

## CLYDESDALE AREA COMMITTEE

Minutes of meeting held in Jerviswood Room, Lanark Memorial Hall, 21 St Leonard Street, Lanark on 1 May 2018

### Chair:

Councillor Mark Horsham (Depute)

### Councillors Present:

Alex Allison, Poppy Corbett, George Greenshields, Lynsey Hamilton, Eileen Logan, Catherine McClymont, Colin McGavigan, Julia Marrs

### Councillors' Apologies:

Eric Holford, Richard Lockhart (Chair), Ian McAllan, David Shearer

### Attending:

#### Education Resources

E Steele, Headteacher, Braehead Primary School; E Young, Quality Link Officer

#### Finance and Corporate Resources

J Muirhead, Administration Adviser

### Also Attending:

#### Citizens' Advice Bureau

C Cruise, Support Worker

#### VASLan

G Bennie, Chief Executive Officer

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## 1 Declaration of Interests

The following interests were declared:-

<i>Councillor(s)</i>	<i>Item(s)</i>	<i>Nature of Interest(s)</i>
Hamilton	Community Grant Application CL/79/17 Law Community AFC	Known to applicant
Marrs	Community Grant Application CL/12/18 Lanark in Bloom	Known to applicant

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## 2 Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting of the Clydesdale Area Committee held on 13 February 2018 were submitted for approval as a correct record.

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

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## 3 Education Scotland Report - Braehead Primary School, Forth

A report dated 3 April 2018 by the Executive Director (Education Resources) was submitted on the outcome of the inspection of Braehead Primary School, Forth made by Education Scotland.

The inspection had taken place in January 2018 as part of a national sample of primary education and the inspection letter reporting on the findings had been published on 27 February 2018.

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

E Young, Quality Link Officer and E Steele, Headteacher, having spoken on key aspects of the report and responded to members' questions, were congratulated on the positive inspection report.

**The Committee decided:** that the report be noted.

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#### **4 Presentation by Clydesdale Citizens' Advice Bureau**

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C Cruise, Support Worker, gave a presentation on the services provided by Clydesdale Citizens' Advice Bureau (CAB) which included:-

- ◆ the CAB opening hours
- ◆ the aims of the CAB
- ◆ outreach service to rural villages
- ◆ a summary of CAB activity in Clydesdale in 2016/2017:-
  - ◆ 2,110 people were supported in relation to 9,779 issues
  - ◆ the support provided had achieved a "financial gain" of £1.834 million for local people
  - ◆ for every £1 of core funding, the CAB had returned £27 of "financial gain"
  - ◆ the CAB had attracted £150,000 of funding to support the local CAB function
- ◆ a breakdown of the advice provided in relation to benefits and debt which were the 2 main areas of support provided
- ◆ details of the impact of Universal Credit
- ◆ details of the services which could be accessed via the CAB
- ◆ details of how the CAB contributed to the Single Outcome Agreement
- ◆ details on local partnership working

C Cruise, having responded to members' questions, was thanked for his informative presentation.

**The Committee decided:** that the presentation be noted.

*Councillor Marrs left the meeting after this item of business*

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#### **5 VASLan - Update on Performance**

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G Bennie, Chief Executive Officer, VASLan, gave a presentation on VASLan's role as a third sector interface (TSI) which acted as a voice for the voluntary groups and explained how VASLan provided a 2-way communication route between official bodies and the voluntary sector. Projects and performance included:-

- ◆ supporting 441 organisations within Clydesdale which delivered around 600 services
- ◆ assisting Clydesdale organisations to secure £527,452 of funding, part of the total of £1,644,469 which was attracted to the area
- ◆ linking with Health and Social Care Integration to provide a range of services across the following 3 thematic groups:-
  - ◆ Mental Health and Wellbeing
  - ◆ intermediate Care, Reducing Reliance on Hospital and Residential Care
  - ◆ Early Intervention, Prevention and Health Improvement

- ◆ arranging quarterly events to provide a networking forum which provided updates on key topics and allowed support and training needs for volunteers to be identified
- ◆ advertising opportunities for volunteering and providing 'Bridge to Volunteering' training sessions to provide "taster sessions" to volunteers to ensure that skills, abilities and interests were accommodated and benefits maximised

G Bennie, having responded to members' questions, was thanked for his informative presentation.

**The Committee decided:** that the presentation be noted.

## 6 Playscheme Grant Applications 2018/2019

A report dated 16 April 2018 by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) was submitted on applications for playscheme grants for 2018/2019.

The playscheme funding would allow an allocation of £600 to be made to playschemes that operated over the summer, October and Easter holiday periods with £400 for the summer period only and £100 for each of the October and Easter periods.

Travel and Freedom passes would be allocated to those playschemes which had requested them.

**The Committee decided:** that a playscheme grant of £600 be awarded to Stanmore Playscheme, Lanark (PS/CL/1/18).

*[Reference: Minutes of 28 February 2018 (Paragraph 7)]*

## 7 Community Grant Applications

A report dated 17 April 2018 by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) was submitted on:-

- ◆ applications for community grant to be met from the 2018/2019 budget
- ◆ 16 community grant applications which had been dealt with by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources), in consultation with the Chair, during the period 14 February to 31 March 2018 to ensure that the 2017/2018 budget was utilised as fully as possible

**The Committee decided:**

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

- (a) Applicant: Law Community AFC (CL/79/17)  
 Purpose of Grant: Equipment  
 Amount Awarded: £500

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

- (b) Applicant: Carstairs Junction Senior Citizens' Afternoon Club (CL/1/18)  
 Purpose of Grant: Outing  
 Amount Awarded: £180

- (c) Applicant: Cairngryffe Everyyoung Club, Lanark (CL/2/18)  
Purpose of Grant: Outing and entrance fees  
Amount Awarded: £250
- (d) Applicant: Lintfieldbank Women's Rural Institute, Lesmahagow (CL/3/18)  
Purpose of Grant: Outing  
Amount Awarded: £200
- (e) Applicant: St Andrew's Church Guild, Carluke (CL/4/18)  
Purpose of Grant: Outing  
Amount Awarded: £200
- (f) Applicant: Carluke Seniors' Forum (CL/5/18)  
Purpose of Grant: Outing  
Amount Awarded: £200
- (g) Applicant: Carstairs Women's Rural Institute (CL/6/18)  
Purpose of Grant: Outing and entrance fees  
Amount Awarded: £250
- (h) Applicant: WRVS Darby and Joan Club, Coalburn (CL/7/18)  
Purpose of Grant: Outing  
Amount Awarded: £200
- (i) Applicant: Kirkfieldbank Homing and Sporting Club, Lanark (CL/9/18)  
Purpose of Grant: Equipment and materials  
Amount Awarded: £200
- (j) Applicant: Lanarkshire Scottish Women's Rural Institute, Carnwath (CL/10/18)  
Purpose of Grant: Outing  
Amount Awarded: £200
- (k) Applicant: Robertson Women's Rural Institute (CL/11/18)  
Purpose of Grant: Outing  
Amount Awarded: £200
- (l) Applicant: Lanark in Bloom (CL/12/18)  
Purpose of Grant: Environmental Project and equipment  
Amount Awarded: £500
- (m) Applicant: St Mary's Monday Club, Lanark (CL/13/18)  
Purpose of Grant: Outing  
Amount Awarded: £200
- (n) Applicant: Carnwath Women's Rural Institute (CL/14/18)  
Purpose of Grant: Outing  
Amount Awarded: £200

**(2)** that the action taken during the period 14 February to 31 March 2018 by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources), in consultation with the Chair, to approve the award of the following community grants from the 2017/2018 budget be noted:-

- (a) Applicant: Crossford Playgroup (CL/26/17)  
Purpose of Grant: Equipment  
Amount Awarded: £350

- (b) Applicant: Coulter Primary School Parent Council, Biggar (CL/71/17)  
 Purpose of Grant: Equipment  
 Amount Awarded: £300
- (c) Applicant: Forth Gateway Project Group (CL/73/17)  
 Purpose of Grant: Entrance fees  
 Amount Awarded: £125
- (d) Applicant: Coalburn Silver Band (CL/74/17)  
 Purpose of Grant: Equipment  
 Amount Awarded: £322
- (e) Applicant: Douglasdale REAL Group (CL/75/17)  
 Purpose of Grant: Equipment and materials  
 Amount Awarded: £400
- (f) Applicant: 1<sup>st</sup> Law Boys' Brigade (CL/76/17)  
 Purpose of Grant: Outing  
 Amount Awarded: £200
- (g) Applicant: Crossford and Hazelbank Women's Rural Institute (CL/77/17)  
 Purpose of Grant: Outing and entrance fees  
 Amount Awarded: £250
- (h) Applicant: Purple Hats, Forth (CL/78/17)  
 Purpose of Grant: Outing and entrance fees  
 Amount Awarded: £250
- (i) Applicant: Lanark and District U3A, Lanark (CL/89/17)  
 Purpose of Grant: Outing and entrance fees  
 Amount Awarded: £250
- (j) Applicant: Lesmahagow Old Parish Church Guild (CL/82/17)  
 Purpose of Grant: Outing  
 Amount Awarded: £200
- (k) Applicant: Hawksland Women's Rural Institute, Lesmahagow (CL/83/17)  
 Purpose of Grant: Outing, entrance fees, administration and publicity costs  
 Amount Awarded: £270
- (l) Applicant: Law Baby and Toddlers' Group (CL/84/17)  
 Purpose of Grant: Outing, equipment and materials  
 Amount Awarded: £450
- (m) Applicant: 4<sup>th</sup> Carluke Brownies (CL/85/17)  
 Purpose of Grant: Outing and entrance fees  
 Amount Awarded: £250
- (n) Applicant: Hawksland Community Events Group, Lanark (CL/86/17)  
 Purpose of Grant: Equipment  
 Amount Awarded: £150
- (o) Applicant: Thankerton SWRI (CL/87/17)  
 Purpose of Grant: Outing and entrance fees  
 Amount Awarded: £250

(p) Applicant: Equitots Lanarkshire Community Interest Company, Carluke  
(CL/88/17)  
Purpose of Grant: Start-up costs  
Amount Awarded: £250

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## **8 Urgent Business**

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There were no items of urgent business.