

# EAST KILBRIDE AREA COMMITTEE

Minutes of meeting held via Microsoft Teams on 12 May 2021

**Chair:**

Councillor Archie Buchanan

**Councillors Present:**

Councillor John Anderson, Councillor Graeme Campbell, Councillor Gerry Convery, Councillor Margaret Cooper, Councillor Isobel Dorman (Depute), Councillor Fiona Dryburgh, Councillor Joe Fagan, Councillor Grant Ferguson, Councillor Geri Gray, Councillor Ian Harrow, Councillor Hugh Macdonald, Councillor Graham Scott, Councillor Jim Wardhaugh, Councillor David Watson

**Councillors' Apologies:**

Councillor Monique McAdams, Councillor Gladys Miller, Councillor Collette Stevenson

**Attending:**

**Finance and Corporate Resources**

T Slater, Administration Adviser; L Wyllie, Administration Assistant

**Also Attending:**

**Scottish Fire and Rescue Service**

R Lennox, Station Manager

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## 1 Declaration of Interests

No interests were declared.

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## 2 Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting of the East Kilbride Area Committee held on 24 February 2021 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 Minutes of Special Meeting

The minutes of the special meeting of the East Kilbride Area Committee held on 24 March 2021 were submitted for approval as a correct record.

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

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## 4 Scottish Fire and Rescue Service

R Lennox, East Kilbride Community Fire Station, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) gave an update in respect of activity within the East Kilbride area and how this activity measured against agreed targets for the period 2020/2021.

The presentation provided performance information covering the period 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021, 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))

R Lennox, having responded to members' questions, was thanked for his informative presentation.

**The Committee decided:** that the presentation be noted.

*Councillor Fagan joined the meeting during this item of business*

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## 5 Playscheme Grant Applications

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A report dated 4 May 2021 by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) was submitted on applications for playscheme grant for 2021/2022.

Playscheme funding allowed an allocation of £600 to be made to playschemes that operated over the summer, October and Easter holiday periods with £400 for the summer period only and £100 for each of the October and Easter periods. Application forms had been recently submitted and were still subject to review in terms of meeting the Council's criteria for receipt of funding. It was, therefore, proposed that grant awards be agreed, in principle, subject to the satisfactory review process.

Financial provision was available for individual playschemes to receive, as appropriate, Travel and Freedom Passes from Strathclyde Partnership for Transport.

**The Committee decided:** that playscheme grants be awarded, in principle, 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   |

*[Reference: Minutes of 29 April 2020 (Paragraph 3)]*

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## 6 Community Grants Update

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A report dated 28 April 2021 by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) was submitted:-

- ♦ advising that no community grant applications had been received for consideration at today's meeting
- ♦ providing details of a proposal to carry forward unspent monies from the 2020/2021 community grants budget

Area Committees had expressed that, in this unusual year due to the pandemic, they did not want groups to lose access to unspent money in the 2020/2021 community grants budget. On 28 April 2021, the Executive Committee considered a proposal that the unspent balances from each Area Committee could be carried forward at the end of the financial year to be managed as part of the year end final transfer to reserves.

Formal approval to carry forward those unspent monies would 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 2020/2021 amounted to £16,040.

**The Committee decided:** to note that formal approval to carry forward unspent money in the 2020/2021 community grants budget would be recommended in the 2020/2021 year-end report to be submitted to the Executive Committee on 23 June 2021.

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## 7 Urgent Business

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There were no items of urgent business.