

HAMILTON AREA COMMITTEE

Minutes of meeting held in Committee Room 1, Council Offices, Almada Street, Hamilton on 21 September 2011

Chair:

Councillor Jean McKeown

Councillors Present:

Jackie Burns, Andy Carmichael, Peter Craig, Maureen Devlin, Barry Douglas, Hugh Dunsmuir (Depute), Allan Falconer, Jim Handibode, Bobby Lawson, Joe Lowe, Brian McCaig, Davie McLachlan, John McNamee, Henry Mitchell, John Murray

Councillors' Apologies:

Tommy Gilligan, Graeme Home, Lesley McDonald, Jim McGuigan, Mary Smith, Bert Thomson

Attending:

Enterprise Resources

S Clark, Planning Team Leader (Hamilton); M Muir, Roads Area Manager

Finance and Corporate Resources

M Armstrong, Administration Officer; N Docherty, Administration Assistant; A Morton, Central Research Unit Manager; H Rae, Research Officer

Also Attending:

Strathclyde Police

Chief Superintendent A Gall; Chief Inspector J Jennings; G Neil, Police Liaison Officer

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 22 June 2011 were submitted for approval as a correct record.

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

3 Presentation - Strathclyde Police

The representatives from Strathclyde Police gave a presentation on:-

- ◆ changes to the Divisional structure and the benefits for the Hamilton Area Committee area
- ◆ performance and activity during 2010/2011 which highlighted that there was a continued reduction in recorded crimes and a detection rate of 61.9% in violent crime
- ◆ activity undertaken in the course of the year and the proactive approach being adopted to move persons away from criminality
- ◆ current initiatives and activities including "Move the Goalposts" and "Operation Cargo" which targeted known drinking hotspots and the "Usual Suspects" knife crime initiative

Chief Superintendent Gall and Chief Inspector Jennings, having responded to members' questions, were thanked for their informative presentation.

The Committee decided: that the report be noted.

[Reference: Minutes of 9 June 2010 (Paragraph 4)]

Councillor Burns left the meeting during this item of business

Councillor Mitchell left the meeting at the end of this item of business

4 Hamilton Area Profile 2011

A report dated 6 September 2011 by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) was submitted on key indicators of conditions in the Hamilton Area Committee area.

The Central Research Unit within Finance and Corporate Resources maintained a website allowing access to a wide range of information at a datazone level. Datazones were neighbourhoods of around 750, produced by the Scottish Government, which allowed data to be analysed and information to be reported on at approximations to a Council ward and Area Committee area basis.

Information was provided on:-

- ◆ population projections for the Hamilton area which indicated that the population was expected to fall compared to a rise in South Lanarkshire as a whole. In addition, the growth amongst those aged 80 years and over was expected to be much greater than in South Lanarkshire as a whole
- ◆ employment forecasts which indicated that employment would rise over the next 5 years by 0.3%
- ◆ population trends and the potential for the Boundary Commission Review to focus on the boundaries for the Hamilton North and East and the Bothwell and Uddingston wards
- ◆ the number of people claiming Job Seekers Allowance which in June 2011 was 3,485 giving a claimant rate of 5.3%, a rise of 6.1% since June 2010
- ◆ percentage of children in families out of work receiving Child Tax Credit
- ◆ percentage of children in families receiving Child Tax Credit
- ◆ 'More Choices, More Chances' – percentage of school leavers not moving into positive destinations
- ◆ percentage of pensioners claiming Pension Credit – guarantee element only
- ◆ the claimant rate for health related benefits and comparative illness statistics
- ◆ all crimes and offences (excluding motoring offences)

The Committee decided: that the report be noted.

[Reference: Minutes of 8 September 2011 (Paragraph 4)]

Councillor Lawson left the meeting during this item of business

5 Application HM/11/0307 - Erection of 14.8 Metres Telecommunications Mast and Associated Equipment at Neilsland Road, Laighstonehall, Hamilton

A report dated 5 September 2011 by the Executive Director (Enterprise Resources) was submitted on planning application HM/11/0307 by Vodafone/O2 for the erection of a 14.8 metres telecommunications mast and associated equipment at Neilsland Road, Laighstonehall, Hamilton.

The Committee decided: that planning application HM/11/0307 by Vodafone/O2 for the erection of a 14.8 metres telecommunications mast and associated equipment at Neilsland Road, Laighstonehall, Hamilton be granted subject to the conditions specified in the Executive Director's report.

6 Community Grant Applications

A report dated 5 September 2011 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: The TACT Sewing Group, Blantyre (*HA/37/11*)
Purpose of Grant: Materials
Amount Awarded: £300
- (b) Applicant: Aston Villa Boys' Club 2004's, Uddingston (*HA/38/11*)
Purpose of Grant: Start-up grant
Amount Awarded: £250
- (c) Applicant: Bothwell Parish Church Guild (*HA/51/11*)
Purpose of Grant: Outing
Amount Awarded: £200
- (d) Applicant: St Andrew's Church, Blantyre (*HA/61/11*)
Purpose of Grant: Outing
Amount Awarded: £200
- (e) Applicant: Headway South Lanarkshire, Hamilton (*HA/67/11*)
Purpose of Grant: Outing and entrance fees
Amount Awarded: £250
- (f) Applicant: Neilsland Senior Citizens' Group, Hamilton (*HA/80/11*)
Purpose of Grant: Start-up costs
Amount Awarded: £250
- (g) Applicant: Woodhead Art Club, Hamilton (*HA/83/11*)
Purpose of Grant: Outing
Amount Awarded: £200
- (h) Applicant: Lorne Street Ladies' Club, Hamilton (*HA/84/11*)
Purpose of Grant: Outing
Amount Awarded: £200
- (i) Applicant: St Joseph's Drop-In Club, Blantyre (*HA/85/11*)
Purpose of Grant: Outing
Amount Awarded: £200
- (j) Applicant: The Bravehearts (Blantyre) (*HA/86/11*)
Purpose of Grant: Outing and entrance fees
Amount Awarded: £250

- (k) Applicant: Philips Electronics Pensioners' Association (Scotland), Hamilton (HA/88/11)
Purpose of Grant: Outing
Amount Awarded: £200
- (l) Applicant: Hieton Writers' Group, Bothwell (HA/90/11)
Purpose of Grant: Outing and entrance fees
Amount Awarded: £250
- (m) Applicant: Uddingston Strathclyde Pipe Band (HA/91/11)
Purpose of Grant: Outing
Amount Awarded: £200
- (n) Applicant: Scottish Bowling Association District 26 Seniors' League, Hamilton (HA/93/11)
Purpose of Grant: Materials and administration costs
Amount Awarded: £300
- (o) Applicant: Hamilton Townswomen's Guild (HA/94/11)
Purpose of Grant: Outing and entrance fees
Amount Awarded: £250
- (p) Applicant: Deerpark Friendship Club, Hamilton (HA/95/11)
Purpose of Grant: Outing
Amount Awarded: £200
- (q) Applicant: Eddlewood Funday Community Committee, Hamilton (HA/96/11)
Purpose of Grant: Equipment and administration costs
Amount Awarded: £400
- (r) Applicant: Sharp Gentles Fly Tying Club, Hamilton (HA/97/11)
Purpose of Grant: Outing, materials and administration costs
Amount Awarded: £350
- (s) Applicant: South Lanarkshire Museums Forum, Hamilton (HA/98/11)
Purpose of Grant: Equipment and publicity costs
Amount Awarded: £300
- (t) Applicant: Blantyre Rangers Amateur Football Club, Hamilton (HA/99/11)
Purpose of Grant: Start-up costs
Amount Awarded: £250
- (u) Applicant: Bothwell Historical Society (HA/100/11)
Purpose of Grant: Start-up costs
Amount Awarded: £250
- (v) Applicant: Lyndale Club, Hamilton (HA/102/11)
Purpose of Grant: Outing
Amount Awarded: £200
- (w) Applicant: David Milne Centre for Senior Citizens, Uddingston (HA/103/11)
Purpose of Grant: Outing
Amount Awarded: £200
- (x) Applicant: Hamilton Caledonian Bowling Club Senior Section (HA/104/11)
Purpose of Grant: Outing and entrance fees
Amount Awarded: £250

- (y) Applicant: Hamilton Operatic and Dramatic Club (*HA/105/11*)
 Purpose of Grant: Equipment
 Amount Awarded: £500
- (z) Applicant: Childcare in the Community, Hamilton (*HA/108/11*)
 Purpose of Grant: Equipment
 Amount Awarded: £400
- (aa) Applicant: Strathclyde Bowling Club (Senior Section), Hamilton (*HA/109/11*)
 Purpose of Grant: Outing, entrance fees and stationery
 Amount Awarded: £300
- (bb) Applicant: Burnblea Gardens Tenants' and Residents' Association, Hamilton (*HA/110/11*)
 Purpose of Grant: Specialist transport
 Amount Awarded: £250
- (cc) Applicant: Milan Lunch and Social Club, Bothwell (*HA/111/11*)
 Purpose of Grant: Outing and entrance fees
 Amount Awarded: £250
- (dd) Applicant: Strutherhill and Birkenshaw OAP Association, Larkhall (*HA/112/11*)
 Purpose of Grant: Outing
 Amount Awarded: £200
- (ee) Applicant: Hamilton Bowling Club Winter Section (*HA/113/11*)
 Purpose of Grant: Outing
 Amount Awarded: £200
- (ff) Applicant: The Lanarkshire Festival of Male Voice Choirs, Hamilton (*HA/114/11*)
 Purpose of Grant: Special event
 Amount Awarded: £250
- (gg) Applicant: Bothwell Community Scarecrow Festival (*HA/115/11*)
 Purpose of Grant: Equipment
 Amount Awarded: £350
- (hh) Applicant: Uddingston Old Parish Church Social Society (*HA/117/11*)
 Purpose of Grant: Outing and entrance fees
 Amount Awarded: £250
- (ii) Applicant: Samaritans of Lanarkshire in Hamilton (*HA/118/11*)
 Purpose of Grant: Equipment
 Amount Awarded: £500
- (jj) Applicant: Low Waters Miners' Welfare Bowling Club Ladies' Section, Hamilton (*HA/119/11*)
 Purpose of Grant: Equipment
 Amount Awarded: £300
- (kk) Applicant: Low Waters Ladies' Tuesday Club, Hamilton (*HA/120/11*)
 Purpose of Grant: Outing
 Amount Awarded: £200

- (ll) Applicant: Hamilton Caledonian Bowling Club Male Voice Choir (*HA/121/11*)
Purpose of Grant: Outing, materials and publicity costs
Amount Awarded: £300
- (mm) Applicant: Exodus, Hamilton (*HA/122/11*)
Purpose of Grant: Outing, entrance fees, materials and equipment
Amount Awarded: £350

7 Urgent Business

There were no items of urgent business.