

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

CENTRAL LOCAL COMMUNITY PLANNING FORUM

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 5 JUNE 2007 AT 1400 HRS IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK

PRESENT: Councillors Helen Coffey, Willie Coffey, Tom Cook, Robert Keohone, Iain Linton, Douglas Reid, Gordon Cree, Drew McIntyre, John Knapp, Hugh Ross and Jim Todd; Community Representatives John Timpany, John McIvor, Ian McVey, Esther Caldwell, Beryl Graham, Archie Pryce, Winnie Campbell, Peter Irons, Susan Anderson, Julie Quinn, Pauline Campbell, Joan Wark, Margaret Keachie, John Donaldson, Mark Hemphill and Charles McGowan; and Substitute Community Representatives Jean Churchill and Linda Thomson.

ATTENDING: Bill Walkinshaw, Head of Democratic Services; Gwen Barker, Community Planning and Partnership Manager; Eddie Bulik, Monitoring and Administration Officer, Neighbourhood Services; Janice Harrison, Team Leader, Community Learning and Development and Christine Baillie, Administrative Officer.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Jim Buchanan and John Campbell; Community Representative Margaret Docherty; and Substitute Community Representatives Noreen Lennon, Alison McCann and David Coulter.

CHAIR: Councillor Helen Coffey, (Chair).

A REVIEW OF EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL'S DECISION-MAKING STRUCTURE AND DEVELOPING COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

1. There was submitted a report dated 23 May 2007 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support which presented for information, proposals to develop community engagement within East Ayrshire.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note that Gwen Barker, Community Planning and Partnership Manager would make arrangements to meet with Community Representatives and Substitutes to seek their views on the proposals;
- (ii) to note that Community Representatives' organisations were invited to submit, in writing, comments on the proposals to Bill Walkinshaw, Head of Democratic Services and that the deadline for comments be extended to 30 November 2007; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

OVERVIEW OF THE COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME

2. There was submitted a report dated 21 May 2007 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support which provided members with an overview of the existing Community Grants Scheme.

It was agreed:-

- (i) as part of the review of East Ayrshire Council's decision making structure and developing community engagement, as discussed under item 1 above, to include a review of the Council's Community Grants Scheme, in particular the criteria for applying for grant assistance, whether groups should be allowed to apply for grant assistance more than once per financial year, whether grants should be awarded where the project supplements existing Council services, the feasibility of introducing a maximum grant limit on grant award per project and to look at the grant assessment process; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

COMMUNITY GRANTS TO LOCAL ORGANISATIONS 2007/2008

3. There was submitted a report dated 25 May 2007 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support on the financial position in respect of community grants to local organisations in 2007/08 together with individual assessment reports in respect of the undernoted applications, an assessment report for Galloway Youth for Lourdes (circulated at meeting) and a verbal report by the Administrative Officer in respect of Crosshouse out of School Group.

It was agreed as follows:-

3.1. Applications Approved (for the purposes identified on the application), viz:-

(a) Arts and Cultural

- (i) Kilmarnock Concert Brass Band (CG 3546) – £299.40 subject to the group completing the Disclosure Scotland Registration Process.

(b) Community Associations

- (i) North West Community Group (CG 3644) - £1300.00 It was also agreed to remit to the Director of Educational and Social Services to look at providing in kind help to the group in respect of the project.

(c) Leisure Activities

(i) **Declaration of Interest**

Councillor Reid declared a non-financial interest in the following item i.e. Springhill Bowling Club and took no part in the discussion or decision

Consideration of Item

- (ii) Springhill Bowling Club (CG 3663) - £474.00

(iii) **Declaration of Interest**

Councillor McIntyre declared a non-financial interest in the following item i.e. East Ayrshire Gardening Club and took no part in the discussion or decision.

Consideration of Item

- (iv) East Ayrshire Gardening Club (CG 3643) - £465.00
- (v) Howard Park Bowling Club (CG 3640) - £55.40
- (vi) Kilmaurs Farmers Society (CG 3541) - £113.61

(d) Older People

- (i) Kilmarnock South Elderly Forum (CG 3446) - £105.85
- (ii) Kilmarnock South Elderly Forum (CG 3639) - £26.26
- (iii) 50's Club (CG 3674) - £700.00
- (iv) Bentinck Elderly Social Club (CG 3632) - £32.70
- (v) St Michaels Friendship Club (CG 3630) - £58.32

(e) Social Inclusion

- (i) Gatehead Monday Club (CG 3647) - £669.20

(f) Sport

(i) **Declaration of Interest**

Councillor Cree declared a non-financial interest in the applications in respect of Annanhill Golf Club and left the meeting.

Consideration of Item

- (iii) Annanhill Golf Club (CG 3491) - £300.00 It was also agreed that the grant be used for the purchase of a trophy only.

Councillor Cree re-joined the meeting at this point.

- (iv) Kilmarnock Balmoral Football Club (CG 3515) - £323.52
- (v) Kilmaurs Glencairn Football Club (CG 3645) - £3000.00, subject to the group completing the registration process with the SYFA to allow them to Disclosure Check Volunteers at the Club.
- (vi) Crosshouse Boys Club (CG 3597) - £432.00
- (vii) Bellfield Youth Football Club (CG 3622) - £1189.62 subject to the following additional conditions i.e. that the lawn tractor was to be made accessible, subject to availability, to other similar voluntary groups within the Central Local Community Planning Forum Area and that the Group provide the Head of Democratic Services with a copy of the appropriate insurance documents in respect of the lawn tractor.

Councillor Linton left the meeting at this point.

(g) Young People

- (i) Galloway Youth for Lourdes (CG 3642) - £1000.00
- (ii) Crosshouse out of School Group (CG 3706) – The Administrative Officer advised that an application had been received from Crosshouse Out of School Group which required an early decision. The group provided before and after school care for children and sought a grant of £2,000 (the total cost of project was £2,889) to fund outings during the Summer school holidays.

It was agreed to approve the application in principle, up to a total of £2000.00 subject to the receipt of a satisfactory assessment and that the application be remitted to the Head of Democratic Services to progress.

3.2 Applications Refused

(a) Older People

- (i) Friendship Circle (CG 3580) – Refused on the grounds that the group did not meet the funding criteria as it did not provide equal access as membership was restricted to Marks and Spencers retirees only.

(b) Sport

- (i) Annanhill Golf Club (CG 3689) – Refused on the grounds that the project did not promote any of the Council's Community Planning themes or address any of the Council's strategies and would have no benefit to the local community

This item had been considered at Item 3.1(f)(iii) on the Agenda at which Councillor Cree had declared a non-financial interest in the item and left the meeting during discussion.

(c) Young People

- (i) Silverwood Home and School Organisation (CG 3683)

Councillor Reid seconded by Councillor W Coffey moved that the application be refused on that grounds that the project was not considered by the Forum as an effective use of community grant funding.

Councillor McIntyre seconded by Councillor Knapp moved as an amendment that £4914.00 be approved.

On a division by a show of hands the motion was carried by 7 votes to 3.

- (ii) New Farm Parent Teacher Association (CG 3545)

Councillor Reid seconded by Councillor W Coffey moved that the application be refused on the grounds that the project was not considered by the Forum as an effective use of community grant funding.

Councillor McIntyre seconded by Councillor Knapp moved as an amendment that £5000.00 be approved.

On a division by a show of hands the motion was carried by 7 votes to 3.

(d) Early Education and Child Care

- (i) Bellfield After School Care (CG 3691) – Refused on the grounds that the project was not considered by the Forum as an effective use of community grant funding.

3.3 Application Withdrawn

- 3.3.1** Catrine Drama Group (CG 3612) - It was reported and noted that this application had been withdrawn from the Agenda.

NAMING OF STREETS BY LOCAL COMMUNITY PLANNING FORUMS

4.1 New Developments at Altonhill and New Farm Loch, Kilmarnock

There was submitted a report dated 22 May 2007 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support which sought street names for new developments at Altonhill and New Farm Loch, Kilmarnock.

The Administrative Officer provided a verbal update in respect of the new development at Altonhill and advised that Northwest Community Council had suggested Bluebell Drive and Heather Court.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the street name for the new development at New Farm Loch be Lindsay Gardens;
- (ii) that the street names for the new development at Altonhill be Bluebell Drive and Heather Court; and
- (iii) that the Technical Services Section be advised accordingly.

4.2 New Development at Moorfield, Kilmarnock

There was submitted a report dated 23 May 2007 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support which sought street names for the new development at Moorfield, Kilmarnock.

The Administrative Officer provided a verbal update and advised that Grange Howard Community Council had suggested Jean Armour Drive, Ballochmyle Walk, Aberfeldy Place, Lochlea Wynd and Dumfries Drive.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the street names for the new development at Moorfield, Kilmarnock be Jean Armour Drive, Ballochmyle Walk, Aberfeldy Place, Lochlea Wynd and Dumfries Drive; and
- (ii) that the Technical Services Section be advised accordingly.

The meeting terminated at 1615 hours.