

EAST KILBRIDE AREA COMMITTEE

Minutes of meeting held in the Council Chamber, Civic Centre, East Kilbride on 24 August 2011

Chair:

Councillor Alice Marie Mitchell

Councillors Present:

John Anderson, John Cairney, Jim Docherty, Douglas Edwards, Bill Holman, James Malloy (Depute), Alan Scott, Graham Scott, Graham Simpson, Chris Thompson, Jim Wardhaugh, Sheena Wardhaugh

Councillors' Apologies:

Archie Buchanan, Graeme Campbell, Gerry Convery, Lynn Filshie, Anne Maggs, David Watson, Pat Watters

Attending:

Corporate Resources

S McLeod, Administration Officer; A Morton, Central Research Unit Manager; H Rae, Research Officer

Education Resources

M Holmes, Quality Improvement Officer; L Jamieson, Headteacher, Long Calderwood Primary School; A M Knowles, Quality Manager; A Monie, Headteacher, Long Calderwood Primary School (retired); I Munro, Headteacher, South Park Primary School and Nursery Class

1 Declaration of Interests

The following interest was declared:-

<i>Councillor(s)</i>	<i>Item(s)</i>	<i>Nature of Interest(s)</i>
Holman	Community Grant Application EK/47/11 Strathaven Fairtrade Goup	Member

2 Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting of the East Kilbride Area Committee held on 25 May 2011 were submitted for approval as a correct record.

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

3 HMle Report - Long Calderwood Primary School, East Kilbride

A report dated 2 August 2011 by the Executive Director (Education Resources) was submitted on the outcome of the inspection of Long Calderwood Primary School, East Kilbride made by Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Education (HMle).

The inspection had taken place in May 2011 as part of a national sample of primary education and the inspection report had been published on 21 June 2011.

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. HMle had intimated that they would make no further visits in connection with this inspection.

The Quality Improvement Officer, the Headteacher and the retired Headteacher spoke on key aspects of the report.

Members of the Committee congratulated the Headteacher on the outcome of the inspection and asked that their congratulations be relayed to the staff at the school.

The Committee decided: that the report be noted.

4 HMIe Report - South Park Primary School and Nursery Class, East Kilbride

A report dated 10 August 2011 by the Executive Director (Education Resources) was submitted on the outcome of the inspection of South Park Primary School and Nursery Class, East Kilbride made by Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Education (HMIe).

The inspection had taken place in March 2011 as part of a national sample of primary and nursery education and the inspection report had been published on 26 April 2011.

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 intimated that they would make no further visits in connection with this inspection.

The Quality Manager and the Headteacher spoke on key aspects of the report.

The Chair congratulated the Headteacher on the outcome of the inspection and asked that the Committee's congratulations be relayed to the staff at the school and nursery class.

The Committee decided: that the report be noted.

5 Presentation - Strathclyde Police

The representatives from Strathclyde Police gave a presentation on:-

- ◆ changes to the Divisional structure and the benefits for the East Kilbride area
- ◆ the 'Usual Suspects' knife crime initiative
- ◆ performance and activity during 2010/2011 which highlighted that there was a continued reduction in recorded crimes and a detection rate of 61.9% in violent crime
- ◆ activity undertaken in the course of the year and the proactive approach being adopted to move persons away from criminality
- ◆ current initiatives and activities including 'Move the Goalposts' and 'Operation Cargo' which targeted known drinking hotspots

In response to a question on whether the byelaw which prohibited the possession of an open container of alcohol in designated areas had made a positive difference and whether records were kept of repeat offenders, Chief Superintendent Gall advised that there were a number of issues in relation to this including the fact that some individuals provided false details. Street drinking was highlighted as an issue across Strathclyde and discussions were ongoing with the Procurator Fiscal.

Chief Superintendent Gall and Chief Inspector Findlay, having responded to members' questions, were thanked for their informative presentation.

The Committee decided: that the presentation be noted.

[Reference: Minutes of 12 May 2010 (Paragraph 3)]

Councillor Malloy left the meeting after this item of business

6 East Kilbride Area Profile 2011

A report dated 1 August 2011 by the Executive Director (Corporate Resources) was submitted on key indicators of conditions in the East Kilbride Area Committee area.

The Central Research Unit within Corporate Resources maintained a website allowing access to a wide range of information at a datazone level. Datazones were neighbourhoods of around 750 people, produced by the Scottish Government, which allowed data to be analysed and information to be reported on at approximations to a Council ward and Area Committee area basis.

Information was provided on:-

- ◆ population projections for the area which indicated that the population was expected to continue to rise more rapidly than in South Lanarkshire as a whole with a significant increase in the numbers aged 80 years and over
- ◆ employment forecasts which indicated that employment would fall over the next 5 years by 1.1%
- ◆ the number of people claiming Job Seekers Allowance in June 2011 was 2,141 giving a claimant rate of 3.6%, a fall of 4.4% since June 2010
- ◆ percentage of children in families out of work receiving Child Tax Credit
- ◆ percentage of children in families receiving Child Tax Credit
- ◆ claimant rate for health related benefits and comparative illness statistics
- ◆ 'More Choices, More Chances' – percentage not moving into positive destinations
- ◆ percentage claiming Pension Credit – guarantee element only
- ◆ all crimes and offences (excluding motoring offences)

In response to a question regarding the availability of information on health for the East Kilbride Area Committee area, the Central Research Unit Manager confirmed that this was available and would be provided to members.

The Committee decided: that the report be noted.

[Reference: Minutes of 7 July 2010 (Paragraph 4)]

7 Community Grant Applications

A report dated 4 August 2011 by the Executive Director (Corporate Resources) was submitted on applications for community grant.

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

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| (a) | Applicant: | Stonehouse Senior Citizens' Domino Club (EK/63/11) |
| | Purpose of Grant: | Outing |
| | Amount Awarded: | £150 |
| (b) | Applicant: | St Bride's Ladies' Phoenix Club, East Kilbride (EK/73/11) |
| | Purpose of Grant: | Outing and entrance fees |
| | Amount Awarded: | £250 |

- (c) Applicant: Strathaven Fairtrade Group (EK/74/11)
Purpose of Grant: Administration, publicity and production costs, outing and entrance fees and equipment
Amount Awarded: £500

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

- (d) Applicant: East Kilbride Free Fellowship (EK/75/11)
Purpose of Grant: Outing
Amount Awarded: £200
- (e) Applicant: RSA Club, East Kilbride (EK/76/11)
Purpose of Grant: Outing
Amount Awarded: £200
- (f) Applicant: Scottish Old Age Pensions' Association (SOPA) - Strathaven Branch (EK/78/11)
Purpose of Grant: Outing
Amount Awarded: £200
- (g) Applicant: Chapelton Indoor Bowling Club (EK/79/11)
Purpose of Grant: Outing and entrance fees
Amount Awarded: £250
- (h) Applicant: Westwood Parish Church Men's Fellowship, East Kilbride (EK/80/11)
Purpose of Grant: Outing and equipment
Amount Awarded: £350
- (i) Applicant: Stonehouse Senior Citizens' Pavilion (EK/83/11)
Purpose of Grant: Outing
Amount Awarded: £200
- (j) Applicant: Duncanrig Rambling Club, East Kilbride (EK/84/11)
Purpose of Grant: Transport costs
Amount Awarded: £300
- (k) Applicant: Trust Housing (Lindsayfield) Tenants' Association, East Kilbride (EK/85/11)
Purpose of Grant: Equipment, outing and entrance fees
Amount Awarded: £350
- (l) Applicant: Midweek Walking Group, East Kilbride (EK/86/11)
Purpose of Grant: Transport costs
Amount Awarded: £300
- (m) Applicant: Bethany Group, Strathaven (EK/88/11)
Purpose of Grant: Outing and entrance fees
Amount Awarded: £250
- (n) Applicant: Rolls Royce Bowling Club (Ladies' Section), East Kilbride (EK/89/11)
Purpose of Grant: Outing and entrance fees
Amount Awarded: £250

- (o) Applicant: Sandford Scottish Women's Rural Institute, Strathaven (*EK/90/11*)
 Purpose of Grant: Outing
 Amount Awarded: £200
- (p) Applicant: Stonehouse Senior Citizens' Carpet Bowlers (*EK/91/11*)
 Purpose of Grant: Outing
 Amount Awarded: £200
- (q) Applicant: Thornton Grange Neighbourhood Watch Scheme, Jackton (*EK/92/11*)
 Purpose of Grant: Start-up costs
 Amount Awarded: £250
- (r) Applicant: Talk Now, East Kilbride (*EK/93/11*)
 Purpose of Grant: Start-up costs
 Amount Awarded: £250
- (s) Applicant: Maranatha Camp, East Kilbride (*EK/94/11*)
 Purpose of Grant: Transport costs
 Amount Awarded: £200
- (t) Applicant: St Vincent De Paul – Strathaven (*EK/95/11*)
 Purpose of Grant: Outing
 Amount Awarded: £200
- (u) Applicant: Strathaven and District Probus Club (*EK/96/11*)
 Purpose of Grant: Outing and entrance fees
 Amount Awarded: £250
- (v) Applicant: Strathaven Balloon Festival, East Kilbride (*EK/97/11*)
 Purpose of Grant: Printing costs and equipment
 Amount Awarded: £400
- (w) Applicant: East Kilbride Cricket Club (*EK/98/11*)
 Purpose of Grant: Equipment
 Amount Awarded: £300
- (x) Applicant: St Ninian's Parish Church Guild, Stonehouse (*EK/99/11*)
 Purpose of Grant: Outing
 Amount Awarded: £200
- (y) Applicant: Strathaven Bowling Club Ladies' Section (*EK/100/11*)
 Purpose of Grant: Outing and entrance fees
 Amount Awarded: £250
- (z) Applicant: JAM Club (Jesus and Me), East Kilbride (*EK/101/11*)
 Purpose of Grant: Equipment
 Amount Awarded: £300
- (aa) Applicant: 25th East Kilbride Girl Guides (*EK/102/11*)
 Purpose of Grant: Outing and entrance fees
 Amount Awarded: £250
- (bb) Applicant: 15th East Kilbride Girl Guides (*EK/103/11*)
 Purpose of Grant: Outing and entrance fees
 Amount Awarded: £250

- (cc) Applicant: East Kilbride and District Dementia Carers' Group (*EK/104/11*)
Purpose of Grant: Publication and publicity costs
Amount Awarded: £350
- (dd) Applicant: Langlands Golf Club (Junior Section), East Kilbride (*EK/105/11*)
Purpose of Grant: Outing and entrance fees
Amount Awarded: £250
- (ee) Applicant: Crutherland Gate and Calderglen Meadow Residents' Association,
East Kilbride (*EK/106/11*)
Purpose of Grant: Equipment
Amount Awarded: £300
- (ff) Applicant: Stonehouse Heritage Group (*EK/107/11*)
Purpose of Grant: Equipment
Amount Awarded: £300

8 Urgent Business

There were no items of urgent business.