



Council Offices, Almada Street
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Tuesday, 04 February 2020

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, 12 February 2020

Time: 14:00

Venue: Council Chamber, East Kilbride Civic Centre, Andrew Street, East Kilbride, G74 1AB

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

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Minutes of meeting of the East Kilbride Area Committee held on 20 November 2019 submitted for approval as a correct record. (Copy attached)

Item(s) for Noting

3 Education Scotland Report - Halfmerke Primary School

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Report dated 27 January 2020 by the Executive Director (Education Resources). (Copy attached)

Item(s) for Decision

4 Community Grant Applications

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Report dated 29 January 2020 by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources). (Copy attached)

Item(s) for Noting

5 South Lanarkshire Leisure and Culture

Presentation by Raymond Anderson, Senior Venues Officer and Paul Roe, Recreation Supervisor, South Lanarkshire Leisure and Culture

Urgent Business

6 Urgent Business

Any other items of business which the Chair decides are urgent.

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EAST KILBRIDE AREA COMMITTEE

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Minutes of meeting held in the Council Chamber, Civic Centre, East Kilbride on 20 November 2019

Chair:

Councillor Archie Buchanan

Councillors Present:

Councillor John Anderson, Councillor Graeme Campbell, Councillor Isobel Dorman (Depute), Councillor Joe Fagan, Councillor Grant Ferguson, Councillor Hugh Macdonald, Councillor Gladys Miller, Councillor Graham Scott, Councillor Jim Wardhaugh, Councillor David Watson

Councillors' Apologies:

Councillor Gerry Convery, Councillor Margaret Cooper, Councillor Fiona Dryburgh, Councillor Geri Gray, Councillor Ian Harrow, Councillor Monique McAdams, Councillor Collette Stevenson

Attending:

Community and Enterprise Resources

M Muir, Roads Area Manager (East Kilbride, Cambuslang and Rutherglen)

Education Resources

C Reid, Headteacher, Mount Cameron Primary School and Nursery Class; L Sherry, Head of Education (Corporate Planning and Support Services)

Finance and Corporate Resources

S McLeod, Administration Officer

Also Attending:

Police Scotland

Chief Inspector L Baillie; Inspector A Higgins

Order of Business

The Committee decided:	that the items of business be dealt with in the order minuted below.
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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 11 September 2019 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 Roads Investment Plan – Progress Report

A report dated 27 September 2019 by the Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources) was submitted on progress with roads investment activity within the East Kilbride Area Committee area.

Details were provided on the:-

- ♦ phasing of the expenditure on the Council's road network since 2008, totalling £137 million
- ♦ progress made in relation to the schemes within the East Kilbride Area Committee area which showed that, as at 13 September 2019, 29 schemes had been completed and 14 were in progress or programmed to be completed by the end of March 2020

The Roads Area Manager gave a presentation on key aspects of the roads investment activity, advising that, to date, 39 schemes had been completed.

Having responded to members' questions, the Roads Area Manager was thanked by the Chair for his informative presentation.

The Committee decided: that the progress with roads investment activity within the East Kilbride Area Committee area be noted.

[Reference: Minutes of 7 November 2018 (Paragraph 5)]

4 Education Scotland Report – Mount Cameron Primary School and Nursery Class, East Kilbride

A report dated 24 October 2019 by the Executive Director (Education Resources) was submitted on the outcome of the inspection of Mount Cameron Primary School and Nursery Class, East Kilbride made by Education Scotland.

The inspection had taken place in April 2019 as part of a national sample of primary education and the inspection letter reporting on the findings had been published on 1 October 2019.

A number of particular strengths of the school had been identified in the inspection letter. The areas of improvement, agreed with the school and education authority, had been incorporated into the school's improvement plan and parents would be informed of progress. Education Scotland had intimated that they would make no further visits in connection with this inspection.

The Head of Education and the Headteacher, Mount Cameron Primary School and Nursery Class, spoke on key aspects of the report.

Members of the Committee congratulated the Headteacher on the positive outcome of the inspection and the Chair thanked officers for providing the update.

The Committee decided: that the report be noted.

5 Community Grant Applications

A report dated 7 November 2019 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: | Stonehouse Agricultural Society (EK/38/19) |
| | Purpose of Grant: | Equipment, administration and publicity costs |
| | Amount Awarded: | £300 |
| (b) | Applicant: | Strathaven Rainbow Social Club (EK/48/19) |
| | Purpose of Grant: | Specialist transport |
| | Amount Awarded: | £350 |

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| (c) | Applicant: | Strathaven Badminton Club (<i>EK/63/19</i>) |
| | Purpose of Grant: | Equipment |
| | Amount Awarded: | £300 |
| (d) | Applicant: | Stonehouse Bowling Club Ladies' Section (<i>EK/64/19</i>) |
| | Purpose of Grant: | Outing and entrance fees |
| | Amount Awarded: | £220 |
| (e) | Applicant: | Chapelton Indoor Bowling Club, Strathaven (<i>EK/65/19</i>) |
| | Purpose of Grant: | Outing and entrance fees |
| | Amount Awarded: | £250 |
| (f) | Applicant: | Greenhills Parish Church Women's Guild, East Kilbride (<i>EK/66/19</i>) |
| | Purpose of Grant: | Outing and entrance fees |
| | Amount Awarded: | £250 |
| (g) | Applicant: | Strathaven Festivals (<i>EK/67/19</i>) |
| | Purpose of Grant: | Start-up costs |
| | Amount Awarded: | £250 |
| (h) | Applicant: | Midweek Walking Group, East Kilbride (<i>EK/68/19</i>) |
| | Purpose of Grant: | Outing, administration and publicity costs |
| | Amount Awarded: | £250 |
| (i) | Applicant: | Strathaven Bowling Club Ladies' Section (<i>EK/69/19</i>) |
| | Purpose of Grant: | Outing and entrance fees |
| | Amount Awarded: | £250 |
| (j) | Applicant: | Waist Not Want Not, East Kilbride (<i>EK/72/19</i>) |
| | Purpose of Grant: | Start-up costs |
| | Amount Awarded: | £250 |
| (k) | Applicant: | St Ninian's Church LEP, Stonehouse (<i>EK/73/19</i>) |
| | Purpose of Grant: | Equipment, administration and publicity costs |
| | Amount Awarded: | £300 |
| (l) | Applicant: | East Kilbride Trefoil Guild (<i>EK/74/19</i>) |
| | Purpose of Grant: | Outing |
| | Amount Awarded: | £85 |

6 Police Scotland - Presentation

It was noted that Chief Inspector Baillie had recently transferred to Lanarkshire Division as Area Commander with responsibility for day-to-day policy functions for East Kilbride, Cambuslang and Rutherglen. Inspector Higgins had responsibility for community engagement and partnership working.

Reference was made to the 7 key priorities within the Local Policing Plan 2017 to 2020 and it was highlighted that, following engagement with local communities in the East Kilbride Area Committee area, the main priorities were as follows:-

- ◆ serious violent crime and public protection
- ◆ anti-social behaviour and hate crime
- ◆ impact of drugs and drug related behaviour
- ◆ crimes of housebreaking and thefts

In terms of addressing local priorities, the Community Safety Hub weekly meetings provided an opportunity for collective strategic planning to be undertaken to identify issues at an early stage and plan appropriate interventions at the lowest possible level.

Information was provided on the following initiatives:-

♦ **Contact Assessment Model**

A new decision-making framework, the Contact Assessment Model (CAM), had 'gone live' on 12 June 2019 in Lanarkshire. Positive feedback had been received and, through the introduction of a range of resolution options, there had been a decrease in the number of occasions that an immediate police response was required. This, in turn, had ensured a more effective use of resources.

♦ **Mobile Working**

An initiative, piloted in Greater Glasgow Division, involved Officers using mobile devices as part of their operational duties which allowed them to spend more time within communities. The addition of the devices enabled officers to deal with incidents, engage with members of the public, support victims and focus on crime prevention.

♦ **You're Asking for It Campaign**

The Campaign was developed by the Scottish Alcohol Industry Partnership (SAIP) and Scottish Government, in partnership with Police Scotland and North Lanarkshire Council, and a pilot had been rolled out in the East Kilbride Area Committee area. The campaign was intended to raise awareness of the issues related to proxy purchases of alcohol with the aims of:-

- ♦ reducing the number of proxy purchases of alcohol for under 18s
- ♦ reducing crime and anti-social behaviour
- ♦ making communities safer
- ♦ protecting children and under 18s from harm

Inspector Higgins also provided information on the following:-

- ♦ a dedicated drugs team was now operating in the East Kilbride Area Committee area and, since June 2019, it had been producing very positive results in terms of the number of warrants issued and seizures of drugs and money
- ♦ Police Scotland's aspiration to establish a campus police officer, to cover both Calderglen High School and Duncanrig Secondary School, who would provide positive role model engagement for the pupils at both schools
- ♦ anti-social behaviour at Lindsay House homeless unit in East Kilbride which remained a top priority. Police Scotland continued to monitor the situation at Lindsay House and was working closely with the Council and other relevant partners to address ongoing issues and concerns

Chief Inspector Baillie and Inspector Higgins, having responded to members' questions, were thanked for their update on police activities.

The Committee decided: that the presentation be noted.

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

Councillors Scott and Watson left the meeting during this item of business

7 Urgent Business

There were no items of urgent business.

Report

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Report to:	East Kilbride Area Committee
Date of Meeting:	12 February 2020
Report by:	Executive Director (Education Resources)

Subject:	Education Scotland Report – Halfmerke Primary School
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1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ advise of the outcome of the inspection of Halfmerke Primary School by Education Scotland inspectors

2. Recommendation(s)

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

- (1) that the Education Scotland Report on Halfmerke Primary School be noted.

3. Background

3.1. Halfmerke Primary School was inspected in September 2019 as part of a national sample of primary education.

3.2. As part of the revised approach to inspection, the Education Scotland inspectors evaluated the leadership of change; learning, teaching and assessment; raising attainment and achievement and ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion.

3.3. The inspection team analysed questionnaires issued to a sample of parents, pupils and to all staff. Inspectors observed class lessons and interviewed groups of pupils, including the pupil council and staff. Members of the inspection team also met parents and members of the local community.

3.4. The report by Education Scotland was published on 14 January 2020.

4. Findings of Education Scotland Inspectors

4.1. Education Scotland made comment under the following headings:-

- ◆ quality of leadership and management
- ◆ learning provision
- ◆ children's successes and achievements

4.2. Education Scotland found that Halfmerke Primary School provides children and young people with good learning and teaching experiences, with the school values of "respect, honestly, trying our best, friendship and inclusion" evident in classes.

4.3. Inspectors commented positively on the environment of the campus shared with West Mains School and noted the role of the Headteacher and Principal Teacher in establishing an inclusive school.

- 4.4. Inspectors recognise the leadership team in leading aspects of school improvement at Halfmerke Primary School and noted the developments that are being established to further parental engagement.
- 4.5. The particular strengths of the school were identified as follows:-
- ◆ Friendly, well-mannered children who are keen to learn. They respond well to the opportunities they have to support school improvement
 - ◆ Strong, supportive teamwork evident across the school. Staff who demonstrate a willingness and commitment to improving the work of the school
 - ◆ Children are aware of the needs of others in meaningful ways through the school's approaches to inclusion
- 4.6. Education Scotland identified the following areas for continued improvement:-
- ◆ Together with staff, the headteacher needs to improve approaches to self-evaluation to ensure that new developments are monitored carefully and the impact is closely measured. Children, parents and partners need to be supported to have a stronger role in evaluating the work of the school
 - ◆ Raise children's attainment in literacy and numeracy across the school. In doing so, develop further approaches to assessment
 - ◆ The headteacher now needs to take a stronger strategic lead of the curriculum to ensure all children receive their full entitlement to a broad general education
 - ◆ Involve parents more in the life of the school. In doing so, ensure parents are better informed about their children's progress and how they can support their children's learning at home
- 4.7. These areas for improvement have been incorporated into the school's improvement plan with partnership working with and support from the Curriculum and Quality Improvement Service (CQIS) post inspection team to enable these priorities to be taken forward. Progress on the identified areas for improvement will be shared with parents.
- 4.8. Education Scotland have intimated that they are confident that the school will be able to take forward the areas for improvement and will make no more visits in connection with this report. The local authority will inform parents about the school's progress as part of the authority's arrangements for reporting to parents on the quality of its schools.
- 4.9 The inspection report can also be accessed by clicking the following web link <https://education.gov.scot/media/mk0m3px1/halfmerkepsins140120.pdf>.

5. Employee Implications

- 5.1. None

6. Financial Implications

- 6.1. None

7. Climate Change, Sustainability and Environmental Implications

- 7.1. There are no significant sustainability issues in connection with the recommendations contained within this report.

8. Other Implications

- 8.1. There are no direct risks associated with this report which is provided for information only.

9. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements

- 9.1. There is no requirement to carry out an assessment in terms of the proposals contained within this report.
- 9.2. The content of Education Scotland reports are shared with parents and discussed at Parent Council meetings.

Tony McDaid
Executive Director (Education Resources)

27 January 2020

Link(s) to Council Values/Ambitions/Objectives

- ◆ Get it right for children and young people
- ◆ Protect vulnerable children, young people and adults
- ◆ Improve achievement, raise educational attainment and support lifelong learning
- ◆ Ensure schools and other places of learning are inspirational

Previous References

- ◆ None

List of Background Papers

- ◆ Education Scotland Report of 14 January 2020

Contact for Further Information

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14 January 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

In September 2019, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Halfmerke Primary School. During our visit, we talked to parents/carers and children and worked closely with the headteacher and staff.

The inspection team found the following strengths in the school's work.

- Friendly, well-mannered children who are keen to learn. They respond well to the opportunities they have to support school improvement.
- Strong, supportive teamwork evident across the school. Staff who demonstrate a willingness and commitment to improving the work of the school.
- Children are aware of the needs of others in meaningful ways through the school's approaches to inclusion.

The following areas for improvement were identified and discussed with the headteacher and a representative from South Lanarkshire Council.

- Together with staff, the headteacher needs to improve approaches to self-evaluation to ensure that new developments are monitored carefully and the impact is closely measured. Children, parents and partners need to be supported to have a stronger role in evaluating the work of the school.
- Raise children's attainment in literacy and numeracy across the school. In doing so, develop further approaches to assessment.
- The headteacher now needs to take a stronger strategic lead of the curriculum to ensure all children receive their full entitlement to a broad general education.
- Involve parents more in the life of the school. In doing so, ensure parents are better informed about their children's progress and how they can support their children's learning at home.

We gathered evidence to enable us to evaluate the school's work using four quality indicators from [How good is our school? \(4th edition\)](#). Quality indicators help schools, local authorities and inspectors to judge what is working well and what needs to be improved. Following the inspection of each school, the Scottish Government gathers details of our evaluations to keep track of how well Scottish schools are doing.

Here are Education Scotland's evaluations for Halfmerke Primary School

Quality indicators	Evaluation
Leadership of change	satisfactory
Learning, teaching and assessment	good
Raising attainment and achievement	satisfactory
Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion	satisfactory
Descriptions of the evaluations are available from: How good is our school? (4th edition), Appendix 3: The six-point scale	

A more detailed document called Summarised Inspection Findings (SIF) will be available on the Education Scotland website at:
<https://education.gov.scot/education-scotland/inspection-reports/reports-page/?id=2854>

What happens next?

We are confident that the school has the capacity to continue to improve and so we will make no more visits in connection with this inspection. South Lanarkshire Council will inform parents/carers about the school's progress as part of its arrangements for reporting on the quality of its schools.

Jackie Maley
HM Inspector

Report

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Report to: **East Kilbride Area Committee**
 Date of Meeting: **12 February 2020**
 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 6 community groups in the East Kilbride Area Committee area from the 2019/2020 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 2020 from the 2019/2020 budget

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: | Stonehouse Men's Shed (<i>EK/71/19</i>) |
| | Amount Requested: | £940 |
| | Purpose of Grant: | Materials |
| | Amount Awarded: | £500 |
| (b) | Applicant: | Allers Allotments' Association, East Kilbride (<i>EK/75/19</i>) |
| | Amount Requested: | £400 |
| | Purpose of Grant: | Materials |
| | Amount Awarded: | £300 |
| (c) | Applicant: | Duncanrig Rambling Club, East Kilbride (<i>EK/76/19</i>) |
| | Amount Requested: | £300 |
| | Purpose of Grant: | Outing, administration and publicity costs |
| | Amount Awarded: | £300 |
| (d) | Applicant: | The East Kilbride Probus Club (<i>EK/77/19</i>) |
| | Amount Requested: | £750 |
| | Purpose of Grant: | Outing and entrance fees |
| | Amount Awarded: | £250 |

- (e) Applicant: Westwood Parish Church – Tuesday Leisure Club, East Kilbride (EK/78/19)
Amount Requested: £200
Purpose of Grant: Outing
Amount Awarded: £200
- (f) Applicant: Friends of Stonehouse Park (EK/79/19)
Amount Requested: £350
Purpose of Grant: Administration and publicity costs
Amount Awarded: £300

- (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 2020 from the 2019/2020 budget.

3. Background

- 3.1. The Council operates a community grants scheme to support local constituted community groups and voluntary organisations. Applications are invited continually throughout the year.
- 3.2. 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.

4. Employee Implications

- 4.1. None.

5. Financial Implications

- 5.1. The current position of the community grant allocation for the East Kilbride Area Committee area in 2019/2020 is as follows:-

Total allocation for Community Grants	£25,750
Grants previously allocated	£19,570
Community Grants recommended in this report	£1,850
Remaining balance	£4,330

- 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 2020. Information on those grants awarded would be reported to a future meeting.

6. Climate Change, Sustainability and Environmental Implications

- 6.1. There are no significant implications in terms of climate change, sustainability or environmental issues.

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)

29 January 2020

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 – 20 November 2019

List of Background Papers

- ◆ Individual application forms

Contact for Further Information

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