

CAMBUSLANG AND RUTHERGLEN AREA COMMITTEE

Minutes of meeting held via Confero and in Committee Room 1, Council Offices, Almada Street, Hamilton on 24 April 2024

Chair:

Councillor Carol Nugent

Councillors Present:

Councillor Robert Brown, Councillor Janine Calikes, Councillor Andrea Cowan, Councillor Margaret Cowie, Councillor Katy Loudon, Councillor Norman Rae, Councillor Margaret B Walker

Councillors' Apologies:

Councillor John Bradley (Depute), Councillor Walter Brogan, Councillor Alistair Fulton, Councillor Martin Lennon

Attending:

Education Resources

K Duff, Headteacher, West Coats Primary School, Cambuslang; M Farr, Lead Officer; L Jensen, Depute Headteacher, Cathkin High School, Cambuslang; M Stewart, Quality Link Officer

Finance and Corporate Resources

J Kerr, Community Engagement Manager; T Little, Head of Communications and Strategy; P MacRae, Administration Adviser; K McLeod, Administration Assistant;

1 Declaration of Interests

No interests were declared.

2 Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting of the Cambuslang and Rutherglen Area Committee held on 7 February 2024 were submitted for approval as a correct record.

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

3 Education Scotland Report

A report dated 3 April 2024 by the Executive Director (Education Resources) was submitted on the outcome of the inspection of West Coats Primary School, Cambuslang made by Education Scotland.

The inspection had taken place in January 2024 as part of a national sample of primary education and the inspection letter reporting on the findings had been published on 26 March 2024.

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.

K Duff, Headteacher and M Stewart, Quality Link Officer, having spoken on key aspects of the report and having responded to members' questions, were congratulated on the positive inspection report.

The Committee decided: that the report be noted.

4 Participatory Budgeting - Education Resources

A report dated 3 April 2024 by the Executive Director (Education Resources) was submitted on Participatory Budgeting (PB) in relation to Pupil Equity Funding (PEF).

As an example of good practice, the PB work undertaken by Cathkin High School, Cambuslang was attached as Appendix 1 to the report. Cathkin High School demonstrated commitment to PB, pupil voice and the voice of its stakeholders, specifically in relation to supporting families affected by poverty and the cost of the school day. Choices of spend included Nurture Trolleys around the school, resources for the school breakfast club, provision of healthy snacks at breaks and a stock of spare Physical Education kits. The Nurture Trolleys won the vote for a second consecutive year and it was anticipated that the trolleys would make the transition into school easier and bring down the cost of the school day. A further impact section would be added to this case study at the end of the academic year to show the benefit of the activity for the most vulnerable learners.

Schools continued to allocate a minimum of 5% of their PEF to PB year on year. Optional PB training was planned for August 2024 for schools which had new PB Leads or where a refresh was required.

Education Resources would provide the Area Committee with:-

- ◆ a summary report of each school's PB outcome
- ◆ case studies of school activity which had seen particular impact/success

Education Resources would support schools and monitor and track the impact of PB activity. Findings would inform any future PB activity within the Resource.

The Committee decided: that the report be noted.

Councillor Brown joined the meeting during consideration of the above item of business

5 Can Do Community Fund Awards - Cambuslang and Rutherglen

A report dated 15 April 2024 by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) was submitted on an application to the Can Do Community Challenge Fund from an organisation in the Cambuslang and Rutherglen area.

The Can Do Community Challenge Fund was a 1 year investment fund from the Council for communities which did not have access to Participatory Budgeting Funds. Community organisations, including Community Councils, could apply for grants of up to £10,000 to tackle identified issues within their areas. Funding available amounted to £200,000 across the Council area. Applications were scored by a panel within the Council's Community Engagement Team and details of the factors taken into consideration when scoring applications were provided in the report.

Applications to the fund had closed on 31 January 2024 and it was proposed that a grant in the sum of £9,486.68 be awarded to Kirkhill Bowling Club for energy efficiency measures to support community usage.

Officers responded to members' questions on various aspects of the report.

The Committee decided: that the application from Kirkhill Bowling Club, as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report, be awarded funding from the Can Do Community Challenge Fund in the sum of £9,486.68.

6 Community Grant Applications

A report dated 3 April 2024 by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) was submitted on:-

- ◆ applications for community grant to be met from the 2024/2025 budget
- ◆ 2 community grant applications which had been dealt with by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources), in consultation with the Chair, during the period 7 February to 31 March 2024 to ensure that the 2023/2024 budget was utilised as fully as possible

The Committee decided:-

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

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| (a) | Applicant: | Kirkhill Bowling Club, Cambuslang (CR/1/24) |
| | Purpose of Grant: | Equipment, materials and environment project |
| | Amount Awarded: | £300 |
| (b) | Applicant: | Rutherglen Bowling Club (CR/2/24) |
| | Purpose of Grant: | Equipment |
| | Amount Awarded: | £300 |
| (c) | Applicant: | Flemington/Hallside Guild, Cambuslang (CR/3/24) |
| | Purpose of Grant: | Outing and administration costs |
| | Amount Awarded: | £340 |

(2) that the action taken by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources), in consultation with the Chair, to approve the award of the following community grants from the 2023/2024 budget during the period 7 February to 31 March 2024 be noted:-

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| (a) | Applicant: | Lightburn Elderly Association Project (CR/21/23) |
| | Purpose of Grant: | Equipment |
| | Amount Awarded: | £899 |
| (b) | Applicant: | Rutherglen Bankhead Residents' Association (CR/26/23) |
| | Purpose of Grant: | Outing |
| | Amount Awarded: | £350 |

7 Urgent Business

There were no items of urgent business.

Chair's Remarks

The Chair referred to the forthcoming retirement of Pauline MacRae, Clerk to the Cambuslang and Rutherglen Area Committee. She thanked Pauline for her support and hard work and wished her well for the future.