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Sent: Monday, 4 July 2016, 14.43

Subject: Alexander Hamilton Memorial Park

Dear Robert,

**Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA)
Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 2004 (the EI(S)Rs)
Request for information**

Further to your email received by the Council on 21 June 2016 in which you request the following information:

1. Was the £34,500 pounds obtained from Planning gain used in the Alexander Hamilton Memorial Park (AHMP) renovation works.
2. What budgets or funding streams constituted the make up of the £100,000?
3. Can a breakdown of the £100,000 spend in the park be provided .
(Breakdown to show equipment and works provided as well as labour costs)
4. If the planning gains monies were not included, can it be confirmed if the monies are still available and if the monies are not available can details of where this money was spent be provided.

Response to requests

The Council has searched its records and has located the information that you have requested as detailed below.

a) The Council can confirm that the £34,500 planning gain money was used towards the AHMP renovation works.

b) The £100,000 budget was made up as follows; £17,000 Parks Infrastructure Capital Budget, £48,500 Stonehouse Lifestyles Capital Budget, £34,500 Planning Gain as referred to in a) above.

c) Breakdown of the Works are as follows:

- Installation of the toddler play area and upgrade of the middle play area; works include demolition, ground works, artificial surfacing preparation, uplift and installation of equipment and safer surfacing, soft landscaping and fencing. These works came to the value of £51,749.94 and include materials and labour but exclude equipment as this was purchased from revenue budgets.
- Tarmac path repairs £4,175
- Repairs and reinstatement of retaining walls £25,833
- Total spend to date £81,757.94. The balance of £18,242.06 from the capital budget has been identified for the provision of an outdoor gym to be located within the park and will be installed later on this summer.

d) The planning gains monies were included as noted in a) above.

In addition to the works detailed in c) above, the play equipment and new benches for the project were purchased out of Facilities Waste and Ground Services revenue budgets to the value of £21,200 (play equipment) and £7,920 (benches), taking the total spend in the park to £129,120.

I have copied this response to all the local members included in your email so as to keep them informed and reflect their previous interest/involvement in the improvements to the park.

Request for Review

The Council has a Review Panel to deal with complaints from people who are not happy about the way that it has handled their request. Staff not involved in the original decision will handle any review. If you want to complain, you can ask the Review Panel to look at the way that we have dealt with your request. It will consider whether we have complied with the requirements of the legislation. Please note that if you wish to complain, you must do so by 14 September 2016. You must explain why you are not happy when requesting a review.

You should send your request for a review to:

Mr W Dunn
Information Compliance Manager
Finance and Corporate Resources
Floor 13, Council Offices
Almada Street
Hamilton ML3 0AA

Alternatively, you can request a review at foi.reviews@southlanarkshire.gov.uk

Please note that the Review Panel cannot look at any decisions taken by the Council or actions of the Council or any of its employees or a service provided by it that are not connected to the handling of this request for information.

Appeal to the Scottish Information Commissioner

If you are not happy with the outcome of the review, you can appeal to the Scottish Information Commissioner. The Commissioner will decide whether the Council has dealt with your request properly. Please see the Commissioner's website at www.itspublicknowledge.info for further details.

Yours sincerely

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From: robfreel@btinternet.com

Date: 21/06/2016 12:19 PM (GMT+00:00)

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Cc:

Subject: Fw: Planning contributions

To all Elected Members

Following last night's community council meeting where funding and spend on the Alexander Hamilton Memorial Park was discussed it was stated that a £100,000 had been negotiated and obtained to spend on the park renovation. A question was asked if this included the £35,000 of planning gains which had been obtained from previous planning applications and "Ring Fenced" for use in the village. (A copy of the planning gain letter was included in the email trail attached which was sent to all elected members on 22nd July 2012.)

Councillor Cooper stated that she was not aware of the planning gain money of £35,000 and that this was not included in the total funding. Community council secretary asked Councillor Cooper "if this was not included in the spend for the park what was it spent on and if not spent who held the monies".

In essence I now direct the following question(s) to all elected members and the appropriate departments to clarify the position:

- a) Was the £34,500 pounds obtained from Planning gain used in the Alexander Hamilton Memorial Park renovation works.
- b) What budgets or funding streams constituted the make up of the £100,000.

c) Can a breakdown of the £100,000 spend in the park be provided .
(Breakdown to show equipment and works provided as well as labour costs)

c) If the planning gains monies were not included, can it be confirmed if the monies are still available and if the monies are not available can details of where this money was spent be provided.

I would be obliged if this email can also be passed to the relevant departments to be treated as an FOI request.

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Secretary
Stonehouse community council

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Sent: Sunday, 22 July 2012, 12:48
Subject: Planning contributions

Further to my previous email on the Alexander Hamilton Memorial Park and the quest to have it tidied up please find attached a copy of a letter received in December 2009 indicating that there was 34K of planning contributions available for stonehouse. This money as far as I am aware has not been spend and the community council sought some local youth organisations to take on board getting a timer fitted to the lighting system at the running track which could be set during the winter to give groups the opportunity to use the hard play area and running track up to 9.30 or 10pm before lights cut off automatically. As far as I am aware no group took up this offer, and this money has never been spent unless any of the previous term councillors can advise otherwise.

This information was also provided to some toddler groups who were interested in equipment for the park. The following link is to russel play equipment <http://www.russell-play.com/product> prices were obtained for some prodcuts but I have not retained these. I am sure Ian Guild can check costs out. The availability of the money was also passed to Iain.

This money does not necessary need to be spent in the park however given the amount it may assist in getting some worthwhile capitol investment.

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