

HAMILTON AREA COMMITTEE

Minutes of meeting held in Committee Room 1, Council Offices, Almada Street, Hamilton on 22 November 2017

Chair:

Councillor Mary Donnelly

Councillors Present:

Jackie Burns, Andy Carmichael, Maureen Chalmers, Peter Craig (Depute), Maureen Devlin, Allan Falconer, Joe Lowe, Kenny McCreary, Mark McGeever, Davie McLachlan, Lynne Nailon, Richard Nelson, Mo Razzaq, John Ross, Bert Thomson, Josh Wilson

Councillors' Apologies:

Stephanie Callaghan, Graeme Horne, Martin Grant Hose, Jim McGuigan

Attending:**Community and Enterprise Resources**

S Clark, Planning Team Leader (Hamilton); A Cunningham, Network Team Leader; I Russell, Roads Area Manager

Education Resources

K Duff; Acting Headteacher, KEAR Campus; A MacLeod, Inclusion Education Manager; G Murray, Headteacher, Glengowan Primary School; S Nicolson, Head of Education (Curriculum, Learning and Teaching, Hamilton Area)

Finance and Corporate Resources

G Cochran, Administration Assistant; J Muirhead, Administration Adviser

Also Attending:**Police Scotland**

T Flynn, Community Liaison Officer; Inspector D Hamilton

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 13 September 2017 were submitted for approval as a correct record.

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

3 Education Scotland Report for Glengowan Primary School, Larkhall

A report dated 6 November 2017 by the Executive Director (Education Resources) was submitted on the outcome of the inspection of Glengowan Primary School, Larkhall made by Education Scotland.

The inspection had taken place in June 2017 as part of a national sample of primary education and the inspection letter reporting on the findings had been published on 29 September 2017.

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. Education Scotland had intimated that they would make no further visits in connection with this inspection.

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

The Committee decided: that the report be noted.

4 Education Scotland Report for KEAR Campus, Blantyre

A report dated 6 November 2017 by the Executive Director (Education Resources) was submitted on the outcome of the inspection of KEAR Campus, Blantyre made by Education Scotland.

The inspection had taken place in June 2017 as part of a national sample of primary education and the inspection letter reporting on the findings had been published on 3 October 2017.

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. Although Education Scotland had intimated that they would make no further visits in connection with this inspection, they had requested that a report on a key development area to work with partners to reduce part-time timetables in the area bases to help ensure young people received their full entitlement be provided to them within 1 year of the inspection.

The Inclusive Education Manager spoke on key aspects of the report, responded to members' questions and agreed to provide an update on the key development report to be prepared for Education Scotland at a future meeting of this Committee.

The Committee decided:

- (1) that the report be noted; and
- (2) that an update on the key development report be submitted to a future meeting of this Committee.

Councillors Devlin and McGeever entered the meeting during this item of business

5 Police Scotland - Presentation

Inspector Hamilton, Local Problem Solving Team, provided the following details of the South Lanarkshire Policing Plan:-

- ◆ counter terrorism
- ◆ serious organised crime and drugs
- ◆ serious violent crime and public protection
- ◆ road safety
- ◆ public confidence and local engagement
- ◆ acquisitive crime
- ◆ anti-social behaviour and hate crime

Information was also provided on the following local successes:-

- ◆ wellbeing pilot being rolled out throughout Police Scotland
- ◆ new operating model introduced on 9 May 2017:-
 - ◆ Local Policing Team (LPT) resilience to respond to emergencies
 - ◆ Local Problem Solving Team (LPST) - increased visibility and community engagement
- ◆ working with community partners and pro-active patrols to tackle anti-social behaviour
- ◆ working with partners to support vulnerable adults and children
- ◆ working with the Council to tackle anti-social tenants
- ◆ campus officers delivering interactive inputs at local schools

Inspector Hamilton and Community Liaison Officer Flynn, having responded to members' questions, were thanked for their informative presentation.

The Committee decided: that the presentation be noted.

[Reference: Minutes of 30 November 2016 (Paragraph 3)]

Councillors Burns and Lowe left the meeting during this item of business

6 Roads Investment Plan - Progress Report

A report dated 8 November 2017 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 19 September 2017, 21 schemes had been completed and 10 were in progress or programmed to be completed by the end of March 2018

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 to progress the Programme.

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

[Reference: Minutes of 30 November 2016 (Paragraph 5)]

Councillor Nailon left the meeting during this item of business

7 Application HM/17/0437 - Change of Use of Car Parking/Open Space to Balcony Extension for Al Fresco Dining at Avonbridge Hotel, Carlisle Road, Hamilton

A report dated 8 November 2017 by the Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources) was submitted on planning application HM/17/0437 by LBG Waterston for the change of use of car parking/open space to balcony extension for al fresco dining at Avonbridge Hotel, Carlisle Road, Hamilton.

The Committee decided: that planning application HM/17/0437 by LBG Waterston for the change of use of car parking/open space to balcony extension for al fresco dining at Avonbridge Hotel, Carlise Road, Hamilton be granted subject to the conditions specified in the Executive Director's report.

8 Community Grant Applications

A report dated 7 November 2017 by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) was submitted on applications for community grant.

Following discussion, it was agreed that the recommended grant allocation be made to Hamilton Bowling Club Winter Section subject to confirmation that it was a properly constituted group with its own bank account.

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

- (a) Applicant: Hamilton District Arts Guild (*HA/62/17*)
Purpose of Grant: Materials, equipment and entrance fees
Amount Awarded: £450
- (b) Applicant: 112th Lanarkshire Cub Scout Group, Hamilton (*HA/67/17*)
Purpose of Grant: Outing
Amount Awarded: £70
- (c) Applicant: 112th Lanarkshire Scout Group, Hamilton (*HA/69/17*)
Purpose of Grant: Entrance fees
Amount Awarded: £200
- (d) Applicant: Larkhall OAP Association Town Branch (*HA/70/17*)
Purpose of Grant: Outing
Amount Awarded: £200
- (e) Applicant: Saffronhall Art Club, Hamilton (*HA/72/17*)
Purpose of Grant: Outing, administration and publicity costs
Amount Awarded: £300
- (f) Applicant: Larkhall Youth Group (*HA/75/17*)
Purpose of Grant: Specialist transport and entrance fees
Amount Awarded: £300
- (g) Applicant: Dalsersf Village Garden Club, Larkhall (*HA/76/17*)
Purpose of Grant: Environmental project
Amount Awarded: £350
- (h) Applicant: St John's Church Guild, Hamilton (*HA/77/17*)
Purpose of Grant: Outing and entrance fees
Amount Awarded: £250
- (i) Applicant: Hamilton Bowling Club Winter Section (*HA/78/17*)
Purpose of Grant: Outing
Amount Awarded: £200

- (j) Applicant: The Lanarkshire Festival of Male Voice Choirs, Hamilton
(HA/82/17)
Purpose of Grant: Materials
Amount Awarded: £300
- (k) Applicant: Friends of Beckford, Hamilton (HA/85/17)
Purpose of Grant: Equipment
Amount Awarded: £200

9 Urgent Business

There were no items of urgent business.