

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

CENTRAL SOUTH LOCAL GRANTS COMMITTEE

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 24 FEBRUARY 2009 AT
1500 HRS IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS,
LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK**

PRESENT: Councillors Jim Todd, Tom Cook, Iain Linton, Douglas Reid, John Knapp and Hugh Ross.

ATTENDING: Julie McGarry, Administration Manager; Eddie Bulik, Monitoring and Administration Officer; Kevin Wells, Team Leader, Community Learning and Development; and Jennifer Morrison, Administrative Officer.

APOLOGY: Councillor Robert Keohone.

CHAIR: Councillor Jim Todd, Chair.

ADDITIONAL ITEM

1. The Chair agreed to the consideration of an additional item in respect of a Community Grant application from Northwest Bowling Club (CG 4091) at Item 2.2(b)(ii) of the Agenda as an early decision was required.

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2. There was submitted a report dated 23 February 2009 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support on the financial position in respect of Community Grants to local organisations in 2008/09 together with assessment reports in respect of the undernoted applications:-

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

(a) Community Association

- (i) Crosshouse Action Now (CAN) (CG 4077) - £4,576.25 subject to receipt of a second quote for the play equipment, and receipt of a more up-to-date bank statement.

(b) Disability

- (i) St Marnock Youth Club (Enable) (CG 4145) - £291.55.

(c) Leisure

- (i) Kilmarnock Angling Club (CG 4110) - £387.30 subject to confirmation that the group would receive appropriate training from the supplier of the machinery to be purchased.
- (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 cross-boundary with the maximum share for Central South being £392.63. The application was being assessed.

It was agreed to support the application in principle up to a maximum of £392.63 subject to receipt of a satisfactory assessment and that arrangements for payment of grant be delegated to the Head of Democratic Services in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Committee.

(iii) **Portland Bowling Club (CG 4153)**

Declaration of Interest

Councillor Tom Cook declared a non-financial interest in accordance with paragraphs 5.1.7 and 5.1.8 of the Code of Conduct and left the meeting.

Consideration of Item

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 of 12 sets of coloured bowls, 24 carriers, 2 coaching courses, a storage cabinet and rules and safety documents. Project costs were £2,200 with a Community Grant of £2,000 sought.

The application was cross-boundary with the maximum share for Central South being £1,340. The application was being assessed.

It was agreed to support the application in principle up to a maximum of £1,340 subject to receipt of a satisfactory assessment and that arrangements for payment of grant be delegated to the Head of Democratic Services in consultation with the Chair and Councillor Iain Linton.

Councillor Tom Cook rejoined the meeting at this point.

(d) **Older People**

- (i) Crosshouse Senior Citizens (CG 4136) - £4,000 and if the group had difficulty fundraising the remaining £250 for the project, they could re-apply to the Committee.

(e) **Sport**

- (i) Balmoral Boys/Girls Football Club (Under 19s) (CG 4135) - £288.

2.2 Applications Deferred, viz:-

(a) **Community Associations**

- (i) Hurlford Community Association (CG 4154)

It was agreed to defer consideration of the application to the next meeting pending the outcome of a report requested by Central North Local Grants Committee (this Committee having the majority share of the cross-boundary portion) which, it was noted, would include information with regard to: (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 Service for similar works to Community Centres; 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.

It was also agreed to receive information as to the centre users who would directly benefit from the grant as the Committee felt that the current assessment based on the membership of the Community Association Committee was not a fair cross-boundary division.

(b) Leisure

- (i) 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 disabled persons onto the green by building ramps. The total project costs were £15,000 with a Community Grant of £10,000 sought. The application was cross-boundary with the maximum share for Central South being £800. The application was being assessed.

It was agreed (i) to defer consideration of the application to the next meeting pending the outcome of a report by the Head of Democratic Services requested by Central North Local Grants Committee (this Committee having the majority share of the cross-boundary portion) which would include information with regard to 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) Northwest Bowling Club (CG 4091)

The Administrative Officer report, and it was noted, that the overall aim of the Club was to promote participation of members and also to promote coaching and development of all age groups as a community based facility.

It was agreed to defer consideration of the application to the next meeting pending receipt of the report, as detailed in 2.2(b)(i) above and also to receive information on the possibility of the Council's Parks Service being able to assist with the loan of equipment for grass cutting/maintenance of bowling greens.

2.3 Delegated Community Grant Awards

- (a) 50s Club (CG 4132) - It was reported and noted that a delegated award of £91 was paid to the 50s Club in respect of the Club's Christmas party, annual trip and 25th Anniversary Lunch.
- (b) Bonnyton Community Association (CG 4138) - It was reported and noted that a delegated award of £500 was paid to Bonnyton Community Association in respect of the entertainment, meals and presents for the children's Christmas party and the old person's Christmas party.

- (c) Gatehead Community Council (CG 4108) - It was reported and noted that a delegated award of £420 was paid to Gatehead Community Council towards transport and pantomime tickets.
- (d) Gatehead Monday Club (CG 4109) - It was reported and noted that a delegated award of £150 was paid to Gatehead Monday Club in respect of food and entertainment for the Senior Citizens Christmas party.
- (e) Hillhead Parent Teachers Association (CG 4080) - It was reported and noted that a delegated award of £40.06 was paid to Hillhead Parent Teachers Association in respect of kitchen equipment and decorating equipment.

2.4 Application Withdrawn

- (a) Old High Kirk and Ayrshire Cancer Support (CG 4133) (Item 1, Page 532, 07/12) - It was reported and noted that this application had now been withdrawn by both parties.

The meeting terminated at 1545 hrs.