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| Report to: | East Kilbride Area Committee |
| Date of Meeting: | 31 January 2023 |
| Report by: | Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) |

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| Subject: | Community Grant Applications/Warm Welcome Initiative |
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1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ request approval for the allocation of community grants to 5 community groups in the East Kilbride Area Committee area from the 2022/2023 community grant budget
- ◆ advise of grants awarded to community and voluntary groups/organisations in the East Kilbride Area Committee area in response to the Warm Welcome Initiative

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: | East Kilbride and District Indoor Bowling, Club, East Kilbride (<i>EK/32/22</i>) |
| Purpose of Grant: | Outing |
| Identified Community Benefits: | Caring, connected, sustainable communities |
| Estimated Cost: | £600 |
| Total Eligible Grant Applied for: | £350 |
| Recommendation: | £300 (£300 bowling club) |
| Amount Awarded: | To be determined by the Committee |
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| (b) Applicant: | XRR Mountaineering Club, East Kilbride (<i>CL/33/22</i>) |
| Purpose of Grant: | Outing |
| Identified Community Benefits: | Caring, connected, sustainable communities |
| Estimated Cost: | £500 |
| Total Eligible Grant Applied for: | £500 |
| Recommendation: | £300 (£300 other sporting group) |
| Amount Awarded: | To be determined by the Committee |

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| (c) | Applicant: | Claremont Rambling Club, East Kilbride (EK/34/22) |
| | Purpose of Grant: | Outing, administration and publicity costs |
| | Identified Community Benefits: | Caring, connected, sustainable communities |
| | Estimated Cost: | £1,000 |
| | Total Eligible Grant Applied for: | £1,000 |
| | Recommendation: | £480 (£300 other sporting group plus 60% of £300 administration and publicity costs) |
| | Amount Awarded: | To be determined by the Committee |
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| (d) | Applicant: | Sandford WRI, Strathaven (EK/35/22) |
| | Purpose of Grant: | Outing and entrance fees |
| | Identified Community Benefits: | Caring, connected, sustainable communities |
| | Estimated Cost: | £1,000 |
| | Total Eligible Grant Applied for: | £350 |
| | Recommendation: | £350 (£350 outing and entrance fees) |
| | Amount Awarded: | To be determined by the Committee |
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| (e) | Applicant: | Friends of Stonehouse Park, Stonehouse (EK/36/22) |
| | Purpose of Grant: | Equipment, administration and publicity costs |
| | Identified Community Benefits: | Caring, connected, sustainable communities |
| | Estimated Cost: | £500 |
| | Total Eligible Grant Applied for: | £500 |
| | Recommendation: | £300 (60% of £500) |
| | Amount Awarded: | To be determined by the Committee |

(2) that the award of 11 grants, totalling £10,500, to the following community and voluntary groups/organisations in the East Kilbride Area in response to the Warm Welcome Initiative be noted:-

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| (a) | Applicant: | East Kilbride West Kirk |
| | Amount Applied for: | £1,000 |
| | Amount Awarded: | £1,000 |
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| (b) | Applicant: | St Andrew's Methodist Church, East Kilbride |
| | Amount Applied for: | £1,000 |
| | Amount Awarded: | £1,000 |
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| (c) | Applicant: | Trust Jack Foundation, Stonehouse |
| | Amount Applied for: | £1,000 |
| | Amount Awarded: | £1,000 |
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| (d) | Applicant: | The Village Centre, East Kilbride |
| | Amount Applied for: | £1,000 |
| | Amount Awarded: | £1,000 |

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| (e) | Applicant: | Calderwood Baptist Church, East Kilbride |
| | Amount Applied for: | £1,000 |
| | Amount Awarded: | £1,000 |
| (f) | Applicant: | Avendale Old Parish Church, Strathaven |
| | Amount Applied for: | £1,000 |
| | Amount Awarded: | £1,000 |
| (g) | Applicant: | Healthy and Active in East Kilbride |
| | Amount Applied for: | £1,000 |
| | Amount Awarded: | £1,000 |
| (h) | Applicant: | Strathaven Ruby Club |
| | Amount Applied for: | £1,000 |
| | Amount Awarded: | £1,000 |
| (i) | Applicant: | Stonehouse Business Association |
| | Amount Applied for: | £1,000 |
| | Amount Awarded: | £1,000 |
| (j) | Applicant: | East Kilbride Moncrieff Parish Church |
| | Amount Applied for: | £1,000 |
| | Amount Awarded: | £1,000 |
| (k) | Applicant: | Coffee, Chat and Company, East Kilbride |
| | Amount Applied for: | £500 |
| | Amount Awarded: | £500 |

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. At the meeting of the full Council on 28 September 2022, it was agreed that the Chief Executive would bring forward a package of cost of living supports for agreement, in consultation with the Group Leaders and endorsed by the Executive Committee at its meeting on 30 November 2022. This package included support for a Warm Welcome Initiative.

- 3.5. Working in conjunction with South Lanarkshire Leisure and Culture and community and voluntary groups and organisations, the Warm Welcome Initiative is a network of warm spaces in community settings and public buildings where members of the public are welcomed and can participate in activities and access advice and support. To support the Initiative, a small grants scheme was created offering grants to a maximum of £1,000 to cover extra costs incurred by offering a Warm Welcome. A total of £40,000 was identified for the Initiative and the monies were apportioned equally between the 4 Area Committees.
- 3.6. As funds were required immediately to assist in the response effort, it was agreed that applications would be considered by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources), in consultation with the relevant Area Committee Chair (or Depute) and submitted to the Area Committee for noting.
- 3.7. In terms of the community grants scheme, community groups would normally only be permitted to submit 1 application in each financial year, however, community groups that applied for funding to assist in the Warm Welcome Initiative are entitled to apply for a grant for another purpose under the scheme in the same financial year.
- 3.8. A total of 11 grants were awarded to community and voluntary groups/organisations in the East Kilbride Area, totalling £10,500. As the total exceeded the budget of £10,000, with the agreement of the Depute Chair, the additional £500 would be met from the existing community grants budget for 2022/2023.

4. Employee Implications

- 4.1. None.

5. Financial Implications

- 5.1. The current position of the community for the East Kilbride Area Committee area in 2022/2023 is as follows:-

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| Total allocation for Community Grants | £25,750.00 |
| Grants previously allocated | £11,776.40 |
| *Warm Welcome Initiative grants (exceeding £10,000 allocated) | £500.00 |
| Community grants allocated in this report | £1,730.00 |
| Remaining balance | £11,743.60 |

* as referred to in paragraph 3.8 above

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)

17 January 2023

Link(s) to Council Values/Priorities/Outcomes

- ◆ Accountable, effective, efficient and transparent
- ◆ We will work towards a sustainable future in sustainable places
- ◆ Caring, connected, sustainable communities

Previous References

- ◆ East Kilbride Area Committee – 1 November 2022
- ◆ Executive Committee – 30 November 2022
- ◆ South Lanarkshire Council – 28 September 2022

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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