

**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

**NORTHERN LOCAL GRANTS COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 25 FEBRUARY 2009 AT 1400 HOURS IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Robert McDill, Rose-Ann Cuninghame, John Mackay, John McGhee and Provost Stephanie Young.

**ATTENDING:** Bill Walkinshaw, Head of Democratic Services; and Christine Baillie, Administrative Officer.

**CHAIR:** Councillor Robert McDill, Chair.

**LOCAL COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME 2008/09**

**UPDATE ON GRANTS FROM MEETING HELD ON 6 NOVEMBER 2008**

**1.1 Community Councils**

**1.1.1** Newmilns & Greenholm Community Council (CG 4106) (Item 2.1(b)(iv), Page 528, 08/09) - Noted that the group had been awarded £1,500 following the receipt of a satisfactory assessment report.

**1.2 Leisure Activities**

**1.2.1** Stewarton Yuletide Festival Committee (CG 4128) (Item 2.1(b)(v), Page 528, 08/09) - Noted that £1,500 had been awarded to the group following the receipt of a satisfactory assessment report.

**PRIORITIES FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 2009/10**

- 2.** There was submitted a report dated 13 February 2009 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support which provided the Committee with information on the previous funding of hanging baskets, gala days and Christmas lights by the Grants Committee over 2007/08 and 2008/09.

Having considered the issues detailed in the report, it was agreed:-

- (i) to ringfence 50% of the budget for financial year 2009/10 for hanging baskets, gala days and Christmas lights as follows:-  
 Hanging Baskets - 13%  
 Gala Days - 16%; and  
 Christmas Lights - 21%;
- (ii) that a closing date be set for receipt of applications to allow them to be considered at the following Grants Committees:-  
 Hanging Baskets and Gala Days - 6 May 2009; and  
 Christmas Lights - 11 November 2009;
- (iii) that the Head of Democratic Services make appropriate arrangements to notify previous recipients of such grants of the new arrangements; and
- (iv) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

The meeting terminated at 1440 hours.