

EAST KILBRIDE AREA COMMITTEE

Minutes of meeting held in the Council Chamber, Civic Centre, East Kilbride on 27 March 2019

Chair:

Councillor Archie Buchanan

Councillors Present:

Councillor John Anderson, Councillor Graeme Campbell, Councillor Gerry Convery, Councillor Isobel Dorman (Depute), Councillor Joe Fagan, Councillor Monique McAdams, Councillor Hugh Macdonald, Councillor Gladys Miller, Councillor Graham Scott, Councillor Jim Wardhaugh

Councillors' Apologies:

Councillor Margaret Cooper, Councillor Fiona Dryburgh, Councillor Geri Gray, Councillor Ian Harrow, Councillor Collette Stevenson, Councillor Sheena Wardhaugh, Councillor David Watson

Attending:

Community and Enterprise Resources

S Clark, Team Leader, Planning and Building Standards Services

Finance and Corporate Resources

S McLeod, Administration Officer

Also Attending:

East Kilbride Housing Association (EKHA)

A Bryant and M Watson, Vice Chairs of the EKHA Board; A Young, Chief Executive

Police Scotland

Sergeant T Flynn, Police Liaison Officer; Chief Inspector G l'Anson; Superintendent L Skelton

1 Declaration of Interests

The following interests were declared:-

Councillor(s)	Item(s)	Nature of Interest(s)
Campbell	Application P/18/1522 – Formation of an Earth Bank Slurry Lagoon with Security Fence (Part Retrospective) at Low Lanrigg Farm, Spital Road, Stonehouse	Previous involvement with objectors to the proposal
Dorman	Community Grant Application EK/71/18 Friends of Stonehouse Park	Member of organisation

2 Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting of the East Kilbride Area Committee held on 30 January 2019 were submitted for approval as a correct record.

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

Councillor Macdonald left the meeting after this item of business

3 Police Scotland – Contact Assessment Model

Superintendent Skelton and Chief Inspector l'Anson provided an update on the proposed implementation of the Contact Assessment Model (CAM) in the Lanarkshire Division.

Members were provided with information on the development of CAM, which aimed to enhance the ability of Police Scotland to better assess and respond to Threat, Harm, Risk and Vulnerabilities and significantly improve the experience of customers, by providing resolution at the first point of contact.

Superintendent Skelton and Chief Inspector I'Anson, having responded to members' questions, were thanked for their informative presentation.

The Committee decided: that the presentation be noted.

Councillor Anderson left the meeting during this item of business

4 East Kilbride Housing Association

A Young, Chief Executive and A Bryant and M Watson, Vice Chairs of the Board, gave a presentation on the East Kilbride Housing Association (EKHA) which outlined:-

- ◆ that the EKHA had been established in 1994 as the result of a stock transfer from the East Kilbride Development Corporation
- ◆ that the EKHA held 524 properties
- ◆ that a new development programme had commenced, which would result in an additional 18 properties at Dundas Place, East Kilbride
- ◆ that further development programmes were planned
- ◆ the aim to construct an additional 200 properties over the next 10 years
- ◆ collaborative working with the Council which included:-
 - ◆ Homefinder Allocations System
 - ◆ Local Housing Strategy
 - ◆ new build developments

A Young concluded by advising that it was hoped to improve links between the EKHA Board and local elected members.

A Bryant, A Young and M Watson, having responded to members' questions, were thanked for their informative presentation.

The Committee decided: that the presentation be noted.

5 Application P/18/1522 – Formation of an Earth Bank Slurry Lagoon with Security Fence (Part Retrospective) at Low Lanrigg Farm, Spital Road, Stonehouse

A report dated 7 March 2019 by the Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources) was submitted on planning application P/18/1522 by A Hamilton for the formation of an earth bank slurry lagoon with security fence (part retrospective) at Low Lanrigg Farm, Spital Road, Stonehouse.

The Committee decided: that planning application P/18/1522 by A Hamilton for the formation of an earth bank slurry lagoon with security fence (part retrospective) at Low Lanrigg Farm, Spital Road, Stonehouse be granted subject to:-

- ◆ the conditions specified in the Executive Director's report

- ◆ Condition 1 being amended as follows:-
 “that the fence hereby approved shall be maintained and the pedestrian access gate kept closed and locked at all times (excluding when persons are working at the lagoon) to the satisfaction of the Council as Planning Authority for the lifetime that the lagoon hereby approved is in operation.
Reason
 In the interest of public safety.”

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

6 Community Grant Applications

A report dated 13 March 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:
Purpose of Grant:
Amount Awarded: | Friends of Stonehouse Park (EK/71/18)
Equipment, administration and publicity costs
£300 |
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Councillor Dorman, having declared an interest in the above application, withdrew from the meeting during its consideration

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| (b) | Applicant:
Purpose of Grant:
Amount Awarded: | East Kilbride Tennis Club (EK/77/18)
Equipment
£300 |
| (c) | Applicant:
Purpose of Grant:
Amount Awarded: | Willow Club, East Kilbride (EK/78/18)
Outing
£200 |
| (d) | Applicant:
Purpose of Grant:
Amount Awarded: | East Kilbride Men's Shed (EK/79/18)
Outing and entrance fees
£250 |
| (e) | Applicant:
Purpose of Grant:
Amount Awarded: | Strathaven Choral Society (EK/80/18)
Outing
£200 |
| (f) | Applicant:
Purpose of Grant:
Amount Awarded: | Claremont Rambling Club, East Kilbride (EK/81/18)
Outing
£200 |
| (g) | Applicant:
Purpose of Grant:
Amount Awarded: | JAM Club (Jesus and Me), East Kilbride (EK/82/18)
Equipment
£450 |
| (h) | Applicant:
Purpose of Grant:
Amount Awarded: | Jackton Women's Rural Institute, East Kilbride (EK/83/18)
Outing
£200 |

7 Item of Urgent Business – Relocation of Her Majesty’s Revenue and Customs Office, East Kilbride

In terms of Standing Order No 4, the Chair decided that, in view of the timescales involved, this matter be dealt with as a matter of urgency.

Councillor Fagan referred to the planned relocation of Her Majesty’s Revenue and Customs’ (HMRC) facilities from East Kilbride to Glasgow which had been reported to the Community and Enterprise Resources Committee at its meeting on 19 March 2019. Councillor Fagan stated that the closure of the East Kilbride HMRC offices would have serious consequences for the town, including an estimated annual loss of up to £2.2million in terms of retail and hospitality spending. A “Stay in EK” campaign, organised by the Public and Commercial Services Union (PCS), was fighting to save the East Kilbride offices from closure and Councillor Fagan requested that members of the campaign team be invited to the next meeting of the Area Committee to deliver a presentation.

The Committee decided: that members of the “Stay in EK” campaign team be invited to the next meeting of the Area Committee to deliver a presentation.

[Reference: Minutes of the Community and Enterprise Resources Committee of 19 March 2019 (Paragraph 12)]