

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

CENTRAL NORTH LOCAL GRANTS COMMITTEE - 17 AUGUST 2010

LOCAL COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME - REQUEST TO RE-ALLOCATE FUNDS

Report by Executive Director of Finance and Corporate Support

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1** The purpose of this report is to advise the Committee of a request received from Knockinlaw Community Association to use Community Grant funding previously awarded (CG 4261) for a different purpose to that previously approved.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1** The Central North Local Grants Committee at its meeting on 18 August 2009 (Item 1(a)(iii), Page 809, 07/12) considered a grant application from Knockinlaw Community Association (CG 4261) to enable the Association to take over the management of the former Ardbeg Community Education Centre in Knockinlaw. The group requested funding to assist with annual running costs such as electricity, rates, water, security, trade refuse, cleaning support, rental charges and insurance. The total cost of the project was £14,000 and club sought a grant of £9,000.
- 2.2** The Committee, at its meeting on 18 August 2009 considered the grant assessment (copy attached as Appendix 1 to the report) and agreed to award the organisation £2,000 for the purposes outlined in 2.1 above. A standard condition of grant (condition 6) is it that "you must use the grant for exactly the project you applied for".
- 2.3** A letter dated 24 August 2009 was issued to the group advising of their award.

3. PRESENT SITUATION

- 3.1** A letter dated 1 April 2010 was received from the group (i) advising that it had been necessary to carry out a Building Surveyors Inspection Report in July 2009 at a cost of £862.50; (ii) informing that it had not been feasible to take over the management of the former Ardbeg Community Education Centre in Knockinlaw due to the excessive costs of the extensive works required to bring the building up to a standard fit for occupation; and (iii) requesting that £862.50 of the grant award be re-allocated to pay for the structural survey with the balance of the grant being returned to East Ayrshire Council.
- 3.2** The Assessing Officer has considered the request and confirmed that (i) although it is recognised that the request is retrospective in nature, the carrying out of the survey was necessary to assess whether the group could take over the management of the former Ardbeg Community Education Centre; (ii) that funding for a structural survey is acceptable in terms of the

Local Committee Grants Scheme; (iii) if the Committee were minded to agree to the request; and (iv) the group would be required to return funding of £1,137.50 being the uncommitted balance of grant.

4. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

4.1 The Local Community Grants Scheme operates within the policy guidelines as detailed in the Council's procedure document - APB 27 External Funding (January 2003) issued in accordance with the Code of Guidance on Funding External Bodies and Following the Public Pound.

5. COMMUNITY PLANNING IMPLICATIONS

5.1 The disbursement of Community Grants to a range of locally based organisations accords with the main themes of the East Ayrshire Community Plan.

6. LEGAL/RISK IMPLICATIONS

6.1 None arising directly from this report.

7. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

7.1 The grant has already been paid out of the community grants budget. If the Committee refuse the request to re-allocate funds the monies would be returned to Central North Grants budget.

8. RECOMMENDATIONS

8.1 The Local Grants Committee is asked:-

- (i) to consider the request to re-allocate £862.50 of the grant funding for a Building Surveyors Inspection Report;
- (ii) that if the request to re-allocate funding is agreed, that the group return the uncommitted balance of £ 1,137.50; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

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28 July 2010
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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS - Nil

Any person wishing to inspect the background papers relative to this report should contact Sharon McHarg, Administrative Officer on Tel No (01563) 576131. Any person wishing further information on this report should contact Bill Walkinshaw, Head of Democratic Services on Tel No (01563) 576135.

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Organisation

Knockinlaw Community Association

Reference Number **CG4261**

grant assessment form

1 Aims and objectives of the organisation

The Association aims to improve the quality of life in the Knockinlaw community by advancing education, promoting social welfare and promoting educational, recreational and cultural activities.

2 Purpose of the grant (including breakdown of costs)

The purpose of the grant is to enable the Association to take over the management of the former Ardbeg Community Education Centre in Knockinlaw.

The following costings have been presented by the Association to enable the facility to re-open under community management.

Electric	£1295.27
Rates	£3702.55
Water	£4750.52
Waste water charges	£960.60
Security	£150.89
Trade Refuse	£276.00
Cleaning Support	£238.77
Rental Charge	£21.34
Insurance estmtd Zurich	£285.00
Total cost	£11,680.94

3a How many people are on the organisation's Management Committee? 20

3b What is the organisation's total membership?

3c How many members usually attend the organisation's meetings or events? 15-25+

3d How many members of the organisation would benefit from the grant?

3e How many members of the community would benefit from the grant? unknown

4 How will the grant :- (a) develop the organisation; or

Encourage the community of Knockinlaw to take ownership of the former Ardbeg Community Education Centre.

(b) benefit the local community.

The re-opening of a local community facility to be used for educational, recreational & cultural activities.

All questions on this form must be completed

5	Total cost of project		£ 11,680.94
	Amount of grant requested		£ 9000
	Bank Balance(s)	Date 19 th November 2008	£ 687.08
	Where the group has more than one bank account all balances should be recorded		
	Cash in hand	Date	£
Value of any other financial assets		Date	£
Name of other funding sources			
Amount and date of grant			
£ 1000		Date August 2008	
E.A.C. Grant		Transport to Blackpool	

6	If latest balance (including other financial assets) exceeds the cost of the project or is substantial, are these funds ring-fenced for the normal activities of the group or can they contribute to the cost of the project?
	N/A

7	Recommendation	
	Support	
	Refuse	
	Defer	✓
	Amount Recommended	£
Reason for recommendation		
<p>It is considered that Knockinlaw Community Association are not in a position to receive grant funding in respect of the former Ardbeg Centre at present.</p> <p>They are currently being supported by the Community Learning and Development Service and by the East Ayrshire Council of Voluntary Organisations to become established as a limited company and to develop a viable Business Plan.</p> <p>They are also being supported to explore other sources of funding including the Big Lottery Fund.</p> <p>It is therefore recommended that this application is deferred pending further progress towards community ownership of the facility which is sustainable in the longer term.</p>		
Management Risk Ranking L / M / H <small>Risk Ranking based on Grant Application and Financial Information used to determine appropriate levels of monitoring and evaluation.</small>		Child Protection Risk Ranking L / M / H <small>Applications with a HIGH ranking are not recommended for support</small>

8	If there are any revenue implications how will they be met in future years?
	It is likely that this group will continue to make applications for revenue funding if their plans progress. A business plan showing how future cost will be made is essential.

9	Does the project represent value for money?	Yes	No

10 **Cross boundary grant (if applicable) and division per committee (the calculation should identify the corresponding number of individuals within the respective Local Committee areas who will directly benefit from the grant award)**

	Nos	Amount	%
Northern Local Grants Committee			
Central North Local Grants Committee			
Central South Local Grants Committee			
Southern Local Grants Committee			
Other areas outwith EA			
Method of Division			

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