



Council Offices, Almada Street  
Hamilton, ML3 0AA

Tuesday, 16 February 2021

Dear Councillor

## **East Kilbride Area Committee**

The Members listed below are requested to attend a meeting of the above Committee to be held as follows:-

**Date:** Wednesday, 24 February 2021  
**Time:** 14:00 (or immediately following the Special Council meeting, whichever is the later)  
**Venue:** By Microsoft Teams,

The business to be considered at the meeting is listed overleaf.

Yours sincerely

**Cleland Sneddon**  
**Chief Executive**

### **Members**

Archie Buchanan (Chair), Isobel Dorman (Depute Chair), John Anderson, Graeme Campbell, Gerry Convery, Margaret Cooper, Fiona Dryburgh, Joe Fagan, Grant Ferguson, Geri Gray, Ian Harrow, Hugh Macdonald, Monique McAdams, Gladys Miller, Graham Scott, Collette Stevenson, Jim Wardhaugh, David Watson

## BUSINESS

### 1 Declaration of Interests

- 2 **Minutes of Previous Meeting** 3 - 4  
Minutes of the meeting of the East Kilbride Area Committee held on 2 December 2020 submitted for approval as a correct record. (Copy attached)

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#### Item(s) for Noting

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- 3 **East Kilbride - Masterplan**  
Presentation by the Executive Directors (Community and Enterprise Resources) and (Housing and Technical Resources)

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#### Item(s) for Decision

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- 4 **Community Grant Applications** 5 - 8  
Report dated 8 February 2021 by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources). (Copy attached)

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#### Urgent Business

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- 5 **Urgent Business**  
Any other items of business which the Chair decides are urgent.

#### ***For further information, please contact:-***

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# EAST KILBRIDE AREA COMMITTEE

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Minutes of meeting held via Microsoft Teams on 2 December 2020

**Chair:**

Councillor Archie Buchanan

**Councillors Present:**

Councillor John Anderson, Councillor Graeme Campbell, Councillor Gerry Convery, Councillor Margaret Cooper, Councillor Isobel Dorman (Depute), Councillor Grant Ferguson, Councillor Ian Harrow, Councillor Hugh Macdonald, Councillor Monique McAdams, Councillor Gladys Miller, Councillor Graham Scott, Councillor Collette Stevenson, Councillor David Watson

**Councillors' Apologies:**

Councillor Fiona Dryburgh, Councillor Joe Fagan, Councillor Geri Gray, Councillor Jim Wardhaugh

**Attending:**

**Finance and Corporate Resources**

L Paterson, Administration Adviser, L Wyllie Administration Assistant

**Also Attending:**

**Police Scotland**

Chief Inspector L Baillie; Inspector S McGovern

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## 1 Declaration of Interests

No interests were declared.

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## 2 Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting of the East Kilbride Area Committee held on 23 September 2020 were submitted for approval as a correct record.

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

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## 3 Police Scotland -Update

Chief Inspector Baillie and Inspector McGovern, Police Scotland provided details of the following key priorities for South Lanarkshire as detailed in the new (pan Lanarkshire) Local Policing Plan 2020 to 2023:-

- ◆ reducing violence and disorder
- ◆ public protection and protecting people at risk of harm
- ◆ tackling housebreaking and acquisitive crime
- ◆ reducing harm caused by substance misuse

Information was also provided on:-

- ◆ various activities and positive policing outcomes in the local community
- ◆ the deployment of Special Constables to support Officers during the peak of the COVID-19 pandemic
- ◆ the roll out of mobile devices which commenced between January and April 2020 and had enabled Officers to spend more time in the community

- ♦ the use of Microsoft Teams which had allowed Partnership meetings to be held remotely and had also enabled Police Scotland, the Council, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service and other Partners to continue to work collectively during the COVID-19 pandemic
- ♦ school based Police Officers deployed to Calderglen and Duncanrig High Schools through a joint agreement between Police Scotland and the schools, working together to provide early interventions

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

**The Committee decided:** that the presentation be noted.

*[Reference: Minutes of 7 November 2018 (Paragraph 3)]*

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#### **4 Community Grant Applications**

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A report dated 16 November 2020 by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) was submitted on an application for a community grant.

The Chair referred to the arrangement 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. He advised that an application for a COVID-19 response community grant had been received from Darcy's Equine Assisted Learning Centre, Strathaven and he, in consultation with the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources), had agreed that a grant of £1,000 be awarded.

The purpose of the grant would allow 16 adults, who were mobility challenged, and their full-time carers to attend the Centre for a one hour 1:1 Session. Details of the grant application and award of grant had been circulated to members.

**The Committee decided:**

- (1) that a community grant be awarded as follows:-

Applicant:	Duncanrig Rambling Club, East Kilbride (EK/19/20)
Purpose of Grant:	Outing, administration and publicity costs
Amount Awarded:	£300

- (2) that the award of a COVID-19 response grant of £1,000 to Darcy's Equine Assisted Learning Centre, Strathaven be noted.

*[Reference: Minutes of 23 June 2020 (Paragraph 3)]*

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#### **5 Urgent Business**

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There were no items of urgent business.

# Report

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Report to: **East Kilbride Area Committee**  
 Date of Meeting: **24 February 2021**  
 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 2 community groups in the East Kilbride Area Committee area from the 2020/2021 community grant budget
- ◆ request authorisation for the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources), in consultation with the Chair, to approve further community grant applications meeting the relevant criteria in the period to 31 March 2021 from the 2020/2021 budget
- ◆ advise the Area Committee of action taken by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources), in consultation with the Chair, to allocate community grants to 2 community groups in the East Kilbride Area Committee area from the 2020/2021 community grant budget, to assist community groups engaged in supporting their communities during the COVID-19 pandemic

## 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:    | Strathaven Camera Club ( <i>EK/21/20</i> )                       |
| Amount Requested: | £300   |
| Purpose of Grant: | Administration and publicity costs                               |
| Amount Awarded:   | £200   |
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| (b) Applicant:    | Allers Allotments Association, East Kilbride ( <i>EK/22/20</i> ) |
| Amount Requested: | £300   |
| Purpose of Grant: | Materials  |
| Amount Awarded:   | £200   |

(2) request authorisation for the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources), in consultation with the Chair, to approve any further community grant applications meeting the relevant criteria in the period to 31 March 2021 from the 2020/2021 budget; and

(3) that the action taken by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources), in consultation with the Chair, to allocate community grants to support community groups with their response to the COVID-19 pandemic, be noted, as follows:-

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| (a) | Applicant:        | Darcy's Equine Centre (Chapelton)  |
|     | Amount Requested: | £960   |
|     | Purpose of Grant: | carer and disabled wellbieng address together in an outdoor setting                          |
|     | Amount Awarded:   | £960   |
| (b) | Applicant:        | Waste Not Want not   |
|     | Amount Requested: | £1,000   |
|     | Purpose of Grant: | help for carer and supplementary support for existing agencies working with shielding people |
|     | Amount Awarded:   | £1,000   |

### **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 light of the community efforts in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, it was agreed that £20,000 from the 2020/2021 community grants budget be allocated to assist community groups engaged in supporting their communities during the COVID-19 pandemic. The £20,000 had been apportioned equally between the 4 Area Committee areas i.e. £5,000 from each.
- 3.5. Community groups who wished to provide assistance and support to those most in need were able to apply for small grants to meet expenses associated with this work. As it was anticipated that funds would be required immediately to assist in the response effort, it had been agreed that applications would be considered by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources), in consultation with the appropriate Chair.

3.6 Any remaining balance from the £5,000 allocation from each Area Committee community grants budget, as at 31 December 2020, would be returned to the 2020/2021 community grants budget. As detailed in paragraph 2 above, £1,960 has been awarded to community groups who assisted in the response to the COVID-19 pandemic, leaving a balance of £3,040.

3.7. As per the community grants scheme, community groups would normally only be permitted to submit one application in each financial year, however, community groups that had applied for funding to assist in the COVID-19 response would still be entitled to apply for a grant for another purpose under the scheme in the same financial year.

#### **4. Employee Implications**

4.1. None.

#### **5. Financial Implications**

5.1. The current position of the community grant and the COVID-19 response grant allocations for the East Kilbride Area Committee area in 2020/2021 is as follows:-

Total allocation for Community Grants	£25,750
Community Grants previously allocated	£7,350
Funding allocated to the COVID-19 response effort	£1,960
Community grants allocated in this report	£400
Remaining balance	£16,040

5.2. In view of the fact that this is the last meeting of the Committee in the current financial year, and to allow any further applications submitted prior to the end of the current financial year to be considered, it is proposed that the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources), in consultation with the Chair, be authorised to approve any further community grant applications meeting the relevant criteria in the period to 31 March 2021. Information on those grants awarded would be reported to a future meeting.

#### **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)**

8 February 2021

**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**

- ◆ East Kilbride Area Committee – 2 December 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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