and Erection of Link Corridor to Existing Class 2 Business at 28 Waterloo Road, Lanark

A report dated 29 October 2010 by the Executive Director (Enterprise Resources) was submitted on planning application CL/10/0330 by J Stewart for the change of use and alterations to a detached outbuilding to form additional Class 2 floorspace and erection of link corridor to existing Class 2 Business at 28 Waterloo Road, Lanark.

The Committee decided: that planning application CL/10/0330 by J Stewart for the change of use and alterations to a detached outbuilding to form additional Class 2 floorspace and erection of link corridor to existing Class 2 Business at 28 Waterloo Road, Lanark be granted subject to the conditions specified in the Executive Director's report.

10 Community Grant Applications

A report dated 28 October 2010 by the Executive Director (Corporate Resources) was submitted on applications for community grant.

The Committee decided: that community grants be awarded as follows:-

- (a) Applicant: Libberton, Quothquan and Thankerton Community Council
(CL/84/10)
Purpose of Grant: Equipment
Amount Awarded: £450
- (b) Applicant: Crawford and Elvanfoot Women's Rural Institute (CL/86/10)
Purpose of Grant: Outing and entrance fees
Amount Awarded: £250
- (c) Applicant: Lanark Breast Care Group (CL/88/10)
Purpose of Grant: Special event and equipment
Amount Awarded: £500
- (d) Applicant: Lanark Bowling Club (CL/89/10)
Purpose of Grant: Equipment
Amount Awarded: £300
- (e) Applicant: Woodpark Primary School PTA, Lesmahagow (CL/91/10)
Purpose of Grant: Environmental project
Amount Awarded: £500
- (f) Applicant: Glespin Community Group (CL/92/10)
Purpose of Grant: Equipment, materials and publicity costs
Amount Awarded: £350
- (g) Applicant: Coalburn Primary School PTA (CL/93/10)
Purpose of Grant: Transport costs
Amount Awarded: £250
- (h) Applicant: Carstairs Junction Toddlers' Group (CL/94/10)
Purpose of Grant: Printing costs and materials
Amount Awarded: £300

- (i) Applicant: Carstairs Junction Youth Group (*CL/95/10*)
Purpose of Grant: Printing costs and materials
Amount Awarded: £300
- (j) Applicant: Tarbrax, Woolfords and Auchengray Community Newsletter (*CL/96/10*)
Purpose of Grant: Publication costs
Amount Awarded: £350
- (k) Applicant: Walston Pre 5 Group, Dolphinton (*CL/97/10*)
Purpose of Grant: Equipment, outing and entrance fees
Amount Awarded: £220
- (l) Applicant: Law Church Parents' and Toddlers' Group (*CL/98/10*)
Purpose of Grant: Start-up costs
Amount Awarded: £250
- (m) Applicant: Shine Youth Music Theatre (*CL/99/10*)
Purpose of Grant: Equipment and production costs
Amount Awarded: £700

11 Urgent Business

There were no items of urgent business.

Close of Meeting

In response to a question by Councillor Forrest in relation to signage associated with housing developments, the Planning officers provided clarification on the relevant legislation.