

EAST KILBRIDE AREA COMMITTEE

Minutes of meeting held in the Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Andrew Street, East Kilbride on 15 December 2010

Chair:

Councillor Alice Marie Mitchell

Councillors Present:

John Anderson, Archie Buchanan, John Cairney, Graeme Campbell, Jim Docherty, Douglas Edwards, Bill Holman, Anne Maggs, James Malloy (Depute), Alan Scott, Graham Scott, Chris Thompson, Jim Wardhaugh, David Watson

Councillors' Apologies:

Gerry Convery, Lynn Filshie, Graham Simpson, Sheena Wardhaugh, Pat Watters

Attending:

Corporate Resources

S McLeod, Administration Officer

Education Resources

A Rooney, Head of Education (East Kilbride/Rutherglen/Cambuslang); D Thompson, Headteacher, Hunter Primary School

Enterprise Resources

G Milne, Team Leader, Operations; G Morrison, Roads Area Manager (East Kilbride)

Housing and Technical Resources

D Gray, Area Services Manager

Chair's Opening Remarks

The Chair, on behalf of the members of the Committee, welcomed Councillor Alan Scott to his first meeting of the Area Committee.

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 6 October 2010 were submitted for approval as a correct record.

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

3 HMle Report - Hunter Primary School, East Kilbride

A report dated 2 December 2010 by the Executive Director (Education Resources) was submitted on the outcome of the inspection of Hunter Primary School, East Kilbride made by Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Education (HMle).

The inspection had taken place in May 2010 as part of a national sample of primary education and the inspection report had been published on 24 August 2010. Education Resources' employees would ensure that the recommendations contained within the report were followed up and that appropriate support was made available to the school. HMIe had indicated that they would make no further visits in connection with this inspection.

The Head of Education and Headteacher spoke on key aspects of the report and responded to members' questions.

The Committee decided: that the report be noted.

4 Roads Investment Programme - Progress Report

A report dated 23 November 2010 by the Executive Director (Enterprise Resources) was submitted on the progress of the Roads Investment Programme in the East Kilbride area. Details were provided on the:-

- ◆ phasing of the additional £126 million expenditure on the Roads Investment Programme from 2008 to 2016
- ◆ level of expenditure allocated to each Council area including confirmation that £32.76 million would be spent in the East Kilbride Area Committee Area over the 8 year programme
- ◆ increased expenditure on footways/footpaths
- ◆ priority scoring system for carriageway and footway/footpath schemes
- ◆ progress made in relation to the schemes within the East Kilbride area which showed that 69 schemes had been completed or were programmed to be completed by the end of March 2011

The Roads Area Manager, having responded to questions raised and points made by members, was thanked for both his and his employees' commitment and efforts during the recent period of severe weather.

The Committee decided: that the report be noted.

[Reference: Minutes of 2 December 2009 (Paragraph 3)]

5 Area Committee Report on Housing Services

A report dated 1 December 2010 by the Executive Director (Housing and Technical Resources) was submitted on Housing Services' activity and performance in the East Kilbride Area Committee area. Details were provided on the following key areas:-

- ◆ housing investment
 - ◆ HomeHappening programme
 - ◆ repairs and adaptations
 - ◆ customer satisfaction
- ◆ housing regeneration and new housing supply
- ◆ community safety

The Area Services Manager, having responded to questions raised and points made by members, was thanked for both his and his employees' commitment and efforts during the recent period of severe weather.

The Committee decided: that the report be noted.

[Reference: Minutes of 23 September 2009 (Paragraph 5)]

Councillor Buchanan left the meeting during consideration of this item of business

6 Community Grant Applications

A report dated 30 November 2010 by the Executive Director (Corporate Resources) was submitted on applications for community grant.

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

- (a) Applicant: East Kilbride Mountaineering Club (*EK/126/10*)
Purpose of Grant: Equipment, outing and entrance fees
Amount Awarded: £500
- (b) Applicant: Stonehouse Christmas Festival Committee (*EK/127/10*)
Purpose of Grant: Equipment and printing costs
Amount Awarded: £500
- (c) Applicant: Avendale Guild, Strathaven (*EK/128/10*)
Purpose of Grant: Outing and entrance fees
Amount Awarded: £250
- (d) Applicant: South Parish Rambling Club, East Kilbride (*EK/129/10*)
Purpose of Grant: Transport costs
Amount Awarded: £200
- (e) Applicant: Hooves and Paws Users' Group, Stonehouse (*EK/130/10*)
Purpose of Grant: Equipment
Amount Awarded: £400

7 Urgent Business

There were no items of urgent business.