

**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

**CENTRAL NORTH LOCAL GRANTS COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 24 FEBRUARY 2009 AT  
1000 HOURS IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON  
ROAD, KILMARNOCK**

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

**ATTENDING:** Julie McGarry, Administration Manager; Eddie Bulik, Monitoring and Administration Officer, Department of Neighbourhood Services; Jim Murdoch, Team Leader, Department of Education and Social Services; and Sharon McHarg, Administrative Officer.

**APOLOGY:** Councillor Maureen McKay.

**CHAIR:** Councillor Jim Buchanan, Chair.

**COMMUNITY GRANTS TO LOCAL ORGANISATIONS 2008/2009**

1. There was submitted a report dated 17 February 2009 and an updated report dated 23 February 2009 by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support on the financial position in respect of Community Grants to Local Organisations 2008/2009 together with individual assessment reports in respect of the undernoted applications and a substitute report (all circulated) in respect of North West Kilmarnock Bowling Club (CG 4091) to replace the one that had been circulated with the agenda.

**1.1 Applications Approved (for the purpose specified in the application), and Applications Agreed in Principle Subject to Receipt of a Satisfactory Assessment; viz:-**

(a) Leisure Activities

- (i) Kilmarnock Angling Club (CG 4110) - £251.75 subject to confirmation that the group would receive appropriate training from the supplier of the machinery to be purchased. It was further agreed that the Assessing Officer provide members with information on what areas were to be strimmed.
- (ii) Beowulf Scotland (CG 4213) – The Administrative Officer reported, and it was noted, that the aim of the group was to teach children and adults the importance of Scotland's living history via exciting and informative educational re-enactments and that the group had applied for assistance with the cost of purchasing four tents and camping equipment. The total cost of the project was £1,177.88 with a community grant award sought of £1,177.88. The application was a cross-boundary with the maximum share for Central North being £392.63.

It was agreed to award up to £392.63, in principle, subject to receipt of 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.

- (iii) Onthank Mens Club (CG 4238) - The Administrative Officer reported, and it was noted, that the overall aim of the club was to meet the social leisure and recreational needs of men in North West of Kilmarnock (i.e. Onthank and surrounding areas) and that the group had applied for grant funding to assist with the cost of their outing to Oban on 28 May 2009 including the cost of bus and high tea and a band. The total cost of the project was £1,375.00 with a community grant award sought of £1,050.00. The application was a cross-boundary with the maximum share for Central North being £945.00.

It was agreed to award up to £945.00 in principle, subject to receipt of 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.

(b) Residents' Association

- (i) Mill Court Social Club (CG 4146) - £489.50 and noted that an award of £500.00 had already been paid under delegated authority.

(c) Sport

- (i) Kilmarnock Balmoral Boys Football Club Under 19's (CG 4135) - £322.00.

(d) Young People

- (i) St Marnock's Youth Club (ENABLE) (CG 4145) - £408.17.

**1.2 Applications Deferred, viz:-**

(a) Community Associations

- (i) Hurlford Community Association (CG 4154).

It was agreed 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 Centre; and (c) the overall repairs needed to Hurlford Community Centre and a breakdown of what elements the Community Association was responsible for and what the Department of Educational and Social Services was responsible for.

(b) Leisure Activities

- (i) North West Kilmarnock Bowling Club (CG 4091) (Item 1.2(e)(v), Page 530, 07/12).

It was agreed (i) that the Head of Democratic Services provide a report to the next meeting on options for future funding of Bowling Clubs including options to cap the amounts given and the possibility of sharing of equipment; and (ii) that the organisation be asked to explore external funding opportunities for this project meantime.

- (ii) Kay Park Bowling Club (CG 4140) – The Administrative Officer reported, and it was noted, that the overall aim of the club was to provide facilities for, and promote participation of, the whole community in the sport of bowling. The group had applied for grant assistance to replace the crumbling grass bankings around the bowling green and to improve access for the disabled onto the green by building ramps. The total cost of the project was £15,000.00 with a Community Grant of £10,000.00 sought. The application was cross-boundary with the maximum share for Central North being £9,200.00.

It was agreed (i) that the Head of Democratic Services provide a report to the next meeting on options for future funding of Bowling Clubs including options to cap the amounts given and the possibility of sharing of equipment; and (ii) that the organisation be asked to explore external funding opportunities for this project meantime.

- (iii) Portland Bowling Club (CG 4153) – The Administrative Officer reported, and it was noted, that the application was in respect of a project to introduce children to the sport of bowling in conjunction with East Ayrshire Council Active Schools Co-ordinator and was for the purchase 12 sets of coloured bowls, 24 carriers, 2 coaching courses, storage cabinet and rules and safety documents. The total cost of the project was £2,200.00 with a Community Grant of £2,000.00 sought. The application was cross boundary with the maximum share for Central North being £620.00.

It was agreed (i) that the Head of Democratic Services provide a report to the next meeting on options for future funding of Bowling Clubs including options to cap the amounts given and the possibility of sharing of equipment; and (ii) that the organisation be asked to explore external funding opportunities for the project meantime.

### **1.3 Delegated Community Grant Awards**

- (i) Onthank Mens Club (CG 4137) - It was noted an award of £200.00 had been made under delegated authority to further assist with the cost of Christmas dinner and dance with a live band.

### **1.4 Application Withdrawn**

- (i) Old High Kirk and Ayrshire Cancer Support (CG 4133) (Item 1.3(c)(i), Page 531, 07/12) - It was noted that this grant application had been withdrawn by both parties.

The meeting terminated at 1030 hours.