

EAST KILBRIDE AREA COMMITTEE

Minutes of meeting held via Confero and in Committee Room 1, Council Offices, Almada Street, Hamilton on 12 September 2023

Chair:

Councillor Archie Buchanan

Councillors Present:

Councillor John Anderson, Councillor Mathew Buchanan, Councillor Joe Fagan (ex officio), Councillor Grant Ferguson, Councillor Elise Frame, Councillor Susan Kerr, Councillor Hugh Macdonald, Councillor Elaine McDougall, Councillor Kirsten Robb, Councillor Graham Scott, Councillor David Watson, Councillor Kirsty Williams

Councillors' Apologies:

Councillor Gerry Convery, Councillor Margaret Cooper, Councillor Gladys Ferguson-Miller, Councillor Geri Gray (Depute), Councillor Monique McAdams

Attending:

Finance and Corporate Resources

H Calley, Administration Officer; J Crumless, Community Development Officer; J Kerr, Community Engagement Manager; L Wyllie, Administration Assistant

Also Attending:

Police Scotland

Inspector D Doherty; Chief Inspector S McGovern

1 Declaration of Interests

No interests were declared.

2 Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting of the East Kilbride Area Committee held on 13 June 2023 were submitted for approval as a correct record.

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

3 East Kilbride Citizens Advice Bureau

The Chair advised that the presentation by the East Kilbride Citizens Advice Bureau would be postponed to a future meeting of the Committee.

The Committee decided: that the position be noted.

4 Local Policing Annual Update

Chief Inspector S McGovern and Inspector D Doherty, Police Scotland, gave a presentation on the following key priorities of the new 3-year Local Policing Plan:-

- ◆ protecting our communities
- ◆ safeguarding our citizens
- ◆ enhancing our service

Details were provided on initiatives undertaken to support each of those priorities under the following headings:-

- ◆ youth disorder intervention initiatives
- ◆ the purchase of quad bikes through the support of the Community Safety Partnership
- ◆ partnership working with schools and community officers
- ◆ targeting known drug users and those concerned in the supply of drugs by Community Policing Teams and Proactive Units
- ◆ a multi-agency Day of Action
- ◆ preventative and proactive policing measures to reduce acquisitive crime
- ◆ road safety initiatives and events

Chief Inspector McGovern and Inspector Doherty, having responded to members' questions, were thanked for their informative presentation.

The Committee decided: that the presentation be noted.

[Reference: Minutes of 23 August 2022 (Paragraph 4)]

5 Community Partnership Board Update

A report dated 23 August 2023 by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) was submitted providing background and an update on the work of the East Kilbride and Strathaven Community Partnership.

Following work to consider how the Community Planning Partnership (CPP) Board should be structured at a thematic/local level, proposals had been approved by the CPP Board in December 2019 which included the formation of Neighbourhood Partnerships at a locality level. As a result, the community planning areas were structured into 4 collaborative, locality level, Community Partnership Boards for Rutherglen and Cambuslang, Clydesdale, East Kilbride and Hamilton, which was still in development. Boards included representatives from development trusts, community councils, neighbourhood planning action groups and other local community anchor organisations and were chaired by community leaders who had a place on the CPP Board.

Those Partnerships provided a link for the Community Planning Partnership to take forward the Community Plan and Neighbourhood Plans alongside its community partners.

Details were given on the current progress of the Community Partnership Board including:-

- ◆ development work to increase its membership
- ◆ the use of the £2,000 Lived Experience Funding allocated by the CPP Board
- ◆ a mapping exercise to review how representative each of the current groups were of their local area
- ◆ linking with existing community-led plans and neighbourhood plans
- ◆ development work on new neighbourhood planning arrangements
- ◆ the East Kilbride Stakeholders Group

The East Kilbride and Strathaven Community Partnership Board met on 15 June 2023 and it was agreed to hold a development session to which all stakeholders would be invited as well as representatives from the 2 established community partnership boards, Clydesdale and Cambuslang and Rutherglen.

The Can Do Community Fund was a 1-year investment fund from the Council for neighbourhoods in Community Partnership areas without Participatory Budgeting funding. The funding aimed to address specific needs and targeted projects identified through consultation with local communities. Monies were not available in areas where a Neighbourhood Plan was in place.

Community organisations, including community councils, had the opportunity to apply for grants of up to £10,000 to tackle identified issues within their areas, whether they required revenue, capital funding or a combination of both. The fund had a £200,000 limit for the whole of South Lanarkshire and could benefit a minimum of 20 projects.

Area Committees would be requested to make the final decisions on those applications that had met the funding criteria and had evidenced community support.

Officers responded to members' questions on various aspects of the report.

The Committee decided: that the progress being made in respect of the East Kilbride and Strathaven Community Partnership Board be noted.

6 Community Grant Applications

A report dated 28 August 2023 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:-

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| (a) | Applicant: | Happy Corner Club, East Kilbride (EK/18/23) |
| | Purpose of Grant: | Specialist transport |
| | Amount Awarded: | £300 |
| (b) | Applicant: | Stonehouse Senior Citizens' Pavilion (EK/19/23) |
| | Purpose of Grant: | Outing |
| | Amount Awarded: | £300 |
| (c) | Applicant: | Midweek Walking Group, East Kilbride (EK/20/23) |
| | Purpose of Grant: | Outing, administration and publicity costs |
| | Amount Awarded: | £300 |
| (d) | Applicant: | Society of St Vincent de Paul, East Kilbride (EK/23/23) |
| | Purpose of Grant: | Outing |
| | Amount Awarded: | £300 |
| (e) | Applicant: | Lammermoor Allotments Association, East Kilbride (EK/24/23) |
| | Purpose of Grant: | Equipment |
| | Amount Awarded: | £588 |
| (f) | Applicant: | East Kilbride Twins and Triplets Club (EK/26/23) |
| | Purpose of Grant: | Entrance fees |
| | Amount Awarded: | £350 |

[Reference: Minutes of 13 June 2023 (Paragraph 6)]

7 Urgent Business

There were no items of urgent business.