

CLYDESDALE AREA COMMITTEE

Minutes of meeting held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, South Vennel, Lanark on 5 April 2011

Chair:

Councillor Hamish Stewart

Councillors Present:

Alex Allison (Depute), Beith Forrest, Bev Gauld, Danny Meikle, Patrick Ross-Taylor

Councillors' Apologies:

Ian Gray, Eileen Logan, Alex McInnes, Mary McNeill, Archie Manson, David Shearer, George Sutherland

Attending:

Corporate Resources

R Lake, Administration Manager

Enterprise Resources

M Daly, Community Regeneration and Rural Development Manager

Also Attending:

South Lanarkshire Leisure and Culture

G Campbell, General Manager

Order of Business

It was agreed that items 5 and 6 be dealt with prior to item 3 on the agenda.

1 Declaration of Interests

The following interest was declared:-

Councillor(s)	Item(s)	Nature of Interest(s)
Forrest	Community Grant Application CL/169/10 Friends of the Scots Mining Company House	Trustee

2 Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting of the Clydesdale Area Committee held on 8 February 2011 were submitted for approval as a correct record.

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

Items 5 and 6 were dealt with at this point in the meeting

3 South Lanarkshire Leisure and Culture Update

The General Manager of South Lanarkshire Leisure and Culture provided an introduction to and showed a promotional DVD which profiled the range of leisure and sporting facilities on offer within the area. At the conclusion of the DVD, the General Manager advised:-

- ◆ of the formation of South Lanarkshire Leisure and Culture (SLLC) on 1 October 2010, which had resulted from the expansion of South Lanarkshire Leisure to include South Lanarkshire Council's community and town halls, museums, country parks, arts development, library services and Active IT learning centres
- ◆ that SLLC was the second largest integrated sports and cultural organisation in Scotland
- ◆ that the initial challenge of integration with minimal service disruption had been achieved as a result of partnership working between South Lanarkshire Leisure and South Lanarkshire Council
- ◆ that significant funding had been made available from South Lanarkshire Council's Capital Programme to upgrade community halls, libraries and sports facilities

The General Manager then spoke in answer to members' questions on a range of issues.

The Committee decided: that the content of the DVD and presentation be noted.

[Reference: Minutes of 18 November 2008 (Paragraph 5)]

4 Regeneration Services Activity in the Clydesdale Area Committee Area

A report dated 11 March 2011 by the Executive Director (Enterprise Resources) was submitted providing an update on activity being undertaken by Regeneration Services with specific reference to activity within the Clydesdale Area Committee area.

Details of the activity being undertaken by the 4 teams which made up the Service were provided as follows:-

Community Regeneration and Rural Development

- ◆ programme of activity to tackle poverty in South Lanarkshire's most disadvantaged communities. The new Tackling Poverty Programme had come into effect on 1 April 2011 and would direct support towards early intervention, employability support, vulnerable families, financial inclusion and health improvement
- ◆ rural development including funding from LEADER Programme and Heritage Lottery Fund
- ◆ tourism

Regeneration and Inclusion

- ◆ Routes to Inclusion
- ◆ range of programmes operating within the area including Future Jobs Fund, Routes to Work South, Connect 2 and Youth Jobs Fund
- ◆ Community and Voluntary Sector support and role played by the new, single voluntary sector interface, Voluntary Action South Lanarkshire (VASLAN)

Business Support and Property Information

- ◆ role played in the Council's response to the economic downturn including working with the Business Gateway Programme
- ◆ promotion of business support initiatives such as the West of Scotland Loan Fund, Rural Capital Grant, Lanarkshire Property Advice Service and Lanarkshire Business Training Support
- ◆ promoting maximum uptake of the Small Business Rates Relief Scheme
- ◆ success of local companies at the Lanarkshire Business Excellence Awards

Property Development

- ◆ support for partners with the promotion and implementation of projects designed to enhance the attractiveness of the area as a place to work, live and do business including:-

- ◆ John Cumming Sports Stadium and new Tesco store, Carluke
- ◆ work in relation to the site of the former Lanark Swimming Pool, wayleaves to facilitate refurbishment of the Memorial Hall, Lanark and arrangements for the sale of the former Kirkfieldbank Primary School
- ◆ rural business space in Lesmahagow, Lanark and Biggar
- ◆ progress made with the Clyde Windfarm and the work undertaken with local groups to raise awareness of the application process for the Community Fund
- ◆ property transactions concluded in the period between September 2010 and early March 2011

The Community Regeneration and Rural Development Manager highlighted ongoing activity and key projects and responded to members' questions.

The Committee decided: that the report be noted.

[Reference: Minutes of 7 September 2010 (Paragraph 5)]

The following 2 items were dealt with prior to item 3 on the agenda

5 Grants to Voluntary Organisations

A report dated 23 March 2011 by the Executive Director (Corporate Resources) was submitted on grants to local voluntary organisations.

At its meeting on 23 February 2011, the Executive Committee had approved the overall grants funding package for 2011/2012 and it was now proposed that grants be made to the following organisations based on levels of funding which they had received in previous years:-

Voluntary Organisation	Amount
Lanark YMCA	£ 5,292
Stanmore Playscheme	£ 2,450
Biggar Youth Project	£ 2,940
Cargill House Club	£ 4,900
Carnwath Community Youth Group	£ 2,940
Tarbrax and District Under 5's Nursery	£ 588
Kirkmuirhill and Blackwood Youth Forum	£ 6,860
Lesmahagow Resource Centre	£ 7,056
Total	£33,026

The grants would be met from within the Corporate Resources' Revenue Budget 2011/2012.

The Committee decided: that grants be awarded to the 8 local voluntary organisations as detailed above.

[Reference: Minutes of Executive Committee of 23 February 2011 (Paragraph 11)]

6 Community Grant Applications

A report dated 18 March 2011 by the Executive Director (Corporate Resources) was submitted on:-

- ◆ applications for community grant to be met from the 2011/2012 budget
- ◆ 12 community grant applications which had been dealt with by the Executive Director, in consultation with the Chair, during the period 8 February to 31 March 2011 to ensure that the 2010/2011 budget was fully utilised

The Committee decided:

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

- (a) Applicant: Friends of the Scots Mining Company House, Leadhills, Biggar (CL/169/10)
Purpose of Grant: Environmental project
Amount Awarded: £300

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

- (b) Applicant: Carstairs and District Bowling Club (CL/170/10)
Purpose of Grant: Equipment, transport costs and publicity costs
Amount Awarded: £300
- (c) Applicant: Carluke Development Trust (CL/1/11)
Purpose of Grant: Equipment, transport costs and publications costs
Amount Awarded: £500
- (d) Applicant: Forth Sheltered Hall (CL/2/11)
Purpose of Grant: Outing
Amount Awarded: £200
- (e) Applicant: St Nicholas Church Guild, Lanark (CL/3/11)
Purpose of Grant: Outing
Amount Awarded: £200
- (f) Applicant: Ravenstruther and Cleghorn Over 60 Club, Lanark (CL/4/11)
Purpose of Grant: Outing
Amount Awarded: £200
- (g) Applicant: Law Parish Church Guild (CL/5/11)
Purpose of Grant: Outing and entrance fees
Amount Awarded: £250
- (h) Applicant: Lesmahagow Women's Rural Institute (CL/6/11)
Purpose of Grant: Outing
Amount Awarded: £200
- (i) Applicant: Kirkstyle Baptist Church Women's Meetings, Carluke (CL/7/11)
Purpose of Grant: Outing
Amount Awarded: £200
- (j) Applicant: Forth Breast Cancer Care Group (CL/8/11)
Purpose of Grant: Outing and entrance fees
Amount Awarded: £250
- (k) Applicant: Biggar Senior Citizens' Social and Indoor Bowling Club (CL/9/11)
Purpose of Grant: Outing
Amount Awarded: £200
- (l) Applicant: Forth and Wilsontown Women's Rural Institute (CL/10/11)
Purpose of Grant: Outing
Amount Awarded: £200

- (m) Applicant: Linfieldbank Women's Rural Institute, Lesmahagow (CL/11/11)
Purpose of Grant: Outing
Amount Awarded: £200
- (n) Applicant: Carstairs Women's Rural Institute (CL/12/11)
Purpose of Grant: Outing
Amount Awarded: £200
- (o) Applicant: St Andrew's Church Guild, Carluke (CL/13/11)
Purpose of Grant: Outing and entrance fees
Amount Awarded: £250
- (p) Applicant: Cairngryffe Everyoung Club, Lanark (CL/14/11)
Purpose of Grant: Outing
Amount Awarded: £200
- (q) Applicant: Braehead Women's Rural Institute, Forth (CL/15/11)
Purpose of Grant: Outing
Amount Awarded: £200
- (r) Applicant: Law Toddler Group (CL/16/11)
Purpose of Grant: Equipment, outing and entrance fees
Amount Awarded: £400
- (s) Applicant: Carstairs and Carstairs Junction Guild (CL/17/11)
Purpose of Grant: Outing
Amount Awarded: £200
- (t) Applicant: Black Mount Community Council (CL/18/11)
Purpose of Grant: Printing and publicity costs
Amount Awarded: £300

(2) that the action taken during the period 8 February to 31 March 2011 by the Executive Director (Corporate Resources), in consultation with the Chair, to approve the award of the following community grants from the 2010/2011 budget be noted:-

- (a) Applicant: Biggar Theatre Workshop (CL/156/10)
Purpose of Grant: Equipment
Amount Awarded: £300
- (b) Applicant: Clydesdale Community Volunteer Activities Group, Lanark (CL/157/10)
Purpose of Grant: Equipment
Amount Awarded: £200
- (c) Applicant: Biggar Horticultural Society (CL/158/10)
Purpose of Grant: Equipment, printing and administration costs
Amount Awarded: £300
- (d) Applicant: Biggar Little Festival (CL/159/10)
Purpose of Grant: Publication costs
Amount Awarded: £300
- (e) Applicant: Carluke Parish Historical Society (CL/160/10)
Purpose of Grant: Outing and entrance fees
Amount Awarded: £250

- (f) Applicant: St Athanasius Community Hall Management Committee, Carluke (CL/161/10)
Purpose of Grant: Equipment
Amount Awarded: £250
- (g) Applicant: Law OAP Welfare Association (CL/163/10)
Purpose of Grant: Outing
Amount Awarded: £200
- (h) Applicant: Carluke and District Young Farmers (CL/164/10)
Purpose of Grant: Materials and transport costs
Amount Awarded: £250
- (i) Applicant: Waterside Women's Rural Institute (CL/165/10)
Purpose of Grant: Outing and entrance fees
Amount Awarded: £250
- (j) Applicant: Carstairs Senior Citizens' Association (CL/166/10)
Purpose of Grant: Outing
Amount Awarded: £200
- (k) Applicant: Lanark Garden Club, Kirkfieldbank (CL/167/10)
Purpose of Grant: Outing and entrance fees
Amount Awarded: £250
- (l) Applicant: Douglas Water Golf Club, Lanark (CL/168/10)
Purpose of Grant: Equipment and publicity costs
Amount Awarded: £200

[Reference: Minutes of 8 February 2011 (Paragraph 5)]

7 Urgent Business

There were no items of urgent business.