



Council Offices, Almada Street
Hamilton, ML3 0AA

Monday, 26 October 2020

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, 03 November 2020
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 25 August 2020 submitted for approval as a correct record. (Copy attached)

Item(s) for Decision

3 Community Grant Applications

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Report dated 19 October 2020 by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources). (Copy attached)

Urgent Business

4 Urgent Business

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

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CLYDESDALE AREA COMMITTEE

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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:- <ul style="list-style-type: none">♦ 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.
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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:-

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| (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

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| (e) | Applicant: | 1 st 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.

Report

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Report to: **Clydesdale Area Committee**
 Date of Meeting: **3 November 2020**
 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 7 community groups in the Clydesdale Area Committee area from the 2020/2021 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:-

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| (a) | Applicant: | Biggar Netball Club (CL/15/20) |
| | Amount Requested: | £820 |
| | Purpose of Grant: | Equipment |
| | Amount Awarded: | £300 |
| (b) | Applicant: | The Association of Friends of Crawfordjohn Heritage Venture (CL/16/20) |
| | Amount Requested: | £285 |
| | Purpose of Grant: | Equipment, administration and publicity costs |
| | Amount Awarded: | £250 |
| (c) | Applicant: | Come Paint with Us, Blackwood (CL/17/20) |
| | Amount Requested: | £500 |
| | Purpose of Grant: | Equipment and materials |
| | Amount Awarded: | £250 |
| (d) | Applicant: | Lamington Committee – Biggar Museum Trust (CL/18/20) |
| | Amount Requested: | £900 |
| | Purpose of Grant: | Equipment, administration and publicity costs |
| | Amount Awarded: | £450 |
| (e) | Applicant: | Biggar Babies, Toddlers and Playgroup (CL/19/20) |
| | Amount Requested: | £1,000 |
| | Purpose of Grant: | Equipment |
| | Amount Awarded: | £500 |

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| (f) | Applicant: | Law and District Amateur Athletic Club, Carlisle
(CL/20/20) |
| | Amount Requested: | £950 |
| | Purpose of Grant: | Equipment |
| | Amount Awarded: | £300 |
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| (g) | Applicant: | Braehead Primary School Parent Council
(CL/21/20) |
| | Amount Requested: | £490 |
| | Purpose of Grant: | Equipment, administration and publicity costs |
| | Amount Awarded: | £250 |

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 respect of those applications received for the purpose of outings and for special events to take place over the forthcoming months, due to the current uncertainty in relation to COVID-19, it is proposed that those applications be approved, in principle. This will provide organisations with the flexibility to reschedule outings and events to a later date, if possible. Groups will be asked to inform the Council of their intentions in this regard. Should an organisation be unable to use the grant award for the planned purpose, the grant funds will require to be returned. As per normal procedure, receipts for all spend must be provided.

4. Employee Implications

- 4.1. None.

5. Financial Implications

- 5.1. The current position of the community grant allocation for the Clydesdale Area Committee area in 2020/2021 is as follows:-

Total allocation for Community Grants	£25,750
Grants previously allocated	£ 6,400
*Funding allocated to the COVID-19 response effort	£ 5,000
Community Grants recommended in this report	£ 2,300
Remaining balance	£12,050

* As reported to this Committee on 25 August 2020

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)

19 October 2020

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 – 25 August 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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