

EAST KILBRIDE AREA COMMITTEE

Minutes of meeting held via Confero and in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, Almada Street, Hamilton on 23 August 2022

Chair:

Councillor Archie Buchanan

Councillors Present:

Councillor John Anderson, Councillor Mathew Buchanan, Councillor Gerry Convery, Councillor Margaret Cooper, Councillor Joe Fagan, Councillor Grant Ferguson, Councillor Gladys Ferguson-Miller, Councillor Elise Frame, Councillor Susan Kerr, Councillor Hugh Macdonald, Councillor Elaine McDougall, Councillor Kirsten Robb, Councillor Dr Ali Salamati, Councillor Graham Scott, Councillor David Watson

Councillors' Apologies:

Councillor Geri Gray (Depute), Councillor Monique McAdams

Attending:

Community and Enterprise Resources

M Muir, Roads Area Manager

Finance and Corporate Resources

R Leith, Community, Participation and Development Manager; C Lyon, Administration Officer; G McCann, Head of Administration and Legal Services; S Somerville, Administration Manager; L Wyllie, Administration Assistant

Also Attending:

East Kilbride Women's Safety Committee

L Howie, Chair

Police Scotland

Sergeant S Anderson; Chief Inspector S McGovern

1 Declaration of Interests

The following interests were declared:-

Councillor(s)	Item(s)	Nature of Interest(s)
Buchanan	East Kilbride's 75 th Anniversary as a New Town (EK@75):- <ul style="list-style-type: none">♦ East Kilbride and District Dementia Carers' Group	Chair
Robb	Community Grant Application:- <ul style="list-style-type: none">♦ Allers Allotments Association, East Kilbride (EK/15/22)	Member

2 Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting of the East Kilbride Area Committee held on 14 June 2022 were submitted for approval as a correct record.

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

3 East Kilbride Women's Safety Committee

L Howie, Chair of the East Kilbride Women's Safety Committee, provided an overview of the new East Kilbride Women's Safety Committee, including how it was formed and named. The aims included:-

- ♦ promoting to both males and females what was acceptable to society in terms of how to treat and respect each other and the impact of not doing so
- ♦ educating people on their actions and supporting those affected by the issues
- ♦ raising awareness to promote safety and equality within East Kilbride through advertising with support services
- ♦ educating individuals at an early age through promotion at schools

The East Kilbride Women's Safety Committee had support from Police Scotland and an information leaflet on reporting incidents and criminality would include a statement from them. Leaflets would be distributed in areas where women felt most at risk. Awareness would also be raised by a lettering campaign and through local newspapers, charitable sporting events and social media.

L Howie, having responded to members' questions, was thanked for her informative presentation.

The Committee decided: that the presentation be noted.

4 Police Scotland

Chief Inspector McGovern and Sergeant Anderson provided details on the following key priorities:-

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

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

The Committee decided: that the presentation be noted.

[Reference: Minutes of 2 December 2020 (Paragraph 3)]

In terms of Standing Order No 14, the Chair adjourned the meeting after this item of business at 3.11pm and reconvened at 3.22pm. Councillor Watson was not present when the meeting reconvened

5 Participatory Budgeting – Community and Enterprise Resources - Footways

A report dated 21 July 2022 by the Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources) was submitted advising on the outcome and level of engagement for the Participatory Budgeting (PB) consultation exercise to identify £2.5 million of footway projects.

Following the PB investment in carriageway and footways which had completed in 2021/2022, a second phase of investment had been agreed which would focus on the improvement of footways, making towns and villages safer for pedestrians, supporting healthy lifestyles through physical activity and improving the look and feel of the local environment.

£2.5 million ring-fenced investment in the Roads Capital Programme would support footway improvements which were part of the adopted footway network. This investment would continue the Council's commitment to prioritise investment in roads and related infrastructure by directing additional funds to help improve the condition of footways. Details of the split between geographical and operational areas on the footway network length was provided in the report.

The public was asked to vote on the following themes they wished to see delivered through the fund:-

- ♦ minor and residential footways
- ♦ main and distributor footways
- ♦ footways in business areas

The consultation process was held from 22 April to 5 June 2022 and promoted via the Council's website, social media channels and third sector networks. As in previous financial years, rather than having only a single winning theme, the available funding was allocated across all themes. 60% of funding in an area was allocated to the top scoring theme, 25% to the second top theme and 15% to the third-place theme. Voting details were provided in Appendix 1 to the report.

Appendices 3 to 6 set out the specific schemes and indicative sums allocated to each scheme. Those schemes had been identified using the scheme assessment criteria. This enabled a scoring system for potential footway schemes based on several factors, which collectively contributed towards an overall score to enable the Council's resources to be prioritised. This ensured that funds were targeted at those footways that were in greatest need of repair based on engineering judgement.

Details of the schemes in the East Kilbride area were provided in Appendix 5 to the report.

The Roads Area Manager responded to members' questions.

The Committee decided: that the outcome and level of engagement for the PB consultation exercise to identify £2.5 million of footway projects, as set out in the report, be noted.

[Reference: Minutes of 11 August 2021 (Paragraph 3)]

6 East Kilbride's 75th Anniversary as a New Town (EK@75)

A report dated 4 August 2022 by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) was submitted advising of the allocation of grants from the 2021/2022 community grants budget for projects to celebrate EK@75, 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.

In response to Councillor Robb's request for a copy of the survey results, the Head of Administration and Legal Services advised that those had been published on the Council's website and social media, however, undertook to circulate to members.

Councillor Robb asked that consideration be given to an update being provided at a future meeting on the regeneration of East Kilbride. This was noted.

The Committee decided: 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 |
| | Purpose of Grant: | EK@75 themed 4 week summer playscheme |
| | Amount Awarded: | £1,500 |
| (b) | Applicant: | East Kilbride and District Dementia Carers' Group |
| | 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 |
| | Purpose of Grant: | Planting of 100 to 150 trees |
| | Amount Awarded: | £1,000 |
| (d) | Applicant: | Share Alike |
| | Purpose of Grant: | Wall and shop front mural by local children working with an artist |
| | Amount Awarded: | £2,000 |
| (e) | Applicant: | Sea Cadet Corps East Kilbride Unit 550 |
| | Purpose of Grant: | Joint "birthday bash" party for EK@75 and the Cadets' 50 th anniversary |
| | Amount Awarded: | £500 |
| (f) | Applicant: | Encore Stars Academy |
| | Purpose of Grant: | Livestreamed performance in EK@75 uniform, photoshoot and short video |
| | Amount Awarded: | £2,000 |
| (g) | Applicant: | Trust Jack Foundation |
| | Purpose of Grant: | Trips and activities for the group |
| | Amount Awarded: | £400 |
| (h) | Applicant: | 3 rd East Kilbride Scout Group |
| | Purpose of Grant: | 75 th birthday themed group camp |
| | Amount Awarded: | £400 |
| (i) | Applicant: | East Kilbride Cricket Club |
| | Purpose of Grant: | Summer coaching camps and celebration dinner for EK@75 and the club's 60 th anniversary |
| | Amount Awarded: | £400 |

Councillor Buchanan, having declared an interest in the above item of business, withdrew from the meeting during its consideration. Councillor Anderson took the Chair for this item only

7 Community Grant Applications

A report dated 8 August 2022 by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) was submitted on applications for community grant to be met from the 2022/2023 budget.

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

- (a) Applicant: Midweek Walking Group, East Kilbride (EK/13/22)
Purpose of Grant: Outing, administration and publicity costs
Amount Awarded: £360
- (b) Applicant: Stonehouse Men's Shed (EK/14/22)
Purpose of Grant: Equipment and materials
Amount Awarded: £300
- (c) Applicant: Allers Allotments' Association, East Kilbride (EK/15/22)
Purpose of Grant: Materials
Amount Awarded: £240

Councillor Robb, having declared an interest in the above application, withdrew from the meeting during its consideration

- (d) Applicant: Stonehouse Senior Citizens' Pavilion (EK/16/22)
Purpose of Grant: Outing
Amount Awarded: £300
- (e) Applicant: Strathaven Agricultural Exposition (EK/17/22)
Purpose of Grant: Administration and publicity costs
Amount Awarded: £420
- (f) Applicant: East Kilbride Visually Impaired Group (EK/18/22)
Purpose of Grant: Outing and equipment
Amount Awarded: £357.40
- (g) Applicant: Strathaven Choral Society (EK/19/22)
Purpose of Grant: Outing, entrance fees, administration and publicity costs
Amount Awarded: £400
- (h) Applicant: Lammermoor Allotment Association, East Kilbride (EK/20/22)
Purpose of Grant: Start-up costs – equipment and materials
Amount Awarded: £300
- (i) Applicant: East Kilbride Twins and Triplets Club (EK/22/22)
Purpose of Grant: Entrance fees
Amount Awarded: £350
- (j) Applicant: St Ninian's Parish Church Guild, Stonehouse (EK/23/22)
Purpose of Grant: Entrance fees
Amount Awarded: £300
- (k) Applicant: Stonehouse Heritage Group (EK/24/22)
Purpose of Grant: Equipment
Amount Awarded: £264
- (l) Applicant: Strathaven Balloon Festival (EK/25/22)
Purpose of Grant: Equipment
Amount Awarded: £360

8 Urgent Business

There were no items of urgent business.