

# EAST KILBRIDE AREA COMMITTEE

Minutes of meeting held via Microsoft Teams on 6 October 2021

## Chair:

Councillor Isobel Dorman (Depute)

## Councillors Present:

Councillor John Anderson, Councillor Gerry Convery, Councillor Margaret Cooper, Councillor Joe Fagan, Councillor Grant Ferguson, Councillor Geri Gray, Councillor Ian Harrow, Councillor Hugh Macdonald, Councillor Gladys Miller, Councillor Graham Scott, Councillor Jim Wardhaugh, Councillor David Watson

## Councillors' Apologies:

Councillor Archie Buchanan (Chair), Councillor Graeme Campbell, Councillor Fiona Dryburgh, Councillor Monique McAdams, Councillor Collette Stevenson

## Attending:

### Education Resources

L Mitchell, Quality Improvement Manager

### Finance and Corporate Resources

H Calley, Administration Officer; L Wyllie, Administration Assistant

## Also Attending:

### Scottish Fire and Rescue Service

P McDonald, Station Commander

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## 1 Declaration of Interests

The following interests were declared:-

| <b>Councillor(s)</b> | <b>Item(s)</b>  | <b>Nature of Interest(s)</b>           |
|----------------------|---|--|
| Dorman               | Community Grant Application EK/18/20<br>Friends of Stonehouse Park                | Member                                 |
| Macdonald            | Community Grant Application EK/3/21<br>East Kilbride Youth Disability Sports Club | Board member of a similar organisation |
| Watson               | Community Grant Application EK/3/21<br>East Kilbride Youth Disability Sports Club | Vice Chair                             |

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## 2 Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting of the East Kilbride Area Committee held on 11 August 2021 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 Presentation – Lanarkshire Prevention and Protection Department

P McDonald, Station Commander, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, gave a presentation on the requirements of the Housing (Scotland) Act 1987 (Tolerable Standard) (Extension of Criterion) Order 2019 which was due to be implemented in February 2022.

The legislation now included smoke and heat alarms and the presence, type and condition of smoke and heat alarms in a house would be considered when deciding if the house met the tolerable standard.

The presentation provided information in relation to the legislation including:-

- ◆ the tragic events at Grenfell Tower which led to a change in the legislation
- ◆ implementation of the legislation
- ◆ requirements of the legislation
- ◆ types of alarms to be fitted
- ◆ responsibility for installation of the detectors/alarms
- ◆ measures which the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service would take to ensure that a home was not left unprotected

Station Commander McDonald, having responded to members' questions, was thanked for his informative presentation.

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

*Councillors Cooper and Gray joined the meeting during consideration of this item of business. Councillor Macdonald left the meeting during this item of business*

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#### **4 Participatory Budgeting - Education Resources - Pupil Equity Funding**

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A report dated 23 September 2021 by the Executive Director (Education Resources) was submitted on Participatory Budgeting (PB) in relation to Pupil Equity Funding (PEF).

146 out of 148 schools within South Lanarkshire received PEF which was targeted at supporting pupils affected by poverty. Each school would set aside a minimum of 5% of its PEF allocation, which equated to £0.495 million, and members of the public had been asked to indicate how this should be spent. Details of the breakdown of spend within the East Kilbride area were provided in appendices 1 to 3 to the report.

Schools had set up a PB group, consisting of pupils and parents/carers. This group would lead PB activity in schools, consulting with stakeholders to generate ideas and facilitate the voting. Details of the ideas from stakeholders were provided in the report. On 8 October 2021, schools would submit the outcome of the PB process to Education Resources and details would be reported at the next meeting of the Area Committee.

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

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#### **5 Community Grant Applications**

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A report dated 20 September 2021 by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) was submitted on applications for community grants.

**The Committee decided:** that community grants be awarded as follows:-

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| (a) | Applicant:        | East Kilbride Youth Disability Sports Club (EK/3/21)      |
|     | Purpose of Grant: | Outing, entrance fees, administration and publicity costs |
|     | Amount Awarded:   | £600  |

*Councillors Macdonald and Watson, having declared an interest in the above application, withdrew from the meeting during its consideration.*

- (b) Applicant: Multiple Sclerosis Society Lanarkshire Group, East Kilbride  
(EK/4/21)  
Purpose of Grant: Entrance fees  
Amount Awarded: £250
- (c) Applicant: Stonehouse Heritage Group (EK/6/21)  
Purpose of Grant: Administration and publicity costs  
Amount Awarded: £300
- (d) Applicant: Friends of Stonehouse Park (EK/5/21)  
Purpose of Grant: Equipment, administration and publicity costs  
Amount Awarded: £315

*Councillor Dorman, having declared an interest in the above application, withdrew from the meeting during its consideration and, in terms of Standing Order No 32(b), Councillor Miller took the Chair for this application only*

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## **6 Urgent Business**

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There were no items of urgent business.