

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**CENTRAL NORTH LOCAL GRANTS COMMITTEE****MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 31 MARCH 2011 AT
1330 HOURS IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON
ROAD, KILMARNOCK**

PRESENT: Councillors Jim Buchanan, Willie Coffey, Maureen McKay, Gordon Cree and Drew McIntyre.

ATTENDING: Christine Baillie, Senior Administrative Officer; Eddie Bulik, Monitoring and Administration Officer, Department of Neighbourhood Services; Jim Murdoch, Team Leader, Departmental of Educational and Social Services; and Sharon McHarg, Administrative Officer.

APOLOGY: Councillors Helen Coffey and John Campbell.

CHAIR: Councillor Jim Buchanan, Chair.

COMMUNITY GRANTS TO LOCAL ORGANISATIONS 2010/2011

1. There was submitted a report dated 24 March 2011 and an updated report dated 30 March 2011 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Finance and Corporate Support on the financial position in respect of Community Grants to Local Organisations in 2010/2011 together with individual assessment reports in respect of the undernoted applications.

The Committee agreed as follows:-

(a) Community Councils

- (i) Hurlford and Crookedholm Community Council (CG 4882) - £14,060.

(b) Leisure

- (i) Loudoun Musical Society (CG 4744) - The Administrative Officer advised that the group had applied for funding to assist with the costs of the group production in the Palace Theatre in October 2010. The total cost of the project was £38,000, with a community grant sought of £4,000. The Committee agreed to award up to £1,320 (being the Central North Cross-boundary portion), in principle, subject to receiving a satisfactory assessment and that payment of grant be delegated to the Head of Democratic Services in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Committee;
- (ii) Howard Park Bowling Club (CG 4860) - £902.55;
- (iii) Glenfield Bowling Club (CG 4885) - The Administrative Officer advised that the group had applied for funding to assist with the purchase of a lawnmower, cylinder, scarifier and roller. The total cost of the project was £6,400 with a community grant of this amount sought. A full membership list was awaited and the application could therefore be cross boundary. The Committee agreed to award up to £1,500 or equivalent cross-boundary portion (this being the cap agreed for capital projects for bowling clubs), in principle, subject to receiving a satisfactory assessment and that payment of grant be delegated to the

Head of Democratic Services in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Committee;

(iv) Townholm Bowling Club (CG 4893)

(A) **Declaration of Interest**

Councillor Drew McIntyre declared a financial interest in respect of this item and intimated that the nature of the financial interest was significant having considered the terms of the objective test as outlined in Paragraph 5.3 of the Councillors' Code of Conduct and accordingly withdraw from the meeting.

(B) **Consideration of Item**

The Administrative Officer advised that the group had applied for funding to assist with the purchase of a lawnmower and indoor bowling carpet. The total cost of the project was £2,591.92 with a full community grant of £2,591.92 sought or equivalent Cross-boundary portion. The Committee agreed to award up to £1,500 or equivalent cross-boundary portion for the lawnmower (this being the cap agreed for capital projects for bowling clubs) and up to £500 for the indoor bowling carpet, in principle, subject to receiving a satisfactory assessment and that payment of grant be delegated to the Head of Democratic Services in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Committee.

Councillor Drew McIntyre re-joined the meeting following consideration of the above item.

(c) **Older People**

- (i) Age Concern, Hurlford (CG 4881) - The Administrative Officer advised that the group had applied for funding to assist with an annual outing to Inverary and included a contribution towards buses, ferries, high tea and sundries. The total cost of the project was £3,486.75 with a community grant of £1,000 sought. The Committee agreed to award up to £1,000 or equivalent cross-boundary portion in principle, subject to receiving a satisfactory assessment and that payment of grant be delegated to the Head of Democratic Services in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Committee; and

(ii) Kilmarnock North Elderly Forum (CG 4694)

(A) **Declaration of Interest**

Councillor Maureen McKay declared a financial interest in respect of this item and intimated that the nature of the financial interest was significant having considered the terms of the objective test as outlined in Paragraph 5.3 of the Councillors' Code of Conduct and accordingly withdraw from the meeting.

(B) **Consideration of Item**

The Administrative Officer advised that the group had applied for funding to assist with the costs of a summer outing to Dunfermline on 8 June 2011. The total cost of the project was £555 with a community grant of £315 sought. The Committee

agreed to award up to £315 or equivalent cross-boundary portion in principle, subject to receiving a satisfactory assessment and that payment of grant be delegated to the Head of Democratic Services in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Committee.

Councillor Maureen McKay re-joined the meeting following consideration of the above item.

(d) Sport

- (i) Crosshouse Boys Club (CG 4883) - £656.88 for 7-a-side goals and to continue the other elements of the application relating to the security fencing and planning permission to a future meeting in order that the Assessing Officer could discuss the project with the Head of Leisure and the group with a view to identifying a more feasible project.

It was further agreed to remit to the Head of Democratic Services to submit a report to a future meeting of this Committee and Central South Local Grants Committee on capital/revenue projects for groups.

- (ii) FC Kilmarnock Ladies (CG 4865) - The Administrative Officer advised that the group had applied for funding to assist with (i) home/away football strips/ coaches kits (ii) training kit/kit bags (iii) training balls (iv) match balls; and (v) training equipment/nets/goals. The total cost of the project was £7,450 with a community grant award of £5,000 sought. Team membership lists awaited. The Committee agreed to award up to a maximum of £5,000 or equivalent cross-boundary portion in principle, subject to receiving a satisfactory assessment and that payment of grant be delegated to the Head of Democratic Services in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Committee.

(e) Tenants/Residents Groups

- (i) Mill Court Social Club (CG 4892) - The Administrative Officer advised that the group had applied for funding to assist with a summer trip to a show including transport and high tea. The total cost of the project was £765. The Committee agreed to award up to £765 or equivalent cross-boundary portion in principle, subject to receiving a satisfactory assessment and that payment of grant be delegated to the Head of Democratic Services in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Committee;

- (ii) Altonhill Tenants and Residents Association (CG 4912) - The Administrative Officer advised that the group had applied for funding to assist with (i) costs of a gala day on 11 June 2011 to include hire of school and equipment, insurance, entertainment, dresses, cars, advertising, music; and (ii) three trips in the summer for local families. The total cost of the project was £4,262 with a community grant sought of £3,062. The Committee agreed to award up to £3,062 or equivalent cross-boundary portion in principle, subject to receiving a satisfactory assessment and that payment of grant be delegated to the Head of Democratic Services in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Committee.

(f) Young People

- (i) The Jimmy Youth Club (CG 4858) - £688.56;
- (ii) Riccarton Bowling Club (Junior Section) (CG 4900) – The Administrative Officer advised that the group had applied for funding for new bowling equipment for the Junior Section as follows (i) 10 junior polo shirts (ii) 8 sets of junior bowls and (iii) 24 bowling mats. The total cost of the project was £1190.64 with a full community grant of this amount sought. The Committee agreed to award up to £170.10 (being the Central North cross boundary portion) in principle, subject to receiving a satisfactory assessment and that payment of grant be delegated to the Head of Democratic Services in consultation with the Chair and Vice of the Committee.

The meeting terminated at 1411 hours.