

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

CENTRAL NORTH LOCAL GRANTS COMMITTEE

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 31 MARCH 2010 AT
1340 HOURS IN MEETING ROOM 1, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON
ROAD, KILMARNOCK**

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

ATTENDING: Julie McGarry, Administration Manager; Eddie Bulik, Monitoring and Administration Officer, Department of Neighbourhood Services; Kevin Wells, Team Leader, Department of Educational and Social Services; and Sharon McHarg, Administrative Officer.

CHAIR: Councillor Jim Buchanan, Chair.

COMMUNITY GRANTS TO LOCAL ORGANISATIONS 2009/2010

1. There was submitted a report dated 24 March 2010 (circulated) and an updated report dated 30 March 2010 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support on the financial position in respect of Community Grants to Local Organisations in 2009/2010 together with a summary table of grants received and individual assessment reports (circulated and tabled) in respect of the undernoted applications.

The Committee agreed as follows:-

(a) Early Education and Childcare

- (i) Bonnyton Parent and Toddler Group (CG 4554) - £91.34;
- (ii) Hurlford and Crookedholm Playgroup (CG 4569) - Refused, on the grounds that the Executive Director of Finance and Corporate Support investigate the matter with a view to securing funding via an appropriate Council Departmental budget; and
- (ii) Riccarton Pre 5's (CG 4562) - £217.35.

(b) Environmental

- (i) Northwest Environmental Improvements Group (CG 4541) - £925.00 subject to a condition of grant that the lease or transfer of ownership of the land from East Ayrshire Council to the organisation must be confirmed in writing prior to any monies being released.

(c) Leisure

- (i) Onthank Men's Club (CG 4466) (hall lets) - £374.40;
- (ii) Onthank Men's Club (CG 4522) (Christmas dinner dance, meals band and hall) - £510.90 subject to the cost of meals being confirmed prior to any monies being released;
- (iii) Kilmarnock Pipe Band (CG 4538) - £57.00;
- (iv) Howard Park Bowling Club (CG 4542) (Scottish Water and Scottish Power bill) - £405.00;

- (v) Howard Park Bowling Club (CG 4543) (reimbursement of bills) - Refused, on the grounds that application was retrospective;
- (vi) Kilmarnock and District Choral Union (CG 4556) - £135.00;
- (vii) Springhill Bowling Club (CG 4571) - The Administrative Officer advised that the group had applied for funding to assist with the cost to upgrade the standard of the green surround at a total cost of £1,437.50, with a community grant award sought of £1,293.75. The Committee agreed to award up to £362.25 (being the Central North cross-boundary portion), in principle, subject to receiving a satisfactory assessment and payment of grant being delegated to the Head of Democratic Services, in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Committee; and
- (viii) Townholm Bowling Club (CG 4575)

(A) **Declaration of Interest**

Councillor Drew McIntyre declared a financial interest in the undernoted item, in accordance with Paragraphs 5.17 and 5.18 of the Councillors' Code of Conduct and left the meeting.

(B) **Consideration of Item**

The Administrative Officer advised that the group had applied for funding to assist with the costs of the total refurbishment of the bowls house changing area. The total cost of the project was £29,500.00, with a community grant award sought of £26,550.00. The Committee agreed, taking account of the £1,500.00 cap for capital projects, to award up to £1,050.00 (being the Central North cross boundary portion), in principle, subject to receiving a satisfactory assessment and the remainder of the funding being in place and payment of the 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 at this point.

- (ix) Bellfield Bowling Club (CG 4577) - The Administrative Officer advised that the group had applied for funding to assist with purchase and installation of a CCTV system. The total cost of the project was £3,517.00 with a community grant award sought of £3,148.30. The Committee agreed, taking account of the £1,500.00 cap for capital projects, to award up to £345.00 (being the Central North cross boundary portion), in principle, subject to receiving a satisfactory assessment and the remainder of the funding being in place and payment of the grant be delegated to the Head of Democratic Services in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Committee.

(d) **Older People**

- (i) Kilmarnock North Elderly Forum (CG 4521) - £569.60;
- (ii) South Kilmarnock Elderly Forum (CG 4534) - £91.00;
- (iii) Age Concern, Hurlford (CG 4537) - £830.00; and
- (iv) Bonnyton Music and Movement (CG 4557) - £39.80.

(e) Social Inclusion

- (i) The Buchanan Centre (CG 4563) - £2,675.00 for running costs and roof repairs only and that the group, with the assistance of the External Funding and Sustainability Officer, explore external funding opportunities, in particular, the Church of Scotland.

(f) Sport

- (i) Bellfield Royals 1996 (CG 4523) - The Administrative Officer advised that the group had applied for funding to assist with the costs of a Football Tournament including accommodation and travel. The total cost of the project was £5,662.30, with a community grant award sought of £1,922.30. The Committee agreed to award up to £600.72 (being the Central North cross-boundary portion), in principle, subject to receiving a satisfactory assessment and payment of grant be delegated to the Head of Democratic Services in consultation with the Chair and Vice-chair of the Committee;

- (ii) Kilmarnock Rugby Football Club (CG 4549)

(A) **Declaration of Interest**

Councillor Drew McIntyre declared a financial interest in the undernoted item, in accordance with Paragraphs 5.17 and 5.18 of the Councillors' Code of Conduct and left the meeting.

(B) **Consideration of Item**

It was agreed to award a grant of £590.10 for equipment, strips and hire of training facilities only.

Councillor Drew McIntyre re-joined the meeting at this point.

- (iii) Annanhill Golf Club (Junior Section) (CG 4567)

(A) **Declaration of Interest**

Councillor Gordon Cree declared a non-financial interest in undernoted item, in accordance with Paragraphs 5.17 and 5.18 of the Councillors' Code of Conduct and as he considered the interest not to be significant, he remained at the meeting but took no part in the discussion and decision.

(B) **Consideration of Item**

The Administrative Officer advised that the group had applied for funding to assist with the cost of coaching equipment and junior trophies. The total cost of the project was £1,989.61, with a community grant award sought of £1,539.61. The Committee agreed to award up to £1,539.61 (or the equivalent cross-boundary portion), in principle, subject to receiving a membership list and a satisfactory assessment and payment of grant be delegated to the Head of Democratic Services in consultation with the Chair and Vice-chair of the Committee.

- (iv) Balmoral Boys Club Under 21's (CG 4581) - The Administrative Officer advised that an application for community grant funding had been received from Balmoral Boys Club Under 21's and that further details were awaited regarding the total cost and purpose of the grant. The

Committee agreed to award up to £1,500.00 (or the equivalent cross-boundary portion), in principle, subject to receiving all outstanding documents and a satisfactory assessment and payment of the grant be delegated to the Head of Democratic Services in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Committee.

(g) Tenants/Residents Group

- (i) Altonhill Residents Group (CG 4551) - The Administrative Officer advised that the group had applied for funding to assist with cost of a Gala Day at a total cost of £3,000.00, with a community grant award sought of £1,000.00. The Committee agreed to award up to £1,000.00, in principle, subject to receiving a satisfactory assessment and payment of grant be delegated to the Head of Democratic Services in consultation with the Chair and Vice-chair of the Committee; and
- (ii) Onthank Residents Association (CG 4565) - The Administrative Officer advised that the group had applied for funding to assist with the costs of a social event to raise profile of the group (including hall hire, catering, entertainment, advertising). The total cost of the project was £500.00, with a community grant sought of £500.00. The Committee agreed to award up to £500.00, in principle, subject to receiving a satisfactory assessment and payment of grant be delegated to the Head of Democratic Services in consultation with the Chair and Vice-chair of the Committee.

(h) Young People

- (i) Hillhead PTA (CG 4550) - £760.00 for chairs, table and notice board only and subject to the group submitting an up-to-date bank statement and outstanding receipts from the previous grant award.

The meeting terminated at 1430 hours.