

HAMILTON AREA COMMITTEE

Minutes of meeting held via Microsoft Teams on 9 June 2021

Chair:

Councillor Mary Donnelly

Councillors Present:

Councillor Andy Carmichael, Councillor Peter Craig (Depute), Councillor Maureen Devlin, Councillor Allan Falconer, Councillor Graeme Horne, Councillor Martin Grant Hose, Councillor Kenny McCreary, Councillor Jim McGuigan, Councillor Davie McLachlan, Councillor Lynne Nailon, Councillor Richard Nelson, Councillor Mo Razzaq, Councillor John Ross, Councillor Bert Thomson, Councillor Josh Wilson

Councillors' Apologies:

Councillor Jackie Burns, Councillor Stephanie Callaghan, Councillor Maureen Chalmers, Councillor Joe Lowe, Councillor Mark McGeever

Attending:

Finance and Corporate Resources

E A McGonigle, Administration Officer; K McLeod, Administration Assistant

Also Attending:

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service

A Stewart, Station Commander

1 Declaration of Interests

No interests were declared.

2 Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting of the Hamilton Area Committee held on 24 March 2021 were submitted for approval as a correct record.

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

3 Scottish Fire and Rescue Service

A Stewart, Station Commander, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) gave a presentation on the Hamilton Area Performance Report 2020/2021.

The presentation provided performance information covering the period 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021, with a comparison against the same period from the previous year. Information was provided on:-

- ♦ deliberate primary fires
- ♦ deliberate secondary fires
- ♦ accidental dwelling fires
- ♦ accidental 'other' building fires
- ♦ fatal fire casualties
- ♦ non-fatal fire casualties (excluding precautionary check-up)

- ◆ special service (road traffic collisions)
- ◆ special service (fatal and non-fatal casualties)
- ◆ false alarms (malicious false alarms and unwanted fire alarm signals (non-domestic))

A Stewart, having responded to members' questions, was thanked for his informative presentation.

The Committee decided: that the presentation be noted.

Councillor Nelson left the meeting due to technical difficulties. Councillor Horne joined the meeting during consideration of the above item of business

4 Playscheme Grant Applications

A report dated 4 May 2021 by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) was submitted on applications for playscheme grant for 2021/2022.

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/1/21) |
| | Amount Awarded: | £600 |
| (b) | Applicant: | Blameless SCIO, Hamilton (PS/HA/2/21) |
| | Amount Awarded: | £600 |
| (c) | Applicant: | Whitehill Universal Connections (PS/HA/3/21) |
| | Amount Awarded: | £600 |

[Reference: Note of Delegated Decisions taken by the Chief Executive on 27 May 2020 (Paragraph 3)]

5 Community Grant Applications

A report dated 24 May 2021 by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) was submitted on:-

- ◆ applications for community grant to be met from the 2021/2022 budget
- ◆ 3 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 25 to 31 March 2021 to ensure that the 2020/2021 budget was utilised as fully as possible
- ◆ a proposal to carry forward unspent monies from the 2020/2021 community grants budget

Area Committees had expressed that, in this unusual year due to the pandemic, they did not want groups to lose access to unspent money in the 2020/2021 community grants budget. On 28 April 2021, the Executive Committee considered a proposal that the unspent balances from each Area Committee could be carried forward at the end of the financial year to be managed as part of the year end final transfer to reserves.

Formal approval to carry forward those unspent monies would be recommended in the 2020/2021 year-end report to be submitted to the Executive Committee on 23 June 2021. In relation to this Area Committee, the unspent monies in 2021/2022 amounted to £12,272.05.

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/1/21) |
| | Purpose of Grant: | Equipment, administration and publicity costs |
| | Amount Awarded: | £400 |
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| (b) | Applicant: | Low Waters Miners Welfare Bowling Club (HA/2/21) |
| | Purpose of Grant: | Materials |
| | Amount Awarded: | £300 |

(2) that the action taken during the period 25 March to 31 March 2021 by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources), in consultation with the Chair, to approve the award of the following community grants from the 2020/2021 budget be noted:-

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| (a) | Applicant: | Larkhall Burns Club (HA/26/20) |
| | Purpose of Grant: | Equipment |
| | Amount Awarded: | £700 |
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| (b) | Applicant: | Low Waters Miners' Welfare Bowling Club Ladies' Section,
Hamilton (HA/27/20) |
| | Purpose of Grant: | Equipment and materials |
| | Amount Awarded: | £250 |
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| (c) | Applicant: | Quarter in Bloom, Hamilton (HA/28/20) |
| | Purpose of Grant: | Environmental Project |
| | Amount Awarded: | £500 |

(3) to note that formal approval to carry forward unspent money in the 2020/2021 community grants budget would be recommended in the 2020/2021 year-end report to be submitted to the Executive Committee on 23 June 2021.

[Reference: Minutes of 24 March 2021 (Paragraph 4) and Minutes of the Executive Committee of 28 April 2021 (Paragraph4)]

6 Urgent Business

There were no items of urgent business.

Chair's Closing Remarks – Participatory Budgeting

The Chair updated the Committee that, on 10 March 2021, the Executive Committee had considered a report by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) which provided an update on Participatory Budgeting (PB). The following 7 areas, where PB would be part of how the service was planned and delivered, had been agreed:-

- ◆ Renewable Energy Fund (REF) Microgrants
- ◆ street cleaning
- ◆ carriageway resurfacing
- ◆ pupil equity funding
- ◆ place based participatory budgeting programme
- ◆ Housing and Technical Resources' (HTR) Housing Investment Programme (Environmental)/HTR Estates Improvement Budget
- ◆ HTR Community Safety Partnership Commissioning

Following the summer recess, Participatory Budgeting would be a standing item on all Area Committee Agendas.