CLYDESDALE AREA COMMITTEE

Minutes of meeting held via Microsoft Teams on 25 August 2020

Chair:
Councillor Richard Lockhart

Councillors Present:
Councillor Alex Allison, Councillor Poppy Corbett, Councillor Eric Holford, Councillor Eileen Logan, Councillor Julia Marrs, Councillor Catherine McClymont, Councillor Colin McGavigan, Councillor David Shearer

Councillors' Apologies:
Councillor George Greenshields, Councillor Mark Horsham (Depute), Councillor Ian McAllan

Attending:
Education Resources
G Maguire, Lead Officer (Numeracy and Mathematics); C McMillan, Headteacher, Blackwood Primary School and Nursery Class
Finance and Corporate Resources
C Lyon, Administration Officer; L Wyllie, Administration Assistant

1 Declaration of Interests

The following interests were declared:-

Councillor(s)	*Item(s)*	*Nature of Interest(s)*
Lockhart, Marrs and McClymont	Community Grant Applications:- ♦ Lanark Area Tenants' and Residents' Association, Lanark (CL/11/20) ♦ Lanark in Bloom (CL/12/20)	Known to groups

2 Previous Meeting

The Committee decided: that the delegated decisions taken by the Chief Executive, in consultation with Group Leaders, in relation to the previous agenda of 26 May 2020, be noted as a correct record.

3 Education Scotland Report – Blackwood Primary School and Nursery Class

A report dated 10 August 2020 by the Executive Director (Education Resources) was submitted on the outcome of the inspection of Blackwood Primary School and Nursery Class made by Education Scotland.

The inspection had taken place in December 2019 as part of a national sample of primary education and the inspection letter reporting on the findings had been published on 10 March 2020.

A number of particular strengths of the school had been identified in the inspection letter. The areas for improvement, agreed with the school and education authority, had been incorporated into the school's improvement plan and parents would be informed of progress. Education Scotland had intimated that it would make no further visits in connection with this inspection.

C McMillan, Headteacher and G Maguire, Lead Officer (Numeracy and Mathematics), having spoken on key aspects of the report and having responded to members' questions, were congratulated on the positive inspection report.

The Committee decided: that the report be noted.

4 Community Grant Applications

A report dated 10 August 2020 by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) was submitted on applications for community grant.

On 1 May 2020, a briefing note had been issued to elected members outlining a proposal to use £20,000 from the 2020/2021 community grant budget to assist community groups engaged in supporting their local communities during the Covid-19 pandemic. The £20,000 would be apportioned between the 4 Area Committee areas. A report on the awards would be submitted to a future meeting of this Committee for noting.

Following a full discussion regarding the Covid-19 funding to support local communities during the pandemic, officers undertook to circulate further information in relation to the grant process and monies spent to all members of this Committee.

The Committee decided:

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

(a) Applicant: Lunar Gymnastics Club, Lesmahagow *(CL/9/20)*
Purpose of Grant: Equipment
Amount Awarded: £750

(b) Applicant: Biggar and District Community Heritage, Biggar *(CL/10/20)*
Purpose of Grant: Equipment, administration and publicity costs
Amount Awarded: £400

(c) Applicant: Lanark Area Tenants' and Residents' Association, Lanark *(CL/11/20)*
Purpose of Grant: Equipment
Amount Awarded: £600

(d) Applicant: Lanark in Bloom *(CL/12/20)*
Purpose of Grant: Equipment, administration and publicity costs
Amount Awarded: £750

Councillors Lockhart, Marrs and McClymont, having declared an interest in the above and the preceding application, withdrew from the meeting during their consideration. In terms of Standing Order No 5, Councillor Allison took the Chair for those applications only

(e) Applicant: 1st Lesmahagow Cubs and Beavers, Coalburn *(CL/13/20)*
Purpose of Grant: Equipment and materials
Amount Awarded: £300

(f) Applicant: Black Mount Community Council, Biggar *(CL/14/20)*
Purpose of Grant: Administration and publicity costs
Amount Awarded: £200

(2) that the arrangements to use £5,000 from the 2020/2021 community grants budget to assist community groups engaged in supporting their communities during the Covid-19 pandemic be noted.

5 Urgent Business

There were no items of urgent business.