

EAST KILBRIDE AREA COMMITTEE

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.