

Monday, 18 January 2021

Dear Councillor

Clydesdale Area Committee

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

Date: Tuesday, 26 January 2021

Time: 14:00

Venue: By Microsoft Teams,

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

Yours sincerely

Cleland Sneddon Chief Executive

Members

Richard Lockhart (Chair), Mark Horsham (Depute Chair), Alex Allison, Poppy Corbett, George Greenshields, Lynsey Hamilton, Eric Holford, Eileen Logan, Julia Marrs, Ian McAllan, Catherine McClymont, Colin McGavigan, David Shearer

BUSINESS

1 Declaration of Interests

2 Minutes of Previous Meeting

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Minutes of the meeting of the Clydesdale Area Committee held on 3 November 2020 submitted for approval as a correct record. (Copy attached)

Item(s) for Noting

3 Police Scotland

Presentation by Local Area Commander Lex Baillie and Inspector Brian Lindie, Police Scotland

Item(s) for Decision

4 Community Grant Applications

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Report dated 11 January 2021 by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources). (Copy attached)

Urgent Business

5 Urgent Business

Any other items of business which the Chair decides are urgent.

For further information, please contact:-

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CLYDESDALE AREA COMMITTEE

Minutes of meeting held via Microsoft Teams on 3 November 2020

Chair:

Councillor Richard Lockhart

Councillors Present:

Councillor Poppy Corbett, Councillor George Greenshields, Councillor Eric Holford, Councillor Mark Horsham (Depute), Councillor Eileen Logan, Councillor Julia Marrs, Councillor Catherine McClymont, Councillor Colin McGavigan, Councillor David Shearer

Councillors' Apologies:

Councillor Alex Allison, Councillor Ian McAllan

Attending:

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)
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Community Grant Applications:-

McGavigan ♦ The Association of Friends of Member

Crawfordjohn Heritage Venture (CL/16/20)

and McClymont (CL/21/20)

2 Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting of the Clydesdale Area Committee held on 25 August 2020 were submitted for approval as a correct record.

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

3 Community Grant Applications

A report dated 19 October 2020 by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) was submitted on applications for community grant.

The Committee decided: that community grants be awarded as follows:-

(a) Applicant: Biggar Netball Club (CL/15/20)

Purpose of Grant: Equipment Amount Awarded: £300

(b) Applicant: The Association of Friends of Crawfordjohn Heritage Venture

(CL/16/20)

Purpose of Grant: Equipment, administration and publicity costs

Amount Awarded: £250

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

(c) Applicant: Come Paint with Us, Blackwood (CL/17/20)

Purpose of Grant: Equipment and materials

Amount Awarded: £250

(d) Applicant: Lamington Committee – Biggar Museum Trust (CL/18/20)

Purpose of Grant: Equipment, administration and publicity costs

Amount Awarded: £450

(e) Applicant: Biggar Babies, Toddlers and Playgroup (CL/19/20)

Purpose of Grant: Equipment

Amount Awarded: £500

(f) Applicant: Law and District Amateur Athletic Club, Carluke (CL/20/20)

Purpose of Grant: Equipment

Amount Awarded: £300

(g) Applicant: Braehead Primary School Parent Council (CL/21/20)

Purpose of Grant: Equipment, administration and publicity costs

Amount Awarded: £250

Councillors Lockhart, Marrs and McClymont, having declared an interest in the above application, withdrew from the meeting during its consideration. Councillor Horsham took the Chair for this application only

Councillor Greenshields left the meeting during consideration of this item of business

4 Urgent Business

There were no items of urgent business.



Report

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Report to: Clydesdale Area Committee

Date of Meeting: 26 January 2021

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 1 community group in the Clydesdale Area Committee area from the 2020/2021 community grant budget
- advise the Area Committee of action taken by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources), in consultation with the Chair, to allocate community grants to 6 community groups in the Clydesdale Area Committee area from the 2020/2021 community grant budget, to assist community groups engaged in supporting their communities during the COVID-19 pandemic

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: Lanark and District Archaelogical Society, Lanark

(CL/22/20)

Amount Requested: £390

Purpose of Grant: Equipment

Amount Awarded: £200

that the action taken by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources), in consultation with the Chair, to allocate community grants to support community groups with their response to the COVID-19 pandemic, be noted, as follows:-

(a) Applicant: Biggar Community Action Group

Amount Requested: £900

Purpose of Grant: Hot meal delivery service to elderly and vulnerable

people

Amount Awarded: £900

(b) Applicant: Blackwood and Kirkmuirhill Resilience Group

Amount Requested: £960

Purpose of Grant: Mental health interventions for shielding people

and anti-bullying packs

Amount Awarded: £960

(c) Applicant: Carstairs Junction Welcome All Hub

Amount Requested: £1,000

Purpose of Grant: Well being boxes for elderly people

Amount Awarded: £1,000

(d) Applicant: Clydesdale Food Bank

Amount Requested: £300

Purpose of Grant: Storage boxes and trolley to support crisis food

provision and food package preparation assisting

vulnerable people and families during the

pandemic

Amount Awarded: £300

(e) Applicant: Coalburn Miners Welfare

Amount Requested: £600

Purpose of Grant: 100 food boxes to assist targeted groups affected

by the pandemic including elderly and those with

health conditions

Amount Awarded: £600

(f) Applicant: ISKCON Scotland

Amount Requested: £1,000

Purpose of Grant: Doorstep food delivery service of nutritious meals

ordered online for elderly and self isolating

vulnerable people

Amount Awarded: £1,000

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.
- 3.4. In light of the community efforts in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, it was agreed that £20,000 from the 2020/2021 community grants budget be allocated to assist community groups engaged in supporting their communities during the COVID-19 pandemic. The £20,000 had been apportioned equally between the 4 Area Committee areas i.e. £5,000 from each.

- 3.5. Community groups who wished to provide assistance and support to those most in need were able to apply for small grants to meet expenses associated with this work. As it was anticipated that funds would be required immediately to assist in the response effort, it had been agreed that applications would be considered by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources), in consultation with the appropriate Chair.
- 3.6 Any remaining balance from the £5,000 allocation from each Area Committee community grants budget, as at 31 December 2020, would be returned to the 2020/2021 community grants budget. As detailed in paragraph 2 above, £4,760 has been awarded to community groups who assisted in the response to the COVID-19 pandemic, leaving a balance of £240.
- 3.7. As per the community grants scheme, community groups would normally only be permitted to submit one application in each financial year, however, community groups that had applied for funding to assist in the COVID-19 response would still be entitled to apply for a grant for another purpose under the scheme in the same financial year.

4. Employee Implications

4.1. None.

5. Financial Implications

5.1. The current position of the community grant and the COVID-19 response grant allocations for the Clydesdale Area Committee area in 2020/2021 is as follows:-

Total allocation for Community Grants	£25,750
Community Grants previously allocated	£ 8,700
Funding allocated to the COVID-19 response effort	£ 4,760
Community grants allocated in this report	£ 200
Remaining balance	£12,090

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)

11 January 2021

Link(s) to Council Values/Ambitions/Objectives

♦ Accountable, effective, efficient and transparent. Work with communities and partners to promote high quality, thriving and sustainable communities

Previous References

♦ Clydesdale Area Committee – 3 November 2020

List of Background Papers

♦ Individual application forms

Contact for Further Information

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

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