

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

CENTRAL NORTH AND CENTRAL SOUTH LOCAL GRANTS COMMITTEES - 5 MAY 2009

COMMUNITY GRANTS TO LOCAL ORGANISATIONS – COMMUNITY ASSOCIATIONS

Joint Report by Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support and Executive Director of Educational and Social Services

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1** To update Members on the position with regard to funding of Community Associations within East Ayrshire and to request Members consideration of the grant assessment appended to the report for Hurlford Community Association (CG 4154).

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1** The Central North and Central South Local Grants Committees on 24 February 2009, considered a community grant assessment report (Appendix 1) in respect of Hurlford Community Association who had applied for funding to refurbish the main hall floor and stage including sanding, buffing and resealing of the wooden floor. The total cost of the project was approximately £6,000 with a community grant sought of £4,500, with the maximum cross-boundary share for Central North being £3,000 and £1,500 for Central South.
- 2.2** It was agreed by both Committees to continue consideration of the matter and that the Head of Democratic Services in consultation with the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services provide a report to the next meeting on (a) any previous East Ayrshire Council community grant awards for similar projects in recent years; (b) any funding that had been made available from the Department of Educational and Social Services for similar works to any other Community Centres; and (c) the overall repairs needed to Hurlford Community Centre and a breakdown of what elements the Community Association were responsible for and what the Department of Educational and Social Services were responsible for.

3. CURRENT POSITION

3.1 Community Grant Awards – Last Two Financial Years

- 3.1.1** One grant award has been made in recent years. In the financial year 2008/2009, Rankinston Community Association received a grant award of £1,000 to purchase 100 new chairs.

3.2 Other Funding for Similar Works to Community Centres

- 3.2.1** Various works have been undertaken by the Council in partnership with Community Associations during 2008/2009. Appendix 2 to the report provides a list of the work undertaken in Community Centres and highlights the contribution made by East Ayrshire Council and/ or Community Associations.
- 3.2.2** Asset Management is responsible for ensuring repairs are carried out and that properties are wind and watertight. Community Associations try to invest in the internal fabric of the building as illustrated in Appendix 2 and this was reflected in the new Service Level Agreement that was recently approved by Cabinet on 4 March 2009.
- 3.2.3** Hurlford Community Association recently invested £17,300 in partnership with Community Learning and Development, who contributed £5,000 to refurbish the kitchen. Although the Association would like to enhance the hall flooring in the centre, Community Learning and Development would not contribute to the cost of this work as it would not be seen as a priority at this time, nor is the floor in a condition that would give the Council cause for concern.

3.3 Overall Repairs Needed to Hurlford Community Centre

- 3.3.1** Hurlford Community Centre requires the following repairs to be carried out which will be funded by the Council:-
- Problems with water ingress which Property are addressing; and
 - Listed on the capital programme is the replacement of windows throughout the building and upgrade of toilet facilities.

4. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1** Section 83 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 as amended provides powers to Councils to make grants to voluntary organisations which in their opinion are in the interests of the area or any part of it. Local Grants Committees can also set their own individual local priorities.
- 4.2** Service Level Agreements will ensure clear and explicit working agreements between the Council and Community Associations.

5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1** There are no legal implications.

6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1** Proposals detailed within the report could be met within existing community grant budgets.

7. COMMUNITY PLANNING IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1** The overall grants scheme to local organisations supports the themes of the Community Plan.

8. RECOMMENDATIONS

8.1 The Local Grants Committees are asked to:-

- (i) note the position with regard to funding of Community Associations within East Ayrshire;
- (ii) consider the grant assessment attached as Appendix 1 to this report; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS - NIL

Any person wishing further information on this report should contact Bill Walkinshaw, Head of Democratic Services on Tel No (01563) 576135 or Robin Gourlay, Head of Facilities Management on Tel No (01563) 576089

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Organisation
Hurlford Community
Association

Reference Number
CG4154

grant assessment form

1 Aims and objectives of the organisation

The Community Association work to ensure the Centre is let to appropriate Community and Voluntary Organisations and to work together with statutory agencies to also make best use of Centre availability and development.

2 Purpose of the grant (including breakdown of costs)

To refurbish main hall floor and stage. Included in this would be sanding, buffing and re-seal of wooden flooring.

Estimated Costs of £6,000.00 have been given by Onsite Services using East Ayrshire Council approved contractor.

3a How many people are on the organisation's Management Committee? 4

3b What is the organisation's total membership? 8

3c How many members usually attend the organisation's meetings or events? 12

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

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

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

(b) benefit the local community.

The grant allows the Association to provide excellent community facility to wider community.

5	Total cost of project		£ 6,000.00
	Amount of grant requested		£ 4,500.00
	Bank Balance(s)	Date Jan 09	£ 20,510.30
	Where the group has more than one bank account all balances should be recorded		
	Cash in hand	Date NIL	£
Value of any other financial assets		Date	£
Name of other funding sources			
Amount and date of grant			
£		Date	

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?**

£17,300 cheque has been written to East Ayrshire Council for kitchen refurbishment. Cheque has not been cashed at the moment but work is completed. This leaves **actual** balance in bank of £3,210.30 at present. Recent discussion with the Group over their contribution had led to Association to indicate they could contribute a further £1,000 towards costs.

7 **Recommendation**

Support

Refuse

Defer

Amount £ 4,500.00

Recommended

Reason for recommendation

The grant will help towards ensuring Hurlford Community Centre is a good quality facility and will lessen ongoing problems and complaints of poor floor surface. A condition of grant is that the Head of Democratic Services receives two written quotes for this work.

Management Risk Ranking <u> </u> / M / H Risk Ranking based on Grant Application and Financial Information used to determine appropriate levels of monitoring and evaluation.	Child Protection Risk Ranking <u> </u> / M / H Applications with a HIGH ranking are not recommended for support
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8 **If there are any revenue implications how will they be met in future years?**

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	8	3000.00	67
Central South Local Grants Committee	4	1500.00	33
Southern Local Grants Committee			
Other areas outwith EA			
Method of Division	£4,500 divided by 12 members = £375.00 per member		

COMMUNITY LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT

WORK UNDERTAKEN AT COMMUNITY CENTRES

APRIL 2008 – MARCH 2009

Centre Name	Work undertaken	Full cost	CLD or EAC Contribution	Other Contribution (Unspecified Donations from Community Association/Groups)
Newmilns Cabin	Replace of doors	£4072.75	£4072.75	
Hurlford CEC	Wall mounted fan	£913.55	£913.55	
Onthank CEC	Wheelie bin store	£7085.12	£7085.12*	
Drongan CEC	Wheelie bin store	£6557.12	£6557.12*	
New Farm Loch CEC	Wheelie bin store	£6232.12	£6232.12*	
Kilmaurs CEC	Decoration of main hall	£2503.00		£2503.00
Crosshouse CEC	Refurbish kitchen	£3000.00		£3000.00
Crosshouse CEC	Decoration	£1083.15		£1083.15
Hurlford CEC	Refurbish kitchen	£22300.00	£5000.00	£17300.00
Crookedholm CEC	Renewal of flooring	£2228.11		£1459.00
Catrine CEC	New carpeting in Golden Age Room	£2548.81		£2548.81

*These items were paid for by the Councils Risk Management Fund