

EAST KILBRIDE AREA COMMITTEE

Minutes of meeting held via Confero and in Committee Room 1, Council Offices, Almada Street, Hamilton on 13 June 2023

Chair:

Councillor Archie Buchanan

Councillors Present:

Councillor Mathew Buchanan, Councillor Joe Fagan, Councillor Grant Ferguson, Councillor Gladys Ferguson-Miller, Councillor Elise Frame, Councillor Hugh Macdonald, Councillor Elaine McDougall, Councillor Kirsten Robb, Councillor Graham Scott, Councillor David Watson

Councillors' Apologies:

Councillor John Anderson, Councillor Gerry Convery, Councillor Margaret Cooper, Councillor Geri Gray (Depute), Councillor Susan Kerr, Councillor Monique McAdams

Attending:

Education Resources

J Graham, Depute Headteacher, Sanderson High School; L Mitchell, Lead Officer

Finance and Corporate Resources

H Calley, Administration Officer; L Wyllie, Administration Assistant

Also Attending:

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service

G Tudhope, Watch Commander

1 Declaration of Interests

The following interest was declared:-

Councillor(s)	Item(s)	Nature of Interest(s)
Robb	Community Grant Applications:- ♦ Allers Allotments' Association, East Kilbride (EK/1/23)	Leases an allotment

2 Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting of the East Kilbride Area Committee held on 28 March 2023 were submitted for approval as a correct record.

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

3 Scottish Fire and Rescue Service

G Tudhope, Watch Commander, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS), gave a presentation on the 2022/2023 Annual Performance and Activity Report for the East Kilbride area.

The presentation provided performance information covering the period 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023, with a comparison against the same period from the previous year. Information was provided on:-

- ♦ deliberate primary fires
- ♦ deliberate secondary fires

- ◆ accidental dwelling fires
- ◆ accidental 'other' building fires
- ◆ fatal fire casualties
- ◆ non-fatal fire casualties (excluding precautionary check-up)
- ◆ special service (road traffic collisions)
- ◆ special service (fatal and non-fatal casualties)
- ◆ false alarms (malicious false alarms and unwanted fire alarm signals (non-domestic))

G Tudhope, having responded to members' questions, was thanked for his informative presentation.

The Committee decided: that the presentation be noted.

[Reference: Minutes of 12 May 2021 (Paragraph 4)]

4 Education Resources – Participatory Budgeting - Pupil Equity Funding

A report dated May 2023 by the Executive Director (Education Resources) was submitted providing a case study on Participatory Budgeting (PB) in relation to Pupil Equity Funding (PEF) within Sanderson High School, East Kilbride.

Following a consultation and voting process, schools had progressed with their spend, to ensure the minimum 5% had been fully spent by the end of March 2023.

Sanderson High School's PB work, outlined in Appendix 1 to the report, was an example of good practice within the East Kilbride area and a particularly good example of PB within the Additional Support Needs sector. The school had made the PB process accessible to all its learners, demonstrating the value and commitment to PB and pupil voice.

As part of the consultation, stakeholders clearly identified that the school's most complex pupils were often excluded from engaging with many wider community learning experiences due to the complexities of their needs, often leading to increased isolation. Therefore, stakeholders had voted for pupils to have access to the Council's Outdoor Resource Base (ORB) to help them overcome those barriers.

The ORB had provided pupils with complex needs, much needed opportunities to engage safely in a bespoke outdoor curriculum beyond the school environment. Further outreach work in the school had built on the skills and experiences gained at the ORB. Six targeted learners had achieved Curriculum for Excellence attainment outcomes at an accelerated rate as a result of the ORB experience.

There had also been an increase in learning engagement levels, a reduction of violent incidents and an increase in skills developed. A further section showing this impact would be added to the case study at the end of the academic year once final evidence had been gathered.

PB was now fully embedded in all South Lanarkshire Council schools through the PEF. Schools continued to allocate a minimum of 5% of their PEF to be the subject of PB year-on-year. Schools had received updated guidance on this at the PEF Head Teacher and Equity Lead Information Session in May 2023. Optional PB training was planned for August for schools who had new PB Leads or needed a refresh.

South Lanarkshire Council schools' PB work continued to be recognised nationally as an example of good practice. Several local authorities had approached the Council for guidance and support in this area, as South Lanarkshire was the only local authority in Scotland who had dedicated as much as 5% of PEF from all schools for PB purposes. A COSLA award application had been submitted to showcase the work of schools in this area.

Education Resources would provide Area Committees with:-

- ◆ a summary report of each school's PB outcome
- ◆ case studies of school activity, which had particular impact/success
- ◆ a detailed financial report of how PEF money allocated for PB had been spent

Education Resources would support schools and monitor and track the impact of this activity. Findings would inform any future PB activity within the Resource.

J Graham, Depute Headteacher and the Lead Officer responded to members' questions.

The Committee decided: that the report be noted.

[Reference: Minutes of 31 January 2023 (Paragraph 5)]

J Graham and L Mitchell left the meeting after this item of business

5 Playscheme Grant Applications 2023/2024

A report dated 25 May 2023 by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) was submitted on playscheme grant funding for 2023/2024.

Playscheme funding allowed an allocation of £660 to be made to playschemes that operated over the summer, October and Easter holiday periods with £440 for the summer period only and £110 for each of the October and Easter periods.

Financial provision was available for individual playschemes to receive, as appropriate, travel passes from Strathclyde Partnership for Transport.

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

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| (a) | Applicant: | East Kilbride Universal Connections (PS/EK/1/23) |
| | Amount Awarded: | £660 |
| (b) | Applicant: | Mossneuk Out of School Service, East Kilbride (PS/EK/2/23) |
| | Amount Awarded: | £440 |
| (c) | Applicant: | Playcare Out of School Care, East Kilbride (PS/EK/3/23) |
| | Amount Awarded: | £660 |
| (d) | Applicant: | Special Needs Adventure Playground (SNAP) Playscheme, East Kilbride (PS/EK/4/23) |
| | Amount Awarded: | £440 |
| (e) | Applicant: | Strathaven After School Club (PS/EK/5/23) |
| | Amount Awarded: | £660 |

[Reference: Minutes of 14 June 2022 (Paragraph 2)]

6 Community Grant Applications

A report dated 29 May 2023 by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) was submitted on:-

- ◆ applications for community grants to be met from the 2023/2024 budget

- ◆ 5 community grant applications which had been dealt with by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources), in consultation with the Chair, during the period from 28 March to 31 March 2023 to ensure that the 2022/2023 budget was utilised as fully as possible

The Committee decided:

(1) that community grants be awarded as follows:-

- (a) Applicant: Friends of Dunedin Park, East Kilbride (EK/52/22)
Purpose of Grant: Equipment
Amount Awarded: £600
- (b) Applicant: Allers Allotments' Association, East Kilbride (EK/1/23)
Purpose of Grant: Equipment and materials
Amount Awarded: £240

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

- (c) Applicant: St Ninian's Parish Church Guild, Stonehouse (EK/2/23)
Purpose of Grant: Outing
Amount Awarded: £350
- (d) Applicant: Claremont Church – Good Companions Club, East Kilbride (EK/3/23)
Purpose of Grant: Outing
Amount Awarded: £275
- (e) Applicant: Strathaven Agricultural Exposition (EK/4/23)
Purpose of Grant: Administration and publicity costs
Amount Awarded: £420
- (f) Applicant: Hunter Ladies' Bowling Club, East Kilbride (EK/5/23)
Purpose of Grant: Outing
Amount Awarded: £300
- (g) Applicant: XRR Mountaineering Club, East Kilbride (EK/6/23)
Purpose of Grant: Outing
Amount Awarded: £300
- (h) Applicant: East Kilbride Seniors' Forum (EK/7/23)
Purpose of Grant: Outing and entrance fees
Amount Awarded: £350
- (i) Applicant: Kilbride Ladies' Club, East Kilbride (EK/8/23)
Purpose of Grant: Outing and entrance fees
Amount Awarded: £350
- (j) Applicant: 17th East Kilbride Brownies (EK/9/23)
Purpose of Grant: Outing and entrance fees
Amount Awarded: £350
- (k) Applicant: Strathaven and District Probus Club (EK/10/23)
Purpose of Grant: Annual outing
Amount Awarded: £300

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| (l) | Applicant: | Stonehouse Men's Shed (<i>EK/11/23</i>) |
| | Purpose of Grant: | Outing and entrance fees |
| | Amount Awarded: | £350 |
| (m) | Applicant: | East Kilbride Visually Impaired Group (<i>EK/12/23</i>) |
| | Purpose of Grant: | Outing and materials |
| | Amount Awarded: | £360 |
| (n) | Applicant: | East Kilbride Rugby Football Club (<i>EK/13/23</i>) |
| | Purpose of Grant: | Outing and materials |
| | Amount Awarded: | £300 |
| (o) | Applicant: | Chapelton Silver Circle, Strathaven (<i>EK/14/23</i>) |
| | Purpose of Grant: | Outing |
| | Amount Awarded: | £300 |
| (p) | Applicant: | University of the Third Age (U3A) in East Kilbride (<i>EK/17/23</i>) |
| | Purpose of Grant: | Outing |
| | Amount Awarded: | £300 |
- (2) that the action taken during the period 28 March to 31 March 2023 by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources), in consultation with the Chair, to approve the award of the following community grants from the 2022/2023 budget be noted:-
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| (a) | Applicant: | St Andrew's Court Tenants' Social Club, East Kilbride (<i>EK/42/22</i>) |
| | Purpose of Grant: | Outing |
| | Amount Awarded: | £350 |
| (b) | Applicant: | Strathaven and District Gardening Club (<i>EK/43/22</i>) |
| | Purpose of Grant: | Outing and entrance fees |
| | Amount Awarded: | £280 |
| (c) | Applicant: | East Kilbride Open Cattle Show Society (<i>EK/49/22</i>) |
| | Purpose of Grant: | Administration and publicity costs |
| | Amount Awarded: | £600 |
| (d) | Applicant: | Cresta Club, Strathaven (<i>EK/50/22</i>) |
| | Purpose of Grant: | Outing and entrance fees |
| | Amount Awarded: | £350 |
| (e) | Applicant: | Willow Club, East Kilbride (<i>EK/51/22</i>) |
| | Purpose of Grant: | Outing |
| | Amount Awarded: | £300 |

[Reference: Minutes of 28 March 2023 (Paragraph 3)]

7 Urgent Business

There were no items of urgent business.