

CAMBUSLANG AND RUTHERGLEN AREA COMMITTEE

Minutes of meeting held via Microsoft Teams on 11 May 2021

Chair:

Councillor Carol Nugent

Councillors Present:

Councillor John Bradley (Depute), Councillor Walter Brogan, Councillor Robert Brown, Councillor Janine Calikes, Councillor Margaret Cowie, Councillor Alistair Fulton, Councillor Ann Le Blond, Councillor Martin Lennon, Councillor Margaret B Walker, Councillor Jared Wark

Councillor's Apology:

Councillor Katy Loudon

Attending:

Finance and Corporate Resources

P MacRae, Administration Adviser; K McLeod, Administration Assistant

Also Attending:

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service

A Stewart, Area Commander

Order of Business

The Committee decided: that the items of business be dealt with in the order minuted below.

1 Declaration of Interests

The following interest was declared:-

| Councillor(s) | Item(s) | Nature of Interest(s) |
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| Cowie | Playscheme Grant Application (PS/CR/3/21) Fernhill Kids Playscheme, Rutherglen | Involvement with group |

2 Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting of the Cambuslang and Rutherglen Area Committee held on 23 February 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, Hamilton Community Fire Station, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) gave an update in respect of activity within the Cambuslang and Rutherglen area and how this activity measured against agreed targets for the period 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.

4 Community Grant Applications

A report dated 28 April 2021 by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) was submitted on:-

- ◆ applications for community grant to be met from the 2021/2022 budget
- ◆ 1 community grant application which had been dealt with by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources), in consultation with the Chair, during the period from 23 February 2021 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 £15,680.

The Committee decided:-

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

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| (a) | Applicant: | 2 nd Rutherglen Brownies (CR/1/21) |
| | Purpose of Grant: | Outing and entrance fees |
| | Amount Awarded: | £250 |
| (b) | Applicant: | Kirkhill Bowling Club, Cambuslang (CR/2/21) |
| | Purpose of Grant: | Environmental project/equipment |
| | Amount Awarded: | £300 |

- (2) to note the action taken during the period 23 February to 31 March 2021 by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources), in consultation with the Chair, to approve the award of a community grant of £350 from the 2020/2021 budget to the 217th Gilbertfield Company Boys' Brigade, Cambuslang (CR/15/20) for equipment; and
- (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 23 February 2021 (Paragraph 3) and Minutes of the Executive Committee of 28 April 2021 (Paragraph 4)]

5 Playscheme Grant Applications

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

Playscheme funding allowed 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. Application forms had been recently submitted and were still subject to review in terms of meeting the Council's criteria for receipt of funding. It was, therefore, proposed that grant awards be agreed, in principle, subject to the satisfactory review process.

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

The Chair updated members that:-

- ◆ Cambuslang Universal Connections had advised that a playscheme application would not be submitted as they were operating a programme with support from the Scottish Government
- ◆ High Flyers playscheme group had intimated that they intended to submit a playscheme application

The Committee decided: that playscheme grants be awarded, in principle, as follows:-

- (a) Applicant: Bratpack Playscheme, Rutherglen (PS/CR/1/21))
Amount Awarded: £600
- (b) Applicant: Fernhill Kids Playscheme, Rutherglen (PS/CR/3/21)
Amount Awarded: £600

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

- (c) Applicant: High Flyers Playscheme
Amount Awarded: £600

[Reference: Minutes of 28 April 2020 (Paragraph 3)]

6 Urgent Business

There were no items of urgent business.