



Council Offices, Almada Street
Hamilton, ML3 0AA

Tuesday, 04 May 2021

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 May 2021
Time: 14:00
Venue: By Microsoft Teams,

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** 3 - 6
Minutes of the meeting of the East Kilbride Area Committee held on 24 February 2021 submitted for approval as a correct record. (Copy attached)
- 3 **Minutes of Special Meeting** 7 - 8
Minutes of the special meeting of the East Kilbride Area Committee held on 24 March 2021 submitted for approval as a correct record. (Copy attached)

Item(s) for Noting

- 4 **Scottish Fire and Rescue Service**
Presentation by Robert Lennox, Station Manager, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service.

Item(s) for Decision

- 5 **Playscheme Grant Applications** 9 - 12
Report dated 4 May 2021 by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources). (Copy attached)
- 6 **Community Grants Update** 13 - 14
Report dated 28 April 2021 by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources). (Copy attached)

Urgent Business

- 7 **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 via Microsoft Teams on 24 February 2021

Chair:

Councillor Archie Buchanan

Councillors Present:

Councillor John Anderson, Councillor Graeme Campbell, Councillor Margaret Cooper, Councillor Gerry Convery, Councillor Isobel Dorman (Depute), Councillor Joe Fagan, Councillor Grant Ferguson, Councillor Geri Gray, Councillor Ian Harrow, Councillor Hugh Macdonald, Councillor Monique McAdams, Councillor Gladys Miller, Councillor Graham Scott, Councillor Collette Stevenson, Councillor Jim Wardhaugh, Councillor David Watson

Councillor's Apology:

Councillor Fiona Dryburgh

Attending:

Community and Enterprise Resources

M McGlynn, Executive Director; I Ross, Project Manager

Finance and Corporate Resources

H Tennant, Administration Officer; L Wyllie, Administration Assistant

Housing and Technical Resources

D Lowe, Executive Director

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 2 December 2020 were submitted for approval as a correct record.

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

3 East Kilbride - Masterplan

Due to time constraints, it was proposed that the presentation by the Executive Directors (Community and Enterprise Resources) and (Housing and Technical Resources) on the East Kilbride Masterplan be postponed and heard at a later date. Arrangements would be made for a special meeting of the Committee to be convened to hear the presentation and members would be advised of the date in due course.

The Committee decided: that arrangements be made to convene a special meeting of the Committee to hear the East Kilbride Masterplan presentation.

Councillors Convery and Anderson left the meeting following consideration of this item of business

4 Community Grant Applications

A report dated 8 February 2021 by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) was submitted on:-

- ◆ applications for community grants
- ◆ action taken by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources), in consultation with the Chair, to allocate community grants to assist community groups engaged in supporting their communities during the COVID-19 pandemic

In view of the fact that this was the last meeting of the Committee in the current financial year and to allow best use to be made of the remaining 2020/2021 community grant budget, it was 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 2021. Those grants awarded would be reported to the next meeting of the Area Committee for noting.

The Committee decided:

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

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| (a) | Applicant: | Strathaven Camera Club (<i>EK/21/20</i>) |
| | Purpose of Grant: | Administration and publicity costs |
| | Amount Awarded: | £200 |
| (b) | Applicant: | Allers Allotments Association, East Kilbride (<i>EK/22/20</i>) |
| | Purpose of Grant: | Materials |
| | Amount Awarded: | £200 |

(2) that the action taken by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources), in consultation with the Chair, to allocate community grants to support community groups with their response to the COVID-19 pandemic, be noted as follows:-

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| (a) | Applicant: | Darcy's Equine Centre (Chapelton) |
| | Purpose of Grant: | To support disabled people and their carers to help them cope with anxiety and mental health during the pandemic through the care of animals. |
| | Amount Awarded: | £960 |
| (b) | Applicant: | Waste Not Want Not |
| | Purpose of Grant: | To offer targeted support to shielded people and carers involving Winter Clothing and food supplies. |
| | Amount Awarded: | £1,000 |

(3) that, to ensure that the remaining 2020/2021 community grant budget was utilised as fully as possible, the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources), in consultation with the Chair, be authorised to approve community grant applications in the period to 31 March 2021, subject to the applications meeting the Council's criteria for receipt of funding; and

(4) that the details of those applications approved be reported to a future meeting for noting.

[Reference: Note of Delegated Decisions taken by the Chief Executive, in consultation with Group Leaders, on the East Kilbride Area Committee Agenda of 23 June 2020 (Paragraph 3)]

5 Urgent Business

There were no items of urgent business.

EAST KILBRIDE AREA COMMITTEE

Minutes of special meeting held via Microsoft Teams on 24 March 2021

Chair:

Councillor Archie Buchanan

Councillors Present:

Councillor John Anderson, Councillor Graeme Campbell, Councillor Gerry Convery, Councillor Isobel Dorman (Depute), Councillor Joe Fagan, Councillor Grant Ferguson, Councillor Geri Gray, Councillor Ian Harrow, Councillor Hugh Macdonald, Councillor Monique McAdams, Councillor Gladys Miller, Councillor Graham Scott, Councillor Collette Stevenson, Councillor Jim Wardhaugh, Councillor David Watson

Councillors' Apologies:

Councillor Margaret Cooper, Councillor Fiona Dryburgh

Attending:

Community and Enterprise Resources

M McGlynn, Executive Director; P Elliot, Head of Planning and Economic Development; I Ross, Project Manager

Finance and Corporate Resources

H Tennant, Administration Officer; L Wyllie, Administration Assistant

Housing and Technical Resources

D Lowe, Executive Director

1 Declaration of Interests

No interests were declared.

2 East Kilbride Masterplan

The Executive Directors (Housing and Technical Resources) and (Community and Enterprise Resources) gave a joint presentation on the East Kilbride Masterplan which highlighted:-

- ◆ that the civic buildings were at the end of their economic life
- ◆ the physical contraction in the retail occupancy within the town centre
- ◆ the poor place quality of the existing town centre area
- ◆ the financial implications of maintaining the current estate

The presentation set out the business case for proposed re-development and the options which emerged from the completed feasibility study. It was proposed to create a new Civic Hub which would be integrated with the existing town centre, with the Council and its community partners co-located within the new civic site. Housing options for the re-development of the civic centre site were also presented.

A comprehensive discussion took place where officers responded to members' questions. A copy of the presentation would be circulated to members following the meeting.

The Committee thanked the officers for their informative presentation.

The Committee decided: that, once further developed, the East Kilbride Masterplan be considered at a future meeting of this Committee prior to the end of 2021.

[Reference: Minutes of 24 February 2021 (Paragraph 3)]

3 Urgent Business

There were no items of urgent business.

Report

Report to: **East Kilbride Area Committee**
 Date of Meeting: **12 May 2021**
 Report by: **Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources)**

Subject: **Playscheme Grant Applications 2021/2022**

1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ request approval, in principle, for the allocation of playscheme grants in the East Kilbride area for 2021/2022

2. Recommendation(s)

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

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

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| (a) | Applicant: | Special Needs Adventure Playground (SNAP)
Playscheme, East Kilbride (PS/EK/1/21) |
| | Amount Awarded: | £400 |
| (b) | Applicant: | Strathaven After School Club (PS/EK/2/21) |
| | Amount Awarded: | £600 |
| (c) | Applicant: | Moss Out of School Service, East Kilbride
(PS/EK/3/21) |
| | Amount Awarded: | £600 |
| (d) | Applicant: | East Kilbride Universal Connections (PS/EK/4/21) |
| | Amount Awarded: | £600 |
| (e) | Applicant: | Playcare Out of School Care, East Kilbride
(PS/EK/5/21) |
| | Amount Awarded: | £600 |

3. Background

3.1. The Council's community grants scheme includes provision for funding playschemes operating over the Summer, October and Easter school holiday periods. Applications have recently been invited from individual playschemes for 2021/2022.

3.2. At the time of writing this report, application forms have yet to be received, however, it is understood that these will be submitted within the next few days. On receipt of the application forms and, as soon as the necessary checks have been made, these will be processed in the usual manner.

3.3. The award of grants recommended in this report are based on the level of grant awarded in 2020/2021 and reflect the Council's decision to allocate grant funding on the following basis:-

- ◆ £600 to playschemes that operate over the Summer, October and Easter periods
- ◆ £400 for the summer period only
- ◆ £100 for each of the October and Easter periods

3.4. The Council also makes financial provision for individual playschemes to receive, as appropriate, travel passes from Strathclyde Partnership for Transport (SPT).

4. Employee Implications

4.1. None.

5. Financial Implications

5.1. The overall total approved to support Playschemes and Community Grants in the East Kilbride Area Committee area in 2021/2022 was £25,750. The proposed grants amounting to £2,800 recommended for playscheme grants in this report for approval will be met from the Area Committee's community grant and playscheme budget, leaving £22,950 remaining to administer community grants for the remainder of 2021/2022.

6. Climate Change, Sustainability and Environmental Implications

6.1. There are no implications for climate change, sustainability or the environment in terms of the information contained in this report.

7. Other Implications

7.1. The risk associated with grant support is that the resources provided are not utilised for the purposes for which they were intended. This is mitigated by information received from the application form, the sign off of a Conditions of Grant form and by the implementation of an audit process.

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 each group has taken place. Appropriate consultation has also taken place with other Council Resources.

Paul Manning

Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources)

4 May 2021

Link(s) to Council Values/Ambitions/Objectives

- ◆ Improve the quality of life of everyone in South Lanarkshire.

Previous References

- ◆ East Kilbride Area Committee – 29 April 2020

List of Background Papers

- ◆ Individual playscheme grant application forms

Contact for Further Information

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Report

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Report to:	East Kilbride Area Committee
Date of Meeting:	12 May 2021
Report by:	Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources)

Subject:	Community Grants Update
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1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ♦ provide an update on community grants the East Kilbride Area Committee area

2. Recommendation(s)

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

- (1) that the content of the report be noted.

3. Background

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

3.2. The main aims of the community grants scheme are to:-

- ♦ fund activities and projects which bring community benefit
- ♦ involve people in the community by bringing them together to enjoy educational, recreational, leisure and other community activities or to improve the local environment

3.3. Support can be provided for a range of activities including administration and publicity costs, purchase of equipment and materials, annual outings and entrance fees, start-up costs and special events.

4. Employee Implications

4.1. None.

5. Financial Implications

5.1. There have been no community grant applications, to date, for the East Kilbride Area Committtee area in 2021/2022.

5.2. On the basis that the playscheme grants detailed in a separate report on this agenda amounting to £2,800 are approved, the remaining balance for allocation throughout the year is £22,950.

6.3. There is currently approximately £0.060 million of unspent money in the 2020/2021 community grants budget which is distributed by Area Committees. Area Committees have expressed that, in this unusual year due to the pandemic, they would not want groups to lose access to those funds. The Executive Committee on 28 April 2021 considered a proposal that the unspent balances be carried forward at the end of the financial year to be managed as part of the year end final transfer to reserves.

6.4 Formal approval to carry forward those unspent monies will be recommended in the 2020/2021 year-end report to be submitted to the Executive Committee on 23 June 2021. In relation to this Area Committee, the unspent monies in 2021/2022 amounted to £41,790 (£16,040 carried forward from 2020/2021 plus the 2021/2022 allocation of £25,750).

7. Climate Change, Sustainability and Environmental Implications

7.1. There are no implications for climate change, sustainability or the environment in terms of the information contained in this report.

8. Other Implications

8.1. 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.

9. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements

9.1. 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.

9.2. All the necessary consultation with the community groups has taken place.

Paul Manning

Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources)

28 April 2021

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

- ◆ None

List of Background Papers

- ◆ None

Contact for Further Information

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