

EAST KILBRIDE AREA COMMITTEE

Minutes of meeting held via Microsoft Teams on 2 December 2020

Chair:

Councillor Archie Buchanan

Councillors Present:

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

Councillors' Apologies:

Councillor Fiona Dryburgh, Councillor Joe Fagan, Councillor Geri Gray, Councillor Jim Wardhaugh

Attending:

Finance and Corporate Resources

L Paterson, Administration Adviser, L Wyllie Administration Assistant

Also Attending:

Police Scotland

Chief Inspector L Baillie; Inspector S McGovern

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 23 September 2020 were submitted for approval as a correct record.

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

3 Police Scotland -Update

Chief Inspector Baillie and Inspector McGovern, Police Scotland provided details of the following key priorities for South Lanarkshire as detailed in the new (pan Lanarkshire) Local Policing Plan 2020 to 2023:-

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

Information was also provided on:-

- ◆ various activities and positive policing outcomes in the local community
- ◆ the deployment of Special Constables to support Officers during the peak of the COVID-19 pandemic
- ◆ the roll out of mobile devices which commenced between January and April 2020 and had enabled Officers to spend more time in the community

- ♦ the use of Microsoft Teams which had allowed Partnership meetings to be held remotely and had also enabled Police Scotland, the Council, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service and other Partners to continue to work collectively during the COVID-19 pandemic
- ♦ school based Police Officers deployed to Calderglen and Duncanrig High Schools through a joint agreement between Police Scotland and the schools, working together to provide early interventions

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

The Committee decided: that the presentation be noted.

[Reference: Minutes of 7 November 2018 (Paragraph 3)]

4 Community Grant Applications

A report dated 16 November 2020 by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) was submitted on an application for a community grant.

The Chair referred to the arrangement to use £5,000 from the 2020/2021 community grants budget to assist community groups engaged in supporting their communities during the COVID-19 pandemic. He advised that an application for a COVID-19 response community grant had been received from Darcy's Equine Assisted Learning Centre, Strathaven and he, in consultation with the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources), had agreed that a grant of £1,000 be awarded.

The purpose of the grant would allow 16 adults, who were mobility challenged, and their full-time carers to attend the Centre for a one hour 1:1 Session. Details of the grant application and award of grant had been circulated to members.

The Committee decided:

- (1) that a community grant be awarded as follows:-

Applicant:	Duncanrig Rambling Club, East Kilbride (EK/19/20)
Purpose of Grant:	Outing, administration and publicity costs
Amount Awarded:	£300

- (2) that the award of a COVID-19 response grant of £1,000 to Darcy's Equine Assisted Learning Centre, Strathaven be noted.

[Reference: Minutes of 23 June 2020 (Paragraph 3)]

5 Urgent Business

There were no items of urgent business.