

Report

Report to:	East Kilbride Area Committee
Date of Meeting:	23 August 2022
Report by:	Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources)

Subject:	East Kilbride's 75th Anniversary as a New Town (EK@75)
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1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ Advise of the allocation of grants from the 2021/2022 community grants budget, approved under delegated authority by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources), in consultation with the Chair, with the exception of the application by East Kilbride and District Dementia Carers' Group due to the Chair declaring an interest, and all other East Kilbride Area Committee members

2. Recommendation(s)

2.1. The Committee is asked to approve the following recommendation(s):-

- (1) that the allocation of grants from the 2021/2022 community grants budget for projects to celebrate EK@75, approved under delegated authority, be noted as follows:-

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| (a) | Applicant: | Special Needs Adventure Playground |
| | Amount Requested: | £1,500 |
| | Purpose of Grant: | EK@75 themed 4 week summer playscheme |
| | Amount Awarded: | £1,500 |
| (b) | Applicant: | East Kilbride and District Dementia Carers' Group* |
| | Amount Requested: | £1,800 |
| | Purpose of Grant: | High tea for service users and staff to celebrate EK@75 and the Queen's Jubilee |
| | Amount Awarded: | £1,800 |
| (c) | Applicant: | Friends of Langlands Moss |
| | Amount Requested: | £1,000 |
| | Purpose of Grant: | Planting of 100 to 150 trees |
| | Amount Awarded: | £1,000 |
| (d) | Applicant: | Share Alike |
| | Amount Requested: | £2,000 |
| | Purpose of Grant: | Wall and shop front mural by local children working with an artist |
| | Amount Awarded: | £2000 |

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| (e) | Applicant: | Sea Cadet Corps East Kilbride Unit 550 |
| | Amount Requested: | £500 |
| | Purpose of Grant: | Joint “birthday bash” party for EK@75 and the Cadets’ 50 th anniversary |
| | Amount Awarded: | £500 |
| (f) | Applicant: | Encore Stars Academy |
| | Amount Requested: | £2,000 |
| | Purpose of Grant: | livestreamed performance in EK@75 uniform, photoshoot and short video |
| | Amount Awarded: | £2,000 |
| (g) | Applicant: | Trust Jack Foundation |
| | Amount Requested: | £2,000 |
| | Purpose of Grant: | Trips and activities for the group |
| | Amount Awarded: | £400 |
| (h) | Applicant: | 3 rd East Kilbride Scout Group |
| | Amount Requested: | £2,000 |
| | Purpose of Grant: | 75 th birthday themed group camp |
| | Amount Awarded: | £400 |
| (i) | Applicant: | East Kilbride Cricket Club |
| | Amount Requested: | £1,500 |
| | Purpose of Grant: | Summer coaching camps and celebration dinner for EK@75 and the club’s 60 th anniversary |
| | Amount Awarded: | £400 |

3. Background

- 3.1. To commemorate the 75th anniversary of East Kilbride’s designation as a New Town and following a survey, promoted through the Council’s website and social media platforms (see Section 4), applications were invited from groups to host events which reflected the type of celebrations the community identified as being its wishes throughout the engagement process. This allowed the celebrations to be community led and at grass roots level, with the opportunity for every community to be involved in the design and delivery of an event which meant something to them.
- 3.2. Following receipt of the applications for EK@75 grant award, a working group of officers and partners met to consider the applications and to make recommendations on the level of award, as detailed in Section 2 of this paper. The grant award could be used to fund materials, resources, venue hire, hospitality, promotion or similar costs to facilitate small local events or projects.
- 3.3. Recommendations were made by the working group on the basis that the projects with the closest focus on EK@75 were fully funded and the remainder of the funding split between the final 3 which they considered to be worthy projects but not as directly linked to the anniversary. The maximum grant available per group was £2,000.

4. EK@75 Summary Survey Results

- 4.1. The survey was designed with input from stakeholders from statutory and voluntary agencies who contributed to the design and delivery methods.

4.2. 1,051 people responded to the survey, with the top 10 results as follows:-

♦ Mural	258
♦ Historical event	247
♦ Street party/party	196
♦ Fair/gala/festival	187
♦ Time capsule	183
♦ Walking tour	126
♦ Art work (banners/flags/posters)	99
♦ Fireworks display	91
♦ General improvements to East Kilbride	90
♦ Parade	85

4.3. People shared memories when responding to the survey and those that stood out were detailed in the summary survey results.

4.4. Feedback from the survey was published through the Council's Communications Team, with the Community Engagement Team sharing a list of the proposals arising with the community networks in East Kilbride.

5. Employee Implications

5.1. None.

6. Financial Implications

6.1. Award funding totalling £10,000 had been identified from unspent funds within the Community Grants budget allocated to the East Kilbride Area Committee in 2021/2022 and had been allocated towards supporting specific community activities to celebrate EK@75.

7. Climate Change, Sustainability and Environmental Implications

7.1. There are no implications for climate change, sustainability or the environment in terms of the information contained in this report.

8. Other Implications

8.1. None.

9. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements

9.1. 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.

9.2. All the necessary consultation with the community groups has taken place and the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) consulted with the Area Committee members before agreeing the allocation of grants.

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4 August 2022

Link(s) to Council Vision/Priorities/Values

♦ Accountable, effective, efficient and transparent

- ◆ Caring, connected, sustainable communities

Previous References

- ◆ None

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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