



Council Offices, Almada Street  
Hamilton, ML3 0AA

Tuesday, 23 August 2022

Dear Councillor

## **Hamilton Area Committee**

The Members listed below are requested to attend a meeting of the above Committee to be held as follows:-

**Date:** Wednesday, 31 August 2022  
**Time:** 14:00  
**Venue:** Hybrid - Council Chamber, Council Offices, Almada Street, Hamilton, ML3 0AA

The business to be considered at the meeting is listed overleaf.

Yours sincerely

**Cleland Sneddon**  
**Chief Executive**

### **Members**

Allan Falconer (Chair), Mo Razzaq (Depute Chair), Andy Carmichael, Maureen Chalmers, Ross Clark, Maureen Devlin, Colin Dewar, Mary Donnelly, Celine Handibode, Graeme Horne, Martin Hose, Cal Johnston-Dempsey, Gavin Keatt, Kenny McCreary, Lesley McDonald, Mark McGeever, Davie McLachlan, Richard Nelson, John Ross, Bert Thomson, Helen Toner

## BUSINESS

### 1 Declaration of Interests

- 2 **Minutes of Previous Meeting** 3 - 6  
Minutes of the meeting of the Hamilton Area Committee held on 21 June 2022 submitted for approval as a correct record. (Copy attached)

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### Item(s) for Noting

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- 3 **Police Scotland**  
Presentation by Chief Inspector Tony Gallagher and Inspector Paul Doyle
- 4 **Participatory Budgeting - Community and Enterprise Resources - Footways** 7 - 20  
Report dated 21 July 2022 by the Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources). (Copy attached)
- 5 **Participatory Budgeting - Community and Enterprise Resources - Renewable Energy Fund** 21 - 22  
Report dated 17 August 2022 by the Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources). (Copy attached)
- 6 **Neighbourhood Planning Update** 23 - 68  
Report dated 11 August 2022 by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources). (Copy attached)

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### Item(s) for Decision

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- 7 **Community Grant Applications** 69 - 72  
Report dated 15 August 2022 by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources). (Copy attached)

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### Urgent Business

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- 8 **Urgent Business**  
Any other items of business which the Chair decides are urgent.

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# HAMILTON AREA COMMITTEE

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Minutes of meeting held via Microsoft Teams and in the Banqueting Hall on 21 June 2022

## Chair:

Councillor Allan Falconer

## Councillors Present:

Councillor Andy Carmichael, Councillor Maureen Chalmers, Councillor Ross Clark, Councillor Cal Dempsey, Councillor Maureen Devlin, Councillor Colin Dewar, Councillor Mary Donnelly, Councillor Celine Handibode, Councillor Martin Hose, Councillor Gavin Keatt, Councillor Kenny McCreary, Councillor Lesley McDonald, Councillor Davie McLachlan, Councillor John Ross, Councillor Bert Thomson, Councillor Helen Toner

## Councillors' Apologies:

Councillor Graeme Horne, Councillor Mark McGeever, Councillor Richard Nelson, Councillor Mo Razzaq (Depute)

## Attending:

### Finance and Corporate Resources

P MacRae, Administration Adviser; E A McGonigle, Administration Officer

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## 1 Declaration of Interests

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<b>Councillor(s)</b>	<b>Item(s)</b>	<b>Nature of Interest(s)</b>
Clark	Community Grant Application:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>♦ Trinity Church Guild, Larkhall (HA/23/21)</li><li>♦ Trinity Church Women's Group, Larkhall (HA/24/21)</li></ul>	Family member - volunteer at Trinity Church

*Councillor Clark declared an interest in the applications detailed above and as those items were for noting only, he remained in the meeting*

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## 2 Playscheme Grant Applications

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A report dated 25 May 2022 by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) was submitted on applications for playscheme grant for 2022/2023.

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.

Financial provision was available for individual playschemes to receive, as appropriate, Travel and Freedom Passes from Strathclyde Partnership for Transport.

**The Committee decided:** that playscheme grants be awarded as follows:-

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| (a) Applicant:  | Childcare in the Community, Hamilton (PS/HA/1/22) |
| Amount Awarded: | £600  |

- (b) Applicant: Blameless SCIO, Hamilton (PS/HA/2/22)  
Amount Awarded: £600

[Reference: Minutes of 9 June 2021 (Paragraph 4)]

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### 3 Community Grant Applications

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A report dated 6 June 2022 by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) was submitted on:-

- ◆ applications for community grant to be met from the 2022/2023 budget
- ◆ 5 community grant applications which had been dealt with by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources), in consultation with the Chair, during the period from 17 February to 31 March 2022 to ensure that the 2021/2022 budget was utilised as fully as possible

After discussion in relation to the proposal to award Hillhouse Link Tenants' and Residents' Association, Hamilton a community grant of £900, as detailed in the report, Councillor Falconer, seconded by Councillor Devlin, moved that the recommendations in the report be approved. Councillor Donnelly, seconded by Councillor Clark, moved as an amendment, that the level of grant award to Hillhouse Link Tenants' and Residents' Association, Hamilton be £1,500.

On a vote being taken by roll call, members voted as follows:-

#### **Motion**

Andy Carmichael, Maureen Devlin, Allan Falconer, Celine Handibode, Martin Grant Hose, Gavin Wylie Keatt, Kenny McCreary, Lesley McDonald, Davie McLachlan, Bert Thomson

#### **Amendment**

Maureen Chalmers, Ross Clark, Cal Dempsey, Colin Dewar, Mary Donnelly, John Ross, Helen Toner

10 members voted for the motion and 7 for the amendment. The motion was declared carried.

#### **The Committee decided:**

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

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| (a) | Applicant:        | Hillhouse Link Tenants' and Residents' Association, Hamilton (HA/1/22) |
|     | Purpose of Grant: | Environmental project  |
|     | Amount Awarded:   | £900   |
| (b) | Applicant:        | Quarter in Bloom (HA/2/22)   |
|     | Purpose of Grant: | Environmental Project  |
|     | Amount Awarded:   | £300   |
| (c) | Applicant:        | 1 <sup>st</sup> Larkhall Boys' Brigade (HA/3/22)                       |
|     | Purpose of Grant: | Entrance fees, equipment and materials                                 |
|     | Amount Awarded:   | £350   |
| (d) | Applicant:        | Strutherhill Lunch and Social Club, Larkhall (HA/5/22)                 |
|     | Purpose of Grant: | Outing   |
|     | Amount Awarded:   | £200   |

- (e) Applicant: Earnocks Residents' Association, Hamilton (HA/6/22)  
Purpose of Grant: Administration and publicity costs  
Amount Awarded: £250
  - (f) Applicant: Hamilton Baths Amateur Swimming Club (HA/7/22)  
Purpose of Grant: Outing  
Amount Awarded: £200
- (2) that the action taken during the period 17 February to 31 March 2022 by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources), in consultation with the Chair, to approve the award of the following community grants from the 2021/2022 budget be noted:-
- (a) Applicant: Larkhall Gala Committee (HA/19/21)  
Purpose of Grant: Administration and publicity costs  
Amount Awarded: £500
  - (b) Applicant: Birkenshaw Welfare Guild, Larkhall (HA/22/21)  
Purpose of Grant: Equipment, outing, administration and publicity costs  
Amount Awarded: £999
  - (c) Applicant: Trinity Church Guild, Larkhall (HA/23/21)  
Purpose of Grant: Outing  
Amount Awarded: £400
  - (d) Applicant: Trinity Church Women's Group, Hamilton (HA/24/21)  
Purpose of Grant: Outing  
Amount Awarded: £400
  - (e) Applicant: Supporting Our Community, Hamilton (HA/25/21)  
Purpose of Grant: Equipment and materials  
Amount Awarded: £1,000

[Reference: Minutes of 16 February 2022 (Paragraph 6)]

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#### **4 Urgent Business**

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There were no items of urgent business.



# Report

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Report to: **Hamilton Area Committee**  
 Date of Meeting: **31 August 2022**  
 Report by: **Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources)**

Subject: **Participatory Budgeting: Footways**

## 1. Purpose of this Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ♦ advise the Area Committee of the outcome and level of engagement for the Participatory Budgeting (PB) consultation exercise to identify £2.500 million of footway projects and next steps

## 2. Recommendation(s)

2.1. The Committee is asked to approve the following recommendation(s):-

- (1) that the outcome and level of engagement for the PB consultation exercise to identify £2.500 million of footway projects, as set out in this report, be noted.

## 3. Background

- 3.1. Following the participatory budgeting investment in carriageway and footways completed in 2021/2022, a second phase of investment has now been agreed that will focus on the improvement of footways, making our towns and villages safer for pedestrians, supporting healthy lifestyles through physical activity, and improving the look and feel of our environment.
- 3.2. £2.500 million ring-fenced investment in the Roads Capital Programme will support footway improvements which are part of the adopted footway network. This investment will continue the Council's commitment to prioritise investment in roads and related infrastructure by directing additional funds to help improve the condition of our footways.
- 3.3. As was the case in 2021/2022 the split between geographical and operational areas is largely based on the estimated footway network length.

Operational Area	Footway length (Km)	Footway network share (%)	Allocation
Clydesdale	498.70	20.5%	£512,500
Hamilton	812.07	33.5%	£837,500
East Kilbride	701.09	28.9%	£722,500
Rutherglen and Cambuslang	413.91	17.1%	£427,500
<b>Totals</b>	<b>2425.77</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>£2,500,000</b>

- 3.4. Furthermore, to address concerns that the vote could be dominated by larger population centres or more affluent/organised communities and using learning from national and 2021/2022 PB exercise pilots, the process was again organised in 'thematic options' rather than specific streets/roadways.
- 3.5. The public were asked to vote on the following themes they wished to see delivered through this fund:-
- (1) minor and residential footways
  - (2) main and distributor footways
  - (3) footways in business areas
- 3.6. Last year there were both carriageway and footway themes put forward including those unrelated to the public adopted road network (e.g. cemeteries, country parks). However, this year a more focused investment on footways that are part of/adjacent to the public adopted road and footway network has been progressed.

#### **4. Consultation Outcomes**

- 4.1. The consultation ran between 22 April and 5 June 2022 and was promoted via the Council's website, social media channels and third sector networks.
- 4.2. Separate votes were held for each of the 4 Areas and each participant was allowed multiple votes for the chosen themes. Participants were able to apportion the votes in any way they chose; for example, all 3 votes could be allocated to a single theme or, at the other extreme, a single vote could be allocated to each of 3 themes.
- 4.3. As was the case last financial year, rather than having only a single winning theme the available funding was allocated across all themes. 60% of funding in an area was allocated to the top scoring theme, 25% to the second top theme and 15% to the third-place theme.
- 4.4. The proposed allocation of funding allows a proportion of the funding to be distributed to all themes (and in turn priorities). This provides the flexibility to continue to target key priorities within each theme based on engineering merit rather than to solely target all funds into one theme, while providing our communities with the opportunity to influence spend across specific themes.
- 4.5. This also represents best practice in terms of risk management as it gives the service the ability to continue to target funds to those areas in greatest need with the aim of improving those footways that are in the worst condition in the first instance.
- 4.6. The results of the vote, are shown in Appendix 1 with numbers of votes cast in brackets. In each of the areas the first-place theme was minor and residential footways, followed by main and distributor footways, and then footways in business areas.
- 4.7. The equalities information attached in Appendix 2 was collected from participants to identify how representative the process was of the area profile of South Lanarkshire. Some participants opted not to leave their information so there is a discrepancy between total participants and the information available below.
- 4.8. In terms of participation several areas showed significant strength that should be noted, namely:-



- ◆ 83% of respondents fell under the category of working age (25 to 64). This is a harder to reach group and should be regarded as a sign of success for the project
- ◆ 16% of respondents classified themselves as having caring responsibilities out with parental responsibilities. This showed significant representation from this community
- ◆ 15% of respondents identified as having a long-term disability or illness which showed good representation from this community
- ◆ representation from SIMD 1 (bottom 20%) considerably increased this year rising from only 12% representation last year to 19% this year.

4.9. In terms of participation, specific areas that stand out that require improvement in the future to try and ensure the process is representative are:-

- ◆ Under 24's – This could be due to the nature of the process but there was also no specific targeted work done to engage this group. Joint work to promote was undertaken with the Education department, this requires further development.
- ◆ Ethnic Minorities – Improvement from last year was demonstrated in this area with an increase to 1.5% representation. This area still requires further development.
- ◆ East Kilbride and Cambuslang and Rutherglen were both underrepresented in this process. More targeted work to engage residents in these areas may be required.

## 5. Next Steps

5.1. In line with the results of the vote, the funding has been allocated as set out below to each of the areas and prioritised themes and specific named schemes have subsequently been identified.

Area	1st (60%)	2nd (25%)	3rd (15%)	Totals
Clydesdale	£307,500	£128,125	£76,875	£512,500
Hamilton	£502,500	£209,375	£125,625	£837,500
East Kilbride	£433,500	£180,625	£108,375	£722,500
Rutherglen & Cambuslang	£256,500	£106,875	£64,125	£427,500
Totals	£1,500,000	£625,000	£375,000	£2,500,000

5.2. Appendices 3 to 6 sets out the specific schemes and indicative sums allocated to each scheme. These schemes have been identified using our scheme assessment criteria which allows us to score potential footway schemes based on several factors, which collectively contribute towards an overall score enabling us to prioritise our resources. This ensures that funds are targeted at those footways that are in greatest need of repair based on engineering judgement.

5.3. Schemes in Hamilton are indicated at Appendix 4.

5.4. It should be noted that these are provisional project estimates and there may be some variance in terms of final outturn once more detailed design is undertaken and works are completed.

- 5.5. As a result other projects may come forward should projects outturn under budget. Conversely, some projects may require to be deferred or supplemented from other budgets if costs increase from the provisional estimates.
- 5.6. Given an already full and challenging workload, and as already intimated to elected members, to ensure delivery of both our core capital investment programme and the participatory budget priority projects, it has been necessary to commence the schemes prior to the August Area Committee cycle.
- 5.7. An essential element of any participatory budgeting process is advising participants of the outcome of the vote. The Community Engagement Team will contact those respondents who provided their email address to advise them of the successful themes in each area with a link to a tracking area for PB on South Lanarkshire's website.
- 5.8. The Community Engagement Team, with support from the Service, will also work alongside the Corporate Communications/Digital Team to publicise the results through the SL View and social media posts to raise awareness of both the process and the results.
- 5.9. Reports have been prepared for the 4 Area Committees to update elected members on the voting process and the outcomes from it. These reports are for noting only given the budget allocation has been agreed as part of budget setting process.

## **6. Employee Implications**

- 6.1. There are no employee implications at this time.

## **7. Financial Implications**

- 7.1. The intention is to spend the full £2.500 million during 2022/2023, however, market conditions (for example contractor/material availability) are likely to result in some spend moving into 2023/2024.
- 7.2. Specific issues have emerged and are ongoing in relation to bituminous materials due to the Ukraine/Russia conflict and a saturated market is also impacting on contractor availability. However, every effort will be made to deliver the projects identified in appendices 3 through 6 during 2022/2023.
- 7.3. In terms of an update on the 2021/2022 participatory budgeting programme for footways, 29 projects within residential areas, town centres, country parks and parks were identified and 26 were completed.
- 7.4. The footway project in Chatelherault Country Park is expected to be undertaken during 2022/2023 and is linked to the replacement of White Bridge and a feasibility study is underway. Work was also not fully completed and is continuing at Calderglen Country Park. These works are being progressed by colleagues in Facilities, Grounds and Waste.
- 7.5. An adopted footway project in Clydesdale was only partially completed due to weather related issues and works are now programmed for 2022/2023. Funding of circa £0.120 million from 2021/2022 has, in addition to the share identified for 2022/2023, been made available to the Clydesdale Area. A further £0.040 million is also available from 2021/2022 for Hamilton schemes and this will be used to manage inevitable cost variances.

7.6. For completeness, in addition to the PB funding discussed in this report, circa £1.000m funding, has been allocated from the Roads Investment Programme for prioritised footway improvements. Specific schemes are shown at the bottom of appendices 3 through to 6 and it should be noted that the projects are similar in terms of their alignment to the top 2 PB themes emerging from the PB exercises.

## **8. Climate Change, Sustainability and Environmental Implications**

8.1. There are no significant implications in terms of climate change, sustainability and environmental implications associated with this report.

## **9. Other Implications**

9.1. There are no other significant implications as result of the contents of this report.

## **10. Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) and Consultation Arrangements**

10.1. There is no need to conduct an EIA and the consultation arrangements and results are as set out in section 4.

**David Booth**

**Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources)**

21 July 2022

## **Link(s) to Council Values/Priorities/Outcomes**

### **Values**

- ◆ Focused on people and their needs
- ◆ Working with and respecting others
- ◆ Accountable, effective, efficient, and transparent
- ◆ Ambitious, self-aware, and improving
- ◆ Fair, open and sustainable
- ◆ We will work to put people first and reduce inequality
- ◆ We will work towards a sustainable future in sustainable places
- ◆ We will work to recover, progress, and improve
- ◆ Good quality, suitable and sustainable places to live
- ◆ Thriving business, fair jobs and vibrant town centres
- ◆ Caring, connected, sustainable communities
- ◆ People live the healthiest lives possible

### **Previous References**

- ◆ Hamilton Area Committee – 8 September 2021

### **Contact for Further Information**

If you would like to inspect the background papers or want further information, please contact:-

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Clydesdale (Overall 807 votes)

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Minor / Residential – 475 (59%)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Main and distributor – 229 (28%)  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Business areas – 103 (13%)

Hamilton (Overall 1,023 votes)

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Minor / Residential – 555 (54%)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Main and distributor – 289 (28%)  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Business areas – 179 (18%)

Rutherglen and Cambuslang (Overall 456 votes)

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Minor / Residential – 294 (65%)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Main and distributor – 105 (23%)  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Business areas – 57 (12%)

East Kilbride (Overall 705 votes)

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Minor / Residential – 433 (61%)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Main and distributor – 175 (25%)  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Business areas – 97 (14%)

**Locality - 997**

Locality	No of Participants	Percentage of Participants	South Lanarkshire Area Profile
East Kilbride	235	24%	30.00%
Hamilton	341	34%	32.00%
Clydesdale	269	27%	19%
Rutherglen and Cambuslang	152	15%	19%

**SIMD 2020 – 951 Postcodes provided**

Decile	Survey Engagement	Percentage of Participants	SL Area Profile
1-20%	180	19%	20%
21-40%	214	22.5%	23%
41-60%	224	23.5%	20%
61-80%	173	18%	20%
81-100%	158	17%	17%

**Age**

Age	Survey Engagement	Percentage of Participants	SL Area Profile
Under 16	3	0%	18%
16-24	23	2%	10%
25-64	815	83%	82%
Over 65	136	14%	21%
Prefer not to answer	20	2%	N/A

**Gender**

Gender	Survey Engagement	Percentage of Participants	SL Area Profile
Female	686	69%	52%
Male	266	27%	48%
Prefer not to Answer	4	0%	N/A
Other	41	4%	N/A

## Ethnic Background

Ethnic Background	Survey Engagement	Percentage of Participants	South Lanarkshire Area Profile
White	932	94%	97.30%
Prefer not to answer	51	5%	N/A
Asian, Asian Scottish, or Asian British	3	0%	2.10%
Mixed/multiple ethnic groups	7	1%	0%
Arab	0	0%	0%
African, Carribean or black	1	0%	0.60%
Other ethnic group	3	0%	0%

## Sexual Orientation

Sexual Orientation	Survey Engagement	Percentage of Participants	South Lanarkshire Area Profile
Heterosexual/Straight	795	80%	97%
Prefer not to answer	138	14%	N/A
Gay/Lesbian	30	3%	2.20%
Bisexual	16	2%	0.80%

## Caring Responsibilities

Caring Responsibility	Survey Engagement	Percentage of Participants	South Lanarkshire Area Profile
Children Under 18	435	44%	97%
Yes, other	158	16%	N/A
No caring responsibilities	336	34%	2.20%
Prefer not to answer	100	10%	0.80%

## Disabilities

Disability	Survey Engagement	Percentage of Participants	South Lanarkshire Area Profile
Yes	152	15%	11%
No	755	76%	89%
Prefer not to answer	90	9%	N/A

### Appendix 3: Clydesdale

<b>Footways Participatory Budgeting</b>	<b>Allocation (£)</b>	<b>Theme</b>
<b>Theme 1, Minor / Residential (PB Budget £307,500) PB Underspend 21/22 £120,738</b>		
Station Road, Law (funded from 2021-22 PB)	52,000	Minor / Residential
Wilton Road, Carluke Ph1 (part funded from 2021-22 PB)	184,211	Minor / Residential
Silverdale Crescent, Lanark	79516	Minor / Residential
Dale Street, Douglas	58000	Minor / Residential
Brownhill Avenue, Douglas	54511	Minor / Residential
<b>Total</b>	<b>428,238</b>	
<b>Theme 2, Main / Distributor (PB Budget £128,125)</b>		
Main Street, Forth (Kirk Green – Hawkwood)	72,195	Main and Distributor
Heathfield Drive, Blackwood	55,930	Main and Distributor
<b>Total</b>	<b>128,125</b>	
<b>Theme 3, Business Areas (PB Budget £76,875)</b>		
Bloomgate, Lanark	29,000	Business Areas
A721 Chapel Street, Carluke	30,000	Business Areas
St Leonard Street, Lanark	17,875	Business Areas
<b>Total</b>	<b>76,875</b>	

<b>Other Footway, Service Capital (PB Budget £205,600)</b>	<b>Allocation (£)</b>	<b>Theme</b>
A70 Mainhill	100,987	Main and Distributor
Low Village Rd, Lamington	20,000	Minor / Residential
A706 Main Street, Forth	25,000	Main and Distributor
Whitehill Crescent, Lanark	59,613	Minor / Residential
<b>Total</b>	<b>205,600</b>	

## Appendix 4: Hamilton

Footways Participatory Budgeting	Allocation (£)	Theme
<b>Theme 1, Minor / Residential (Budget £502,500)</b>		
Willow Drive, Blantyre	104,500	Minor / Residential
Highfield Road, Larkhall	90,000	Minor / Residential
Sycamore Grove, Blantyre	30,000	Minor / Residential
Avonbrae Crescent, Hamilton (North Side)	100,000	Minor / Residential
St Ninians Place, Hamilton	48,000	Minor / Residential
Selkirk Street, Blantyre	50,000	Minor / Residential
Wilson Place, Stonehouse	20,000	Minor / Residential
St Laurence Avenue, Stonehouse	30,000	Minor / Residential
Sherry Drive, Hamilton	30,000	Minor / Residential
<b>Total</b>	<b>502,500</b>	
<b>Theme 2, Main / Distributor (Budget £209,375)</b>		
Bellshill Road - Service Road	50,000	Main and Distributor
Carlisle Road, Ferniegair	50,000	Main and Distributor
Main Street, Blantyre	109,375	Main and Distributor
<b>Total</b>	<b>209,375</b>	
<b>Theme 3, Business Areas (Budget £125,625)</b>		
Central Avenue, Blantyre	125,625	Business Areas
<b>Total</b>	<b>125,625</b>	

Other Footway, Service Capital (Budget £334,800)	Allocation (£)	Theme
Lime Grove, Blantyre	10,000	Minor / Residential
Larch Court, Blantyre	45,000	Minor / Residential
A723, Strathaven Road, Hamilton	99,400	Main and Distributor



Bardykes Road, Blantyre	40,000	Main and Distributor
Darngaber Gardens, Quarter	40,000	Minor / Residential
Glenburn Avenue, Stonehouse	100,000	Minor / Residential
<b>Total</b>	<b>334,400</b>	

## Appendix 5: East Kilbride

Footways Participatory Budgeting	Allocation (£)	Theme
<b>Theme 1, Minor / Residential (Budget £433,500)</b>		
Gilderdale, East Kilbride	26000	Minor / Residential
Threshold, East Kilbride	71280	Minor / Residential
Glen Cannich, East Kilbride	32500	Minor / Residential
Newlands Rd, East Kilbride	60000	Minor / Residential
Wellesley Dr, East Kilbride	71000	Minor / Residential
Kype View, Strathaven	91000	Minor / Residential
Douglas St, Strathaven	30870	Minor / Residential
Applegarth Rd, Strathaven	50850	Minor / Residential
<b>Total</b>	<b>433,500</b>	
<b>Theme 2, Main / Distributor (Budget £180,625)</b>		
High Common Rd, East Kilbride	59000	Main and Distributor
Kirktonholme Rd, East Kilbride	30000	Main and Distributor
St Leonards Rd, East Kilbride	51625	Main and Distributor
Newton Rd, Strathaven	40000	Main and Distributor
<b>Total</b>	<b>180,625</b>	
<b>Theme 3, Business Areas (Budget £108,375)</b>		
Colvilles Place, East Kilbride	83200	Business Areas
Thomson St, Strathaven	25175	Business Areas
<b>Total</b>	<b>108,375</b>	
<b>Other Footway, Service Capital</b>	<b>Allocation (£)</b>	<b>Theme</b>
A71 Darvel Road, Strathaven	74000	Main and Distributor
Carnegie Hill, East Kilbride	121,000	Minor / Residential

Mungo Park, East Kilbride	65000	Minor / Residential
Glen Morriston, East Kilbride	33000	Minor / Residential
Bank Park, East Kilbride	32000	Minor / Residential
	<b>325,000</b>	

## Appendix 6: Cambuslang and Rutherglen

<b>Footways Participatory Budgeting</b>	<b>Allocation (£)</b>	<b>Theme</b>
<b>Theme 1, Minor / Residential (Budget £256,500)</b>		
Lettrickhills Crescent, Cambuslang	25,470	Minor / Residential
Cairns Road, Cambuslang	55,000	Minor / Residential
Rosslyn Ave, Rutherglen	56,550	Minor / Residential
Ryan Way, Rutherglen	33,150	Minor / Residential
Calderwood Rd, Rutherglen	60,080	Minor / Residential
Woodlands Crescent, Cambuslang	26,250	Minor / Residential
<b>Total</b>	<b>256,500</b>	
<b>Theme 2, Main / Distributor (Budget £106,875)</b>		
Dukes Road (from A724 uphill), Cambuslang	86,875	Main and Distributor
Hamilton Road, Cambuslang	20,000	Main and Distributor
<b>Total</b>	<b>106,875</b>	
<b>Theme 3, Business Areas (Budget £64,125)</b>		
Main Street, Rutherglen (streetscape repairs)	64,125	Business Areas
<b>Total</b>	<b>64,125</b>	

<b>Other Footway, Service Capital</b>	<b>Allocation (£)</b>	<b>Theme</b>
A749 East Kilbride Road, Cambuslang	69,000	Main and Distributor
Castlefern Road, Rutherglen	66,000	Minor / Residential
<b>Total</b>	<b>135,000</b>	

## Participatory Budgeting - Community and Enterprise Resources - Renewable Energy Fund

<b>Service Area</b>	Hamilton Area	<b>Lead Officer</b>	Kenny Lean <b>5</b>
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### Stage 1 : Pre Consultation :

- What are we asking the public for their view on (what service is it / description etc)?
- How much funding are we asking about?
- Who are we asking,
- How are we doing this ?
- When are we doing this ?
- When will we report back ?

### Stage 2 : Post Consultation

- The outcome of the PB activity
- What happens next ?
- Further reporting requirements (eg required Committee approval)

At the Executive Committee on 21 November 2018 a series of amendments to the Renewable Energy Fund were approved. One of these was the introduction of a micro grant fund in 2019/2020 of up to £5,000 per annum available to Community Councils or equivalent community organisations to award and administer small grants of up to £500 locally. This was established for an initial 2-year period and at the Community and Enterprise Resources Committee of 16 February 2021 it was agreed to continue the micro grants after 2020/2021.

In Quarter 1 2022/2023, 4 Community Councils within the Hamilton Area were awarded micro grants totalling £20,000.00 Details of these grant awards below.

A copy of the full Community Benefits report for community groups for 2021/2022 was included within the Community and Enterprise Resources Committee on 9 August 2022.

<b>Community Council</b>	<b>Grant provided 2022/2023</b>
Blantyre Community Council	£5,000.00
Bothwell Community Council	£5,000.00
Hillhouse Community Council	£5,000.00
Larkhall Community Council	£5,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£20,000.00</b>



# Report

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Report to:	<b>Hamilton Area Committee</b>
Date of Meeting:	<b>31 August 2022</b>
Report by:	<b>Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources)</b>

Subject:	<b>Neighbourhood Planning Update</b>
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## 1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ update the Area Committee on the work being carried out in Hamilton and the surrounding areas in relation to neighbourhood planning

## 2. Recommendation(s)

2.1. The Committee is asked to approve the following recommendation(s):-

- (1) that the progress being made in respect of neighbourhood planning be noted; and
- (2) that the annual reports which have been produced for the neighbourhood plans within the area be noted.

## 3. Background

- 3.1. The Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 places a statutory duty on Community Planning Partnerships (CPP), of which the Council is a statutory partner, to identify smaller areas within the local authority area which experience the poorest outcomes and to prepare and publish locality plans to improve outcomes on agreed priorities for these communities. These plans are required to set out clear priorities for improving local outcomes and tackling inequalities which agreed by the CPP and community. In South Lanarkshire these plans are referred to as neighbourhood plans.
- 3.2. The guidance makes it clear that participation with communities must lie at the heart of community planning and that the partners must engage with the communities identified as requiring specific attention and be more than just consultation but involve active engagement and empowerment.
- 3.3. At the 14 July 2017 meeting of the CPP Board, it considered the results of a statistical exercise which identified the areas experiencing the poorest outcomes in South Lanarkshire relative to the South Lanarkshire average position, which resulted in areas within 9 of the Council's 20 wards being identified as potential neighbourhood planning areas.
- 3.4. At its meeting of the 11 October 2017, the Community Planning Board agreed to pilot the use of neighbourhood planning activity in South Lanarkshire and recognised that this approach required a longer investment of time within communities to engage and involve people and produce plans. The first 3 neighbourhood plans, for the pilot

areas of Hillhouse/Udston/Burnbank, Whitlawburn and Springhall and Strutherhill and Birkenshaw were published in January 2019.

- 3.5. The legislation further requires that reports are produced on a yearly basis which identify the progress made in relation to the plans. The purpose of these reports is for the communities involved to see and understand what has happened in their areas. The guidance accompanying the legislation states that annual reports should be published in an accessible and easy to understand way which enables communities to understand the direction and scale of progress. As a result, the manner in which reports are produced for communities will vary from the way in which partners may usually report.

#### **4. Progress to Date**

- 4.1. Learning from the phase one areas included the recognition that each area is individual in its capacity and the priorities which it identifies, and that the work which is carried out in neighbourhoods as a result must be individualised. In addition, the neighbourhood planning work should strengthen and empower the community within the neighbourhood, developing their capacity to both engage with potential delivery services and to create and deliver upon their own priorities where this is appropriate.
- 4.2. In September 2019, the Community Planning Board agreed the neighbourhood planning processes should be rolled out further areas, including Fairhill and recognise the work which had taken place to produce a plan already for Blantyre. Each community has individual levels of community capacity and support already in place and required individualised programmes of support, which were delivered by the Community Engagement Team (CET) alongside local partners and community groups. Plans for these areas were produced by March 2020, being published just as the COVID-19 pandemic began. Whitehill was added in 2020 though engagement was limited due to the pandemic and work began seriously in 2021.
- 4.3. Annual reports for the Hillhouse/Udston/Burnbank, Fairhill, Blantyre and Strutherhill and Birkenshaw areas have now been produced for the years 2021/2022 and are attached as appendices 1 to 4. Progress has been made on delivering actions against the top priorities of all areas, despite the impact of the pandemic on engagement activities. Key progress in all areas has been the increase in the number of local people participating in neighbourhood planning processes, in particular participatory budgeting approaches and this again is outlined in the annual reports. Highlights of the work which are detailed within the reports for each area are:

Hillhouse, Udston and Burnbank	Actions here include the delivery of a wide range of youth activity, including diversionary work; the operation of three community hubs and cafes; and the use of CCTB and safety systems resulting in people in Burnbank in particular reporting that they feel safer.
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Fairhill	Fairhill community has been central in providing support to each other throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. As this need reduces, work is under way to reinvigorate the stakeholder group and find ways to focus the attention of the community and partners on delivering on their local priorities.
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Blantyre	Work has been carried out to re-establish the
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Strutherhill and Birkenshaw

stakeholder group following covid restrictions, identify the progress made on priorities so far and to check that the priorities of the Blantyre Futures plan remain current for the community.

Actions have included discussions with the school modernisation team, leading to the identification of funding to upgrade a local MUGA at Robert Smillie; discussions regarding the positive use of land and the reduction of fly tipping; and maintaining town centre connections through the shopping bus scheme.

- 4.4. In addition, a plan has now been completed for Whitehill and this is included as Appendix 5. Work has begun with the communities in Hamilton South ward to identify how they would like to progress with identifying priorities and the production of plans. In addition, the partnership recognises the work of the Larkhall Partnership in engaging with their community to identify and progress priorities across the wider Larkhall area, and the development of the community led plan in Bothwell.

## **5. Future Plans**

- 5.1. Work continues with the existing areas to make certain that the priorities remain correct in the current times, and that progress is being made towards achieving them.
- 5.2. As the number of neighbourhood plans increases, locality priorities will begin to be developed by identifying key shared priorities across localities. This provides the opportunity for wider resources to support actions over localities with a view to improving outcomes and to work in partnership at a locality level across South Lanarkshire.
- 5.3. The opportunity for other communities to create their own plans remains in place and advice and tools can be made available to any who wish to do so.
- 5.4. Within the Hamilton area, work has begun to develop a community partnership which will bring together groups who represent communities at neighbourhood level to identify and progress shared priorities at a locality level. This will provide a further chance for challenge and scrutiny between partners and communities. Initial conversations have been conducted with stakeholder groups and community councils to begin to identify these shared priorities and link them to the Community Planning process in a more strategic manner.

## **6. Employee Implications**

- 6.1. There are no employee implications associated with this report.

## **7. Financial Implications**

- 7.1. There are no financial implications associated with this report.

## **8. Climate Change, Sustainability and Environmental Implications**

- 8.1. There are no significant implications in terms of climate change, sustainability and environmental implications associated with this report.

## **9. Other Implications**

- 9.1. There are no risk or sustainability issues associated with the content of this report.

## **10. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements**

- 10.1. This report does not introduce a new policy, function or strategy or recommend a change to existing policy, function or strategy and, therefore, no impact assessment is required. Consultation on neighbourhood plans are carried out on an ongoing basis with each community involved in the process.

**Paul Manning**

**Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources)**

11 August 2022

## **Link(s) to Council Values/Priorities/Outcomes**

### **Values**

- ◆ Focused on people and their needs

### **Priorities**

- ◆ We will work to put people first and reduce inequality
- ◆ We will work to recover, progress and improve

### **Outcomes**

- ◆ Caring, connected, sustainable communities

## **Previous References**

- ◆ Hamilton Area Committee – 17 November 2021

## **List of Background Papers**

- ◆ None

## **Contact for Further Information**

If you would like to inspect the background papers or want further information, please contact:-

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**Appendix 1: Hillhouse Udston and Burnbank Annual Report 2021/2022**

**Appendix 2: Fairhill Annual Progress Report 2021/2022**

**Appendix 3: Blantyre Annual Report 2021/2022**

**Appendix 4: Strutherhill and Birkenshaw Annual Report 2021/2022**

**Appendix 5: Whitehill Neighbourhood Plan 2022/2023**



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# Hillhouse, Udston and Burnbank

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# Introduction

Hillhouse, Udston and Burnbank (HUB) have been involved in neighbourhood planning, led by local people, since 2017.

Neighbourhood planning is a solution focused, asset based approach to involving local people, increasing community involvement and creating lasting improvements through community led decision making.

Hillhouse, Udston and Burnbank encompasses Hillhouse Central, Hillhouse East, Hillhouse South, Hillhouse South East, Udston Central, Udston North, Udston South West, Wellhall North and has datazones in the top 5% most deprived in Scotland (Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation 2020).

Neighbourhood planning activity is being delivered using a solution focused, asset based approach to build community confidence, increase community involvement, and to bring about improvements through community led decision making.

The area has a population of 7,236  
51% of the population are female and 49% are male.

The total number of households is 3,527

- ▶ **985** Lone adult households
- ▶ **515** Households with dependent children
- ▶ **482** Lone adults with dependent children
- ▶ **628** Children aged under 16 in lone parent households

Community assets include:

- ▶ **1** Community facilities with integrated libraries
- ▶ **4** Primary schools and 1 High School
- ▶ **1** Day - care centre for older people
- ▶ **1** Centre for adults with disabilities
- ▶ **1** Family centre
- ▶ **2** Nurseries
- ▶ **1** Medical centre
- ▶ **1** Recreational sports facility
- ▶ **1** Sheltered housing complex
- ▶ **1** Urban woodland
- ▶ **2** Community led gardens
- ▶ Outdoor sports pitches
- ▶ **3** Play areas
- ▶ **4** MUGA's
- ▶ **4** Churches, **3** with lettable space
- ▶ **3** Community led HUB's cafés
- ▶ **2** SELECT Digital Hubs and CAB outreach
- ▶ **1** Community council
- ▶ **1** Community Action/Stakeholder Group

And an ever growing vibrant community/voluntary sector provides a range of opportunities including but not exclusively youth projects, an emergency food project, dementia support, a tenants and residents association, sports HUB, child and family focused activity, an ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) group and a number of uniformed organisations.



# History

- ▶ In November 2017 an awareness raising event was held involving residents involved in community life and those working in the neighbourhood.
- ▶ The community engagement process was co designed with residents. The 4 Big Questions were devised.
- ▶ The survey opened in November 2017 and closed in February 2018, 550 households participate.
- ▶ March 2018 the Community Action Group is established. 10 priorities themes identified through the survey form the basis of the HUB neighbourhood plan. Thematic working groups are formed. Early actions are agreed in May 2018 – ongoing deliberative priority setting has been a key feature of neighbourhood planning activity since.
- ▶ March 2018 £60,000 Community Choices Fund is secured from the Lottery, with match contributions secured from the NHS, Community Planning Partnership and South Lanarkshire Council. Funding is aligned to support the delivery of early actions.
- ▶ A participatory budgeting approach was used to allocate funds. 268 residents cast their votes 14 new projects were designed and delivered.
- ▶ A further 2 rounds of PB activity have subsequently taken place (In 2019 - 368 votes cast and 2020 - 868 votes were cast).
- ▶ January 2019 the Neighbourhood plan is agreed.
- ▶ The Community Action Group and working groups continued to meet regularly with the community and stakeholder working collaboratively to bring the neighbourhood plan to life. Post the first lockdown the Community Action resumed with online information sessions and meetings, this has continued to date.

# Information

In 2021/2022, £7000 was allocated to the HUB area to facilitate a participatory budgeting process.

The Community Action Group helped devise every aspect of the PB process - including the engagement process, criteria, paperwork, and promotion. The groups decided to put an upper limit on how much one application could request and that residents would have one vote each.

A small grants model was used to generate ideas and proposals and a combination of online voting, telephone contact and Pop-Up events took place to maximise participation. The Pop Ups were particularly successful in engaging children and young people in school and youth settings.

Voting opened on the 2nd of February 2022 and closed on the 1st of March 2022.

- ▶ **10** proposals were received
- ▶ **1228** votes were cast
- ▶ **5** proposals received funding

Udston Primary School – Play for All

Terminal 1 – Hillhouse, Udston and Burnbank Youth Groups

Hillhouse Link Tenants and Residents Association – Hillstop Café

Gilmour and Whitehill Parish Church – Burnbank Community HUB

17th Hamilton Brownies – Brownie Camp

All projects have set outcomes and will be monitored once activities are fully delivered.



## Priority

## Progress that has been achieved

# 1

### More leisure, recreational and social opportunities



- 5 projects are funded and delivered using Place Based Participatory Budgeting Fund.
- An extensive programme of youth activity is delivered by Terminal 1.
- Go Football sessions were offered by SLLC in collaboration with a range of stakeholders.

# 2

### Greater community safety



- Ongoing youth diversionary activity undertaken by Terminal 1 is successfully engaging young people.
- Members report that public space CCTV in Burnbank and housing security systems are having a positive impact.

# 3

### Health improvements



- The Community HUBs/cafés operate 3 days per week offering a safe welcoming environment helping to build connectedness and reduce social isolation.

# 4

### Stronger and better communities



- The 3 community led HUBs /cafés continue to provide a range of bespoke services aimed at meeting the needs of residents.
- A single point of contact for community information is in development to make it easy for people to find out about opportunities.

# 5

### Physical environment improvements



- Hillhouse Link Residents and Tenants Association secure £10K from Lottery Awards for All to continue to develop the **Hillhouse Recreational Gardens**.
- Ground services and the unpaid work team are working in partnership with the group to deliver community led ambitions for the site.
- Asset transfer of land from SLC to community ownership is being considered.



# 6

## Better financial wellbeing



- SELECT continues to engage residents who are seeking training or work via online digital hubs, IT devices are made available to students via Council donations.
- Money Matter Advice input is secured for all 3 Community HUB's /Cafés.
- The emergency food supply initiative continues at the Burnbank Community HUB and a food larder is operating in Hillhouse. Back to school activities take place targeting all primary schools in the area.
- Free Sanitary products can be collected from Hillhouse and Burnbank Libraries.
- Free sanitary products have been delivered to 281 residents in Hillhouse, Udston and Burnbank using the online ordering service.

# 7

## Housing improvements



- Housing investment works are continuing in the Udston area, new roofs and render.
- Improvement works are being planned to verandas in the Kelvin Gardens area, also environmental improvements within the Burnbank area.

# 8

## Better education and training opportunities



- SELECT provides digital skills training to promote digital inclusion enabling OPOP members and the wider community to participate in online activities/ opportunities.

# 9

## Easier to get about/moving around



- The group will develop actions around this priority at a later date.

# 10

## Better employment and business opportunities



- The group will develop actions around this priority at a later date.



## Development plans

- ▶ The Community Action Group are currently identifying and setting achievable goals for the year ahead, based on the re-ranking of priority themes. Health improvement is an emerging theme.
- ▶ 3 Community HUB's will be supported and wrap around services will be extended based on local need.
- ▶ A PB process will be designed and delivered.
- ▶ Opportunities for collaborations and partnerships will be maximised.
- ▶ A single point of contact for community information/ opportunities will be developed. To highlight existing community activity and how this can be built upon to best meet the community's need and maximise community assets and resources.
- ▶ A recruitment drive will take place to widen community participation.
- ▶ Back to school activities will be delivered to mitigate the cost of the school day.

Working in the Burnbank HUB was great, I built relationships and worked as part of a team with partners who offer solutions to issues people are facing food poverty, unemployment and more.

The HUB is making a real difference, bringing the community together in such a positive way, you always leave feeling better than you went in. The skills I gained have also helped to enhance my CV, I am very grateful for that.

**Connor Moran**  
Community Member  
and Volunteer

Hillhouse Link Residents and Tenants Association have worked with the neighbourhood plan since 2018, meetings have brought everyone together to establish connections and plan a supportive strategy for our community.

Our group has been going for 5 years, membership is growing, and we are using experiences gained to take forward our activities. Working in partnership has been extremely worthwhile allowing us to reach a wider audience and to be more responsive to local needs.

**Sandra Panton**  
Treasurer Hillhouse Link Tenants  
and Residents Association

# Case study

Physical environmental improvement is a key priority theme within the Hillhouse, Udston and Burnbank neighbourhood plan, the scale and scope of a community led initiative in Hillhouse is contributing positively towards this shared goal.

Hillhouse Link Tenants and Residents Association have been operating in the Hillhouse area for 5 years, but the group's role extends far beyond ensuring the representation and welfare of tenants and residents.

The group have huge ambitions for their neighbourhood, this is best highlighted by their combined efforts to develop Hillhouse Recreational Gardens, turning a vacant piece of land synonymous with fly tipping into a purposeful place for social contact, community events, community growing and play.

*"We are developing the land into a valuable, usable community asset - a safe, secure welcoming place for outdoor social and recreational activities, to be enjoyed by the whole community"*

**Sandra Panton** - Treasurer

Extensive community consultation has ensured that a five phase development plan for the site is in place and truly reflects the community's ideas and vision. The group's unstinting commitment to the project is very evident and an important aspect of the project and its success is the level of partnership working that takes place. The group's ability to harness the support and involvement of other partners is nothing short of phenomenal.

Partners have included Link Housing, Hillhouse Community Council, SOC, Our Place Our Plan Community Action Group, Cycle Scotland, SLC Ground Services the Unpaid Work Team, local schools/ nursery and local businesses to name just a few. The group are working tirelessly to secure funding to bring their ideas to life, they recently successfully secured £10k from the Lottery for the installation of a fence and the purchase of play equipment and other funding opportunities are under consideration.





If you would like to find out more or get involved please contact:

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Our Place Our Plan Facebook page  
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Our Place Our Plan has ensured that community members and organisations have the opportunity to voice what really matters to them. The children and young people who live in the HUB area feel a sense of community and see their ideas becoming a reality. PB has been brilliant.

It gives everyone a chance to identify local priorities and to work together as a community to ensure that they are being met.

**Joanne Tierney**  
Project Co Ordinator  
Terminal 1

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# Fairhill

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# Introduction

Fairhill is an area in Hamilton, South Lanarkshire, with a population of around 2,800. The housing is a mix of social housing, private rent and owned properties. Fairhill has a number of organisations active in the area who provide social and recreational opportunities for the community.

In November 2019 Fairhill started to develop their neighbourhood plan. A group of local people, organisations active in the area and public sector partners got together to do this.

When the covid pandemic began, the priorities of the community and the services moved towards making sure that everyone in the area had the support which they needed. Now that things are moving towards a new phase, the time is right to look at getting local people back together and thinking about the longer term changes that they want to make in the Fairhill area.



# History

The consultation around the plan started in November 2019 and concluded in February 2020. The plan was due to be launched in the community in April 2020. Due to the pandemic an event couldn't be held as it was not possible to meet in person, but the plan still went live.

Priorities changed within the area and resources were needed to make sure everyone was able to eat, receive medication they needed and generally support people where they could.

People were occupied with this work, and along with the difficulties in holding meetings, it was hard for the stakeholders to come together and to develop the actions they want to take. Over the year of 2021/22 the focus was around working with local groups to assist them in recovering after the pandemic. This work is a crucial building block in delivering the neighbourhood plan - the local community must remain in control and decide what is best for their communities alongside their Community Planning partners.

The NHS is fully committed to responding to the needs and priorities of the residents of Fairhill identified in the neighbourhood plan. Over the next year we will be working closely with all partners and local people to consider how we can resolve these issues and work to make Fairhill an even better place to live.

**Chris Simpson**  
Health Improvement Senior,  
Hamilton Locality

# Information

Participatory budgeting is providing local people the opportunity to decide how public money is spent.

These processes are designed and delivered by the stakeholder group to ensure that local people govern the process and decide the best way for it to move forward.

Funds have been made available for Fairhill to design and deliver a participatory budgeting process to help with the actions within the neighbourhood plan. This year there is an opportunity for you to get involved in this and have a say in how the money is spent in your area.



## 10 Priorities

1

### Physical environment



Everything around you, play parks, grass verges, street furniture, roads, pavements etc.

2

### More leisure and social opportunities



Activities for you to engage in and socialise within your own community.

3

### Greater community safety



How safe you feel in your community whether this be road safety or physical safety from crime.

4

### Easier to get about/moving around



The ability to move in and around your community and access to other local areas.

5

### More variety of shops/businesses



The choice of business in the area and what sectors are available locally.



## 10 Priorities

6

### Housing improvements



The upkeep and presentation of local housing stock.

7

### Stronger and better communities



Feeling connected to your local community and the sense of community spirit.

8

### Better financial wellbeing



Locally available services to assist you to access financial advice and maximise income.

9

### Health improvements



Opportunities within the community to access activities and services to improve health.

10

### Better education, training and employment opportunities



Locally available opportunities around employment and education for all ages.

**These are the priorities of the Fairhill Community.**

This year, the community planning partners want to work with you to identify and deliver on specific actions around these priorities.

## Development plans

The main aim over the next year is to re-establish the stakeholders group which is populated by local people (minimum 50%) and community planning partners.

The intention behind this group is to enable local people to stay in control and work in partnership with community planning partners. It is crucial this group is made up of mainly by local people to ensure that all partners are guided by the expertise local people have and can respond appropriately.

We would like to encourage you to get involved in neighbourhood planning; it's a way to have your voice heard and get the changes you want to see happening. You will see us out and about in Fairhill looking to talk to you, or use the contact details below to get in touch with us. We look forward to hearing from you.

Neighbourhood planning is at the heart of bringing services and citizens together. Local police officers are committed to supporting the community in Fairhill as they deliver the priorities within their plan, which will undoubtedly improve the lives of those who live, work or visit the area.

**Andy Thomson**  
Superintendent  
(Partnerships)



## Case Study

Over the next year a catalogue of events are planned to engage with local people around the priorities identified in the neighbourhood plan.

The first step will be to circulate the update plan to every household in the area throughout June 2022 to raise awareness of the neighbourhood plan in the area and engage with local residents around it.

During the summer an information event will be held with the attendance of all partners for residents to discuss their issues and collect information about what's on in their area. Moving out of summer we will be holding a voting event to allocate the monies from 21/22 and 22/23 through participatory budgeting. Local people will decide how this money is spent through voting for their preferred projects which will be proposed based on the priorities identified in the neighbourhood plan. Finally, after Christmas an update consultation will be carried out to establish the priorities for the following year, this ensures that the stakeholder group are continuing to respond to the current need of the community.

Continuously throughout the year engagement staff will be present in the area talking to residents to establish the stakeholder group which will steer all of the work moving forward. Local people taking control to respond to local priorities is crucial to the success of the neighbourhood plan.

For any further information or if you would like to get involved please contact the Community Engagement Team on **0303 123 1017** or email **communities@southlanarkshire.gov.uk**

Over the next year we will be working to identify and engage with local people looking to get involved. The only way we can move the plan forward is through local peoples knowledge and expertise in their area. This is their plan made up of their priorities so the way to address these can only come from them.

**Craig Allan**  
Development Officer SLC

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# Blantyre Futures

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# Introduction

- ▶ Blantyre is an area in South Lanarkshire within the Hamilton locality.
- ▶ The area has a population of around 17,000 people.
- ▶ It's housing is a mix of social housing, private rent and owned properties.
- ▶ Blantyre is extremely vibrant and active with a multitude of community and voluntary organisations carrying out a wide variety of work.

Blantyre has had a neighbourhood plan in place since 2019.

Changing priorities from the pandemic have given the town a chance to focus on this. The stakeholder group made up of local people, third sector and public sector bodies began to meet again in February 2021 to consider how to move the plan forward.

Blantyre bucks the trend with it's main street with many independent shops still active in the area and a town centre strategy is currently in development to ensure this continues.



# History

Blantyre Futures plan was officially launched in June 2019. The plan was formed by local people and organisations with the assistance of Coalfields Regeneration Trust. From this point the stakeholders group began to look at how actions could be taken to respond to the plan, however, due to the pandemic in March 2020 resources were used to respond to the more immediate needs of the community.

The stakeholder group was then re-established in February 2021 with the support of South Lanarkshire Council's Community Engagement Team. The initial meetings were used to identify a way forward for meaningful action and to gauge the level of interest from stakeholders. Discussions are still underway on the best way to proceed and getting all partners on board to do this.

A main aim of the stakeholder group is to ensure over 50% of it's membership is from local people and all local organisations are involved, working in partnership to move forward.

The community voted in November 21 to identify their key priorities for using funding in a participatory budgeting exercise. The priorities listed below are the result of that vote, and in order of popularity. These differ somewhat from the priorities of the original Blantyre's Future plan, in response to the changing needs of the town.

## Care Hub and Housing

- A high quality South Lanarkshire Council development comprising
- A transitional care facility with Health and Social Care innovation centre and community hub
- 45 new council homes including technology enabled homes, to support independent living by adults and older people.

For completion by Summer 2022





## Priority

## Progress that has been achieved

# 1

### Youth activities



- The majority of youth work delivery in the area has resumed with over 25 youth activities being delivered per week in the area, including those provided by Terminal 1 and HyperCyber.

# 2

### Greater community safety



- Plans are in place with Police Scotland to explore this theme during 2022.

# 3

### Community activities



- Covid restrictions that were in place until the end of March 2022 meant that large scale gatherings were not possible; however many smaller and online community activities have continued to happen.

# 4

### Covid recovery



- Covid recovery will be an ongoing priority. To date most activities have resumed within the area. We will continue to identify what needs to be done to support the community and take action on this.

# 5

### Older people activities



- A number of older peoples activities are delivered in the area each week, through local assets like the TACT Hall.



## Priority

## Progress that has been achieved

# 6

### Environmentally friendly



- Many local organisations, such as Bonnie Blantyre and the Friends of the Calder, are responding to this need through new initiatives around community growing and maintaining the areas wildlife areas.

# 7

### Community transport



- This is a priority which the stakeholders group and existing community groups will address in the future.

# 8

### Glasgow road and shopping facilities



- The town centre strategy is currently being produced and will include work around this priority.

# 9

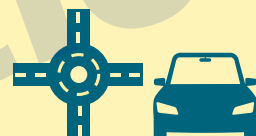
### Civic pride



- A walk around of Stonefield Park was carried out by local people and partners, with a number of issues identified and resolved. There was strong commitment to further work like this happening.

# 10

### Roads, traffic and parking



- This is a priority which the stakeholders group and the town centre strategy will address in the future.

## Development plans

Over the next year the focus is on ensuring the stakeholder group that steers and guides the direction of the plan is strengthened through full participation of all local organisations. It is important that this group also has over 50% membership of local people. This is crucial to ensure the correct people, who are experts in the area, are directly leading the work that is being carried out.

The stakeholder group will support the delivery of the projects funded through participatory budgeting, and will develop plans as to how the priorities of the town are best addressed in the future. This is a decision for the stakeholder group to make jointly and they will then identify the steps that need to be taken.



I have seen the biggest commitment and dedication from local people in Blantyre, especially during Covid with people pulling together to help one another. Our group provided support to the elderly and young people with food and company. We also received fantastic comments on the Blantyre daily blog. I see Blantyre moving forward now and the community spirit is very positive. The new Care Hub is also providing great support for the local area.

**Mick McCann**  
Local Resident

As a local resident, I feel proud to be able to take part in helping make positive changes in the area. Recognising the way people have worked together, especially during lockdown to assist our community, providing food and other resources to those who really needed it. I feel that there is a real sense of positivity moving out of lockdown in the local area and the commitment of the local groups are a credit to everyone in Blantyre.

**Local Resident**

# Information on participatory budgeting within the area

Participatory budgeting is providing local people the opportunity to decide how public money is spent.

These processes are designed and delivered by the stakeholder group to ensure that local people govern the process and decide the best way for it to move forward.

The stakeholder group opted to undertake a two part process, holding two public votes to allocate the monies from 20/21 and 21/22. In November 2021 the first public vote was undertaken around top themes to invite projects on. Project applications were then invited for the top three themes which were youth activities, community safety and community activities. The final stage of the process is a final public vote which is taking place in late spring 2022.





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I love the community spirit in Blantyre, everyone has come together to look out for each other. I hope that support for local groups will continue, and I would like to see a community hub in Blantyre, where people can get together to meet as groups or just to have access to laptops, possibly a community café that would provide hot meals for those in need. "Time to Talk" will start again with local people getting together for a chat and some company and help with loneliness and mental health.

**Mary Sutherland**  
Local Resident

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Our Neighbourhood Plan for

# Strutherhill and Birkenshaw

Annual  
Progress  
Report

**2021-  
2022**



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# Introduction

Strutherhill and Birkenshaw have been involved in neighbourhood planning, led by local people, since 2017.

Neighbourhood planning is a solution focused, asset based approach to involving local people, increasing community involvement and creating lasting improvements through community led decision making.

The area encompasses Strutherhill North, Strutherhill North West, Strutherhill South East, Strutherhill South West, Strutherhill West, and has datazones in the top 5% most deprived in Scotland (Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation 2020)

Strutherhill and Birkenshaw has a population of 3,526. 53% of the population are female and 47% are male.

The total number of households is 1,602

- 322 lone adult households
- 259 households with dependent children
- 209 lone adults with dependent children
- 209 children aged under 16 in lone parent households

Community assets include:

- 2 primary schools (1 community wing)
- 1 nursery and 1 in construction
- 1 church with lettable space
- 2 play areas
- 2 MUGA's (Multi use games arenas) and Playing fields
- Access to Morgan Glen, a natural woodland and a Friends of group
- 2 youth projects
- Women's Guild
- Scouts and Army Cadets
- Breakfast clubs and after-school care
- Pre five and family focused groups





# History

- ▶ In November 2017 an awareness raising event was held involving residents contributing to community life and those working in the neighbourhood.
- ▶ The community engagement process is co-designed with local residents. The four big questions were devised.
- ▶ The survey opened in November 2017 and closed in February 2018, 106 households participated.
- ▶ March 2018 the Community Group is established. 10 priorities themes identified through the survey form the basis of the neighbourhood plan. Thematic working groups are formed.
- ▶ March 2018 £10,000 is secured from the lottery along with £20,000 from South Lanarkshire Council. This is aligned to support the delivery of early actions in the Plan.
- ▶ May 2018 early actions are agreed. Ongoing deliberative priority setting has been a key feature of neighbourhood planning activity since.
- ▶ A participatory budgeting approach was used to allocate funds. 101 residents cast their votes, 21 projects were proposed and 6 new projects were designed and delivered.
- ▶ A further 2 rounds of participatory budgeting activity took place in 2019 (201 votes) and 2020.
- ▶ January 2019 the Neighbourhood plan is launched.
- ▶ The Community Group and working groups continued to meet regularly, working collaboratively to bring the neighbourhood plan to life. Post the first lockdown the group resumed with online meetings, these have continued to date.
- ▶ The group are currently developing 3 project proposals aimed at addressing priority themes.

# Information

In 2021/2022, £4200 was allocated to the Strutherhill and Birkenshaw area to support Place Based Participatory Budgeting.

In 2021 consultation carried out to inform the participatory budgeting process, 151 residents participated.

Participants were asked to select from the following:

- ▶ Invest in live projects being pursued by the group (a cycling initiative, development of open space and play area developments). (53%)
- ▶ Small grants model – request proposals based on 10 priority themes in the Neighbourhood plan. (26%)
- ▶ The ten priorities are put out to public vote, local people will be asked to identify the top 3 priority themes for investment. (20%)

The consultation ran from 25/11/2021 until the 5/12/2021.

Having gone for option 1 the Community Group were required to:

- ▶ Carry out further community consultations to generate community support and involvement.
- ▶ Building projects proposal including costings for a bike initiative, land and play park development.
- ▶ Securing partner involvement, advice and support.
- ▶ Obtaining appropriate permissions going forward.

The Community Group agreed that this would take time and decided to defer participatory budgeting spend until 2022/2023. This would allow robust proposals to be in place.



## Priority

## Progress that has been achieved

# 1

### More leisure, recreational and social opportunities



- Discussions with the council's School Modernisation Team has resulted in funding being identified to upgrade the MUGA at Robert Smillie.
- Projects plans are in development for 3 community led initiatives.

# 2

### Physical environment improvements



- Discussions are ongoing with Housing and Technical Resources and Grounds, regarding the positive use of land at Primrose Lane, other sites have also been identified.
- Benches have been installed in various locations through participatory budgeting investment.
- The group are working with Ground Services taking actions to address fly tipping.

# 3

### Easier to get about/moving around



- The shopping bus continues to deliver a much-valued service. Larkhall and District Volunteer Group successfully secured external funding to sustain the service for another year.
- Funding opportunities are continually being explored to sustain the shopping bus, this includes the involvement of local businesses.

# 4

### Greater community safety



- Sites synonymous with fly tipping and anti-social behaviour are being considered for development.
- Discussions are underway regarding CCTV.

# 5

### Stronger and better communities



- A community consultation was undertaken to shape the participatory budgeting process.
- A consultation was carried out to seek early opinions on a bike initiative.
- A survey was carried out seeking the views of residents who live in the vicinity of Primrose Lane, a possible site for development.



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**Housing improvements**

- SLC have completed 20 new build homes at Glengonnar Street site. All are occupied by the new tenants, and work has started on site, building a further 38 new homes at Avon Road in Birkenshaw.
- Housing investment works are ongoing in Strutherhill with phase 1 of external fabric improvement works.
- Links have been established with Planning concerning housing developments, the group receives the weekly planning list raising awareness of plans/proposals.

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**Better employment and business opportunities**

- Job vacancies are shared locally via the group's Facebook page.
- Residents have been signposted to SELECT for employability support.

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**Better financial wellbeing**

- Back to school activities are planned to reduce financial pressure on families.
- Individuals and families are actively signposted to Home Energy Scotland, Larkhall Network provide 200 fuel vouchers which are distributed via local primary schools.
- Food from Fairshare/ASDA is distributed via pop up stands.
- Free Sanitary Products have been delivered to 84 residents in Strutherhill and Birkenshaw.

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**Better education and training opportunities**

- Actions will be taken in 2021/2022 to help address this priority.

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**Health improvements**

- Birkenshaw Women's Guild successfully secured external funding to sustain and develop their activities, helping to reduce social isolation and build community connectedness.

## Development plans

The Community Group have been working together to identify realistic and achievable goals in 2022/2023 agreed actions include:

- ▶ A consultation will take place to rerank priority themes and identify actions for the year ahead, an action plan for the year ahead will be based on this.
- ▶ A recruitment drive will take place to build the membership of the Community Group.
- ▶ Community led projects will be designed and delivered via participatory budgeting.
- ▶ Wider community use of the MUGA will be encouraged once work is complete.
- ▶ Further collaboration will take place to develop outdoor recreational opportunities for young people.
- ▶ The Community Group will pursue the development of vacant and derelict land, establishing partnerships and undertaking consultations to achieve this.
- ▶ Opportunities to work in partnership will be maximised build the community infrastructure.
- ▶ Extensive partnership working will enable a series of back to school events to take place.

Our Place our Plan is a great forward planning community group. We believe strongly in building partnerships with the council and other stakeholder working together to tackle everyday issues in the community. OPOP brings together neighbours with common goals for the area. Those who have lived here all their days and those newer to the area but plan to bring up their young families in Strutherhill and Birkenshaw.

**Davy McAinsh**  
Community Action  
Group Member

Our Place Our Plan has been a lifeline to the Birkenshaw Welfare Guild Women's Group in the past year. It was looking as if Covid would close our doors for good. So the decision was taken to look for help. It took just one phone call to get both Liz and Anne on board which was fantastic. They have pointed us in the right direction for funding opportunities and partnership working has improved our situation beyond our expectations.

**Gillian McKitting**  
Guild Member

## Case study

Successful neighbourhood planning relies on building relationships and effective partnerships, responding to local needs and collaborating to make the most of the resources everyone brings to the table.

The Birkenshaw Welfare Guild Women's Group offer an outstanding example of the power of partnership. Established after the second world war the Guild has a long history of supporting women and the community and generations of women have enjoyed the solidarity of this group.

At the end of last year due to Covid it looked as if the Guild was about to close its doors.

Numbers had reduced significantly - some members were concerned about being in a group setting, others had experienced a deterioration in physical health and mental wellbeing.

As plans to reopen were made the barriers seemed insurmountable, at a time when the Guild was needed more than ever.

The decision taken to look for some help, it took just one phone call to get Liz and Anne on board. (Development staff)

"It has been a lifeline, they set us in the right direction for funding and encouraged partnership working improving our situation beyond expectations. A survey helped build the membership, assess members needs and develop a programme of activities.

Our membership has grown from 10 to 38.

In four months we secured 9 funding opportunities including the Mental Health and Wellbeing fund, SLC Community Grant and Arnold Clark, we have also forged fantastic relationships with other groups and organisations.

We now provide a mini bus to collect less mobile members, and we recently had our first outing in over 2 years."



There is no doubt with the support of neighbourhood planning, the Guild will go from strength to strength and be here for women for many years to come.

**Gillian McKitting**

Welfare Guild Women's Group  
and Community Action  
Group Member



If you would like to find out more or get involved please contact:

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Liz Jamieson, Development Worker **01698 827583**  
or email **liz@communitylinkssl.co.uk**

Our Place Our Plan Facebook page  
**www.facebook.com/ourplaceourplanhub**



I grew up in Strutherhill, it's great being involved with a group of locals just like myself - people who want to help better the scheme. Working alongside the Community Engagement Team and Community Links has helped us build contacts, relationships and partnership, this has helped us involve public bodies, community organisations and businesses and turn our ideas into reality.

It would be great to see more locals get involved and bring across new ideas and strength to the group.

**Margaret Gilfillan**

Community Action  
Group Member

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Our Neighbourhood Plan for

# Whitehill

Year  
One

**2022-  
2023**



This Plan sets out  
priorities and aspirations  
for our community  
identified by residents  
between May 2021  
and March 2022.

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# Introduction

A local group of community stakeholders has produced this plan. Most members are local residents and we are joined by representatives from key local agencies and organisations.

To ensure progress is made this plan will be updated on a yearly basis. This is the first phase of longer-term developments in our community.

You will see we have used the data gathered through the survey to set priority themes for the Whitehill area.

For this plan to work it needs you. Every resident, worker, volunteer or elected member in the area can help to bring about change and help us make the most of our shared resources. You can help in many ways by telling others about what's going on, by joining the community action group or the working groups to take forward some of the actions in the plan or simply enjoy and take part in what's happening around you.

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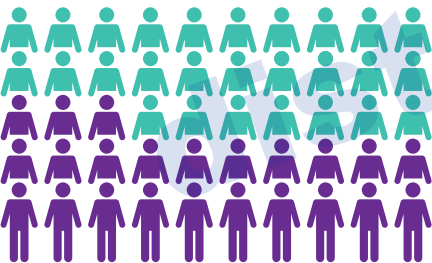


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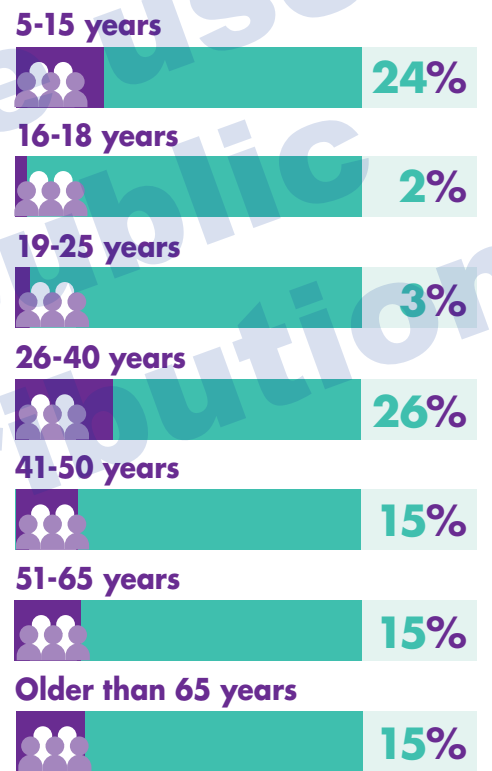
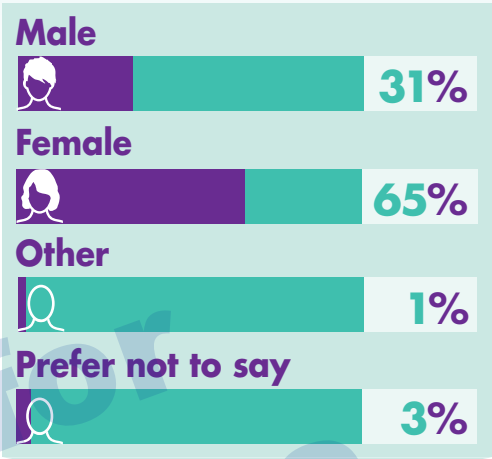
This neighbourhood plan has been informed by extensive community engagement carried out between May 2021 and March 2022. The process involved:

- Research into existing assets in Whitehill was undertaken to highlight the great work already taking place within the community.
- A number of meetings with local residents and representatives from key organisations in the area to design the methods of engagement to suit the community of Whitehill.
- A community survey delivered door to door which covered all households within the Whitehill area.
- Interviews with young people through strong partnership working with the local schools, Active Schools Coordinators and Universal Connections.

**Thank you to everyone who took part!**



**420** people took part



# Survey findings

What people like about Whitehill	Improvements/ new opportunities suggested
<b>1</b> <b>Play park and sports park improvements</b>	 <p>People helping each other.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cleaner woodlands.</li> </ul>
<b>2</b> <b>More leisure and social opportunities</b>	 <p>Bothwell Road Park</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>More social activities, for young people and older people.</li> </ul>
<b>3</b> <b>Stronger and better communities</b>	 <p>Community groups.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Better use of the Community Centre.</li> </ul>
<b>4</b> <b>Physical environment and housing improvements</b>	 <p>The woods and nature trail.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>More litter/dog waste bins.</li> </ul>
<b>5</b> <b>Easier to get about/moving around</b>	 <p>No comments.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Better bus service.</li> </ul>



## What people like about Whitehill

## Improvements/ new opportunities suggested

# 6

### Better education, training and employment opportunities



The schools.

- More learning activities and more activities for young people.

# 7

### Greater community safety



People helping each other.

- Reduce anti-social behaviour and increase presence of Police/ community wardens.

# 8

### Health improvements



The Military Veterans Garden.

- More (affordable) sports activities.

# Local groups

Community group	Contact details
<b>Childcare in the Community – Nursery and Out of School Care</b>	Whitehill Neighbourhood Centre 9 Hunter Road, Hamilton ML3 0LH Phone: <b>01698 477498/476586</b> Email: <b>childcareinthecommunity@btconnect.com</b>
<b>Youth, Family and Community Learning</b>	Whitehill Neighbourhood Centre 9 Hunter Road, Hamilton ML3 0LH Phone: <b>01698 476585</b>
<b>Adopt a Street</b>	Jim Cuthbertson Email: <b>jimcuthbertson50@outlook.com</b>
<b>Bothwell Road Action Group</b>	<b>info@bothwellroad.org</b> <b>www.bothwellroad.org</b> <b>www.facebook.com/bothwellroad</b>
<b>Joint Ex-Service Veterans Garden</b>	Jim Poulton Phone: <b>07790 793715</b> Email: <b>jimpoulton49@yahoo.co.uk</b>
<b>Whitehill Activity Group</b>	Sharon Haig (Secretary) Email: <b>whitehillactivitygroup@gmail.com</b>
<b>Whitehill Community Support Group</b>	Suzanne Jaimeson Phone: <b>07375 384999</b> Email: <b>suzannejamieson1@outlook.com</b>
<b>Whitehill Summer Fun Day Group</b>	Jim Cuthbertson Email: <b>jimcuthbertson50@outlook.com</b>

# What's good about Whitehill

## Main themes

Count

	People helping each other	215
	Community groups	135
	The woods and nature trail	183
	The schools	112

## What would you describe as resources within your community?

Count

	The shops	190
	Neighbourhood Centre	185
	Bothwell Road Park	214
	Universal Connections	62



The Stakeholders Group meets regularly and working groups will also be meeting to take forward some of the priority themes outlined in pages 4 and 5.

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If we see small changes, these will lead to bigger changes and hopefully bring Whitehill back to the way it used to be, over time. We need more people to engage in the community to make this work. Let everyone know and let's make the change.

**Local Stakeholder  
Group Member**

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# Report

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Report to: **Hamilton Area Committee**  
 Date of Meeting: **31 August 2022**  
 Report by: **Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources)**

Subject: **Community Grant Applications**

## 1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ request approval for the allocation of community grants to 9 community groups in the Hamilton Area Committee area from the 2022/2023 community grant budget

## 2. Recommendation(s)

2.1. The Committee is asked to approve the following recommendation(s):-

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

- |     |                                   |  |
|-----|-----------------------------------|--|
| (a) | Applicant:                        | Larkhall Heritage Group, Larkhall<br>(HA/8/22)                           |
|     | Purpose of Grant:                 | Equipment  |
|     | Identified Community Benefits:    | Working with and respecting others                                       |
|     | Estimated Cost:                   | £500   |
|     | Total Eligible Grant Applied for: | £500   |
|     | Recommendation:                   | £300 (60% of £500)   |
|     | Amount Awarded:                   | To be determined by the Committee  |
| (b) | Applicant:                        | St Andrew's Church Blantyre (HA/9/22)                                    |
|     | Purpose of Grant:                 | Outing   |
|     | Identified Community Benefits:    | People live the healthiest lives possible                                |
|     | Estimated Cost:                   | £600   |
|     | Total Eligible Grant Applied for: | £300   |
|     | Recommendation:                   | £300 (Outing £300)   |
|     | Amount Awarded:                   | To be determined by the Committee  |
| (c) | Applicant:                        | Larkhall Burns Club (HA/10/22)   |
|     | Purpose of Grant:                 | Equipment  |
|     | Identified Community Benefits:    | Inspiring learners, transforming learning,<br>strengthening partnerships |
|     | Estimated Cost:                   | £847   |
|     | Total Eligible Grant Applied for: | £847   |
|     | Recommendation:                   | £508 (60% of £847)   |
|     | Amount Awarded:                   | To be determined by the Committee  |

- (d) Applicant: MorphFit Gentle Movement Project Ltd, Hamilton (HA/11/22)  
 Purpose of Grant: Equipment, administration and publicity costs  
 Identified Community Benefits: We work to put people first and reduce inequality  
 Estimated Cost: £1,000  
 Total Eligible Grant Applied for: £1,000  
 Recommendation: £600 (60% of £1000)  
 Amount Awarded: To be determined by the Committee
- (e) Applicant: Hamilton Bowling Club (Ladies Section) (HA/13/22)  
 Purpose of Grant: Outing and entrance fees  
 Identified Community Benefits: People live the healthiest lives possible  
 Estimated Cost: £380  
 Total Eligible Grant Applied for: £350  
 Recommendation: £350 (Outing and entrance fees £350)  
 Amount Awarded: To be determined by the Committee
- (f) Applicant: Hamilton Bowling Club (HA/15/22)  
 Purpose of Grant: Outing  
 Identified Community Benefits: People live the healthiest lives possible  
 Estimated Cost: £320  
 Total Eligible Grant Applied for: £300  
 Recommendation: £300 (Outing £300)  
 Amount Awarded: To be determined by the Committee
- (g) Applicant: Hamilton Bowling Club Winter Section (HA/16/22)  
 Purpose of Grant: Outing  
 Identified Community Benefits: People live the healthiest lives possible  
 Estimated Cost: £260  
 Total Eligible Grant Applied for: £260  
 Recommendation: £260  
 Amount Awarded: To be determined by the Committee
- (h) Applicant: Hamilton South Guilds Together (HA/17/22)  
 Purpose of Grant: Outing  
 Identified Community Benefits: Caring, connected, sustainable communities  
 Estimated Cost: £495  
 Total Eligible Grant Applied for: £300  
 Recommendation: £300 (Outing £300)  
 Amount Awarded: To be determined by the Committee
- (i) Applicant: Eddlewood Bowling Club Ladies Section (HA/19/22)  
 Purpose of Grant: Outing  
 Identified Community Benefits: People live the healthiest lives possible  
 Estimated Cost: £450  
 Total Eligible Grant Applied for: £300

Recommendation:  
Amount Awarded:

£300 (Outing £300)  
To be determined by the Committee

### **3. Background**

- 3.1. The Council operates a community grants scheme to support local constituted community groups and voluntary organisations. All applications require to be supported by a constitution, audited accounts or annual income and expenditure accounts, a bank statement, and confirmation that the group/organisation will adhere to the conditions of the grant award. Applications are invited continually throughout the year.
- 3.2. The main aims of the community grants scheme are to:-
- ◆ fund activities and projects which bring community benefit
  - ◆ involve people in the community by bringing them together to enjoy educational, recreational, leisure and other community activities or to improve the local environment
- 3.3. Support can be provided for a range of activities including administration and publicity costs, purchase of equipment and materials, annual outings and entrance fees, start-up costs and special events.

### **4. Employee Implications**

- 4.1. None.

### **5. Financial Implications**

- 5.1. The current position of the community grants for the Hamilton Area Committee area in 2022/2023 is as follows:-

Total allocation for Community Grants	£25,750
Grants previously allocated	£3,400
Community grants allocated in this report	£3,218.00
Remaining balance	£19,132.00

### **6. Climate Change, Sustainability and Environmental Implications**

- 6.1. There are no implications for climate change, sustainability or the environment in terms of the information contained in this report.

### **7. Other Implications**

- 7.1. The risk to the Council is that grant funding is not utilised for the purpose of which it was intended. This risk is mitigated by internal controls including audit procedures and conditions of grant agreement.

### **8. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements**

- 8.1. This report does not introduce a new policy, function or strategy or recommend a change to an existing policy, function or strategy and therefore no impact assessment is required.
- 8.2. All the necessary consultation with the community groups has taken place.



**Paul Manning**  
**Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources)**

15 August 2022

**Link(s) to Council Values/Priorities/Outcomes**

- ◆ Accountable, effective, efficient and transparent
- ◆ We will work towards a sustainable future in sustainable places
- ◆ Caring, connected, sustainable communities

**Previous References**

- ◆ Hamilton Area Committee – 21 June 2022

**List of Background Papers**

- ◆ Individual application forms

**Contact for Further Information**

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