

## **EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

### **CENTRAL SOUTH LOCAL GRANTS COMMITTEE - SPECIAL MEETING - 31 MARCH 2010**

#### **LOCAL COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME - ALTERNATIVE USE OF GRANT AWARD REQUEST RECEIVED**

##### **Report by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support**

### **1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1** The purpose of this report is to advise the Committee of a request received from Crosshouse Bowling Club to be allowed to use Community Grant money previously awarded (CG3742) for a different purpose to that previously approved.

### **2. BACKGROUND**

- 2.1** The Central South Local Grants Committee at its meeting on 14 May 2008 (Item 2.1(b)(vi), Page 365, 07/12) considered a grant application from Crosshouse Bowling Club (CG3742) in respect of the purchase of a specialised wheelchair for use on the bowling green. The Club were seeking a grant of £1,000.
- 2.2** The Committee, at that meeting, agreed to support the application, in principle, up to a maximum of £1,000 subject to receipt of a satisfactory assessment report and that arrangements for payment of the grant thereafter be remitted to the Head of Democratic Services in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair.
- 2.3** Following receipt of a satisfactory assessment, and receipt of Disclosure information which was awaited from the Club, the £1,000 grant was released on 11 May 2009 with the specified use being "towards the purchase of a specialised wheelchair for use on the bowling green".
- 2.4** It should be noted that a standard condition of grant (Condition 6) is that "you must use the grant for exactly the project you applied for".

### **3. PRESENT SITUATION**

- 3.1** A letter was received from the Club on 21 December 2009 advising that the Club had not required to pay for the specialised wheelchair as the Scottish Bowlers Association had returned the cheque to the Club and were donating the wheelchair.
- 3.2** The Club were aware that under the conditions of grant they were required to return the £1,000 awarded, however, were requesting that as they had recently spent over £6,000 of their funds building a walkway and access ramp

at the Club entrance, and fitting safety railings to allow people with a disability to use the green, whether they could use the £1,000 grant towards these works carried out.

- 3.3 In support of this request, the Club supplied photographs of the works carried out and receipts/invoices.
- 3.4 As this request was for a project which is not of a minor nature and is substantially different to that originally applied for, the Club were requested to provide up-to-date bank statements, their most recent accounts, full receipts/invoices for all works carried out and any necessary permissions.
- 3.5 This information was received on 8 February 2010 and was then passed to the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services for full assessment of this proposal.
- 3.6 The assessment report was received on 22 March 2010 and is recommending refusal of the request as the application is retrospective (Appendix I of the report).

#### **4. POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 The Local Community Grants Scheme operates within the policy guidelines as detailed in the Council's procedural document - APB27 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 - 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 the £1,000 would be returned by the Club to the Council and credited to the Central South Local Grants budget.

#### **8. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 8.1 The Local Grants Committee is asked:
  - (i) to note the request received from Crosshouse Bowling Club to utilise the £1,000 grant paid to them in May 2009 for a specialised wheelchair, towards works carried out at the Club in respect of a walkway and access ramp at the Club entrance, and fitting safety railings;

- (ii) to consider whether to approve this request; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

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Depute Chief Executive/  
Executive Director of Corporate Support

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22 March 2010

**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.

**Implementation Officer: Jennifer Morrison, Administrative Officer**



# grant assessment form

## 1 Aims and objectives of the organisation

Crosshouse Bowling Club aims to promote and develop the sport of bowling through:

- Encouraging involvement from a range of different age groups.
- Promoting the coaching, development and participation of club members in the sport.
- Ensuring that the club caters for anyone who has a disability and receives proper assistance when necessary.
- Promoting an 'open door' policy through local media sources to ensure that all age, race, gender or creed is aware of the club.
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## 2 Purpose of the grant (including breakdown of costs)

The grant will be used to purchase a specialised wheel-chair for use on the bowling greens.

Cost of wheelchair for disabled bowlers: £1800

3a How many people are on the organisation's Management Committee? 8

3b What is the organisation's total membership? 230

3c How many members usually attend the organisation's meetings or events? 8

3d How many members of the organisation would benefit from the grant? 10

3e How many members of the community would benefit from the grant? 10

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

The grant will develop the organisation by improving opportunities for older, infirm and disabled people to take part in lawn bowls.

## (b) benefit the local community.

Encourage inclusive community participation

5	<b>Total cost of project</b>		£1800
	<b>Amount of grant requested</b>		£1000
	<b>Bank Balance(s)</b>	<b>Date</b> 28/12/07	£5070.49
	Where the group has more than one bank account all balances should be recorded		
	<b>Cash in hand</b>	<b>Date</b> 7/2/08	N/A
<b>Value of any other financial assets</b>		<b>Date</b>	£N/A
<b>Name of other funding sources</b>			
Scottish Bowlers Fellowship			
<b>Amount and date of grant</b>			
		<b>Date</b>	
£800		Guaranteed if £1000 raised form other sources	

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?**

Money in the bank is ring fenced for the general upkeep of the club and will also be used towards the new wheel-chair.

7 **Recommendation**

<b>Support</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Refuse</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Defer</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Amount Recommended</b>	£961.54

I recommend that the club receive a grant as it will allow them to become more inclusive by widening playing opportunities for those in need of a wheelchair. I recommend this is only awarded once they club have completed the disclosure procedure.

Management Risk Ranking <b>L</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> / <b>M</b> / <b>H</b>	Child Protection Risk Ranking <b>L</b> / <b>M</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> / <b>H</b>
<small>Risk Ranking based on Grant Application and Financial Information used to determine appropriate levels of monitoring and evaluation.</small>	<small>Applications with a <b>HIGH</b> ranking are not recommended for support</small>

8 **If there are any revenue implications how will they be met in future years?**

n/a

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	100	£961.54	96
Southern Local Grants Committee			
Other areas outwith EA	4	£38.46	4
Method of Division			

All questions on this form must be completed