

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

NORTHERN LOCAL GRANTS COMMITTEE

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 25 MAY 2011 AT 1400 HOURS
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD,
KILMARNOCK**

PRESENT: Councillors Robert McDill, Rose-Ann Cuninghame, John MacKay, John McGhee, Stuart Finlayson and Provost Stephanie Young.

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

APOLOGY: Councillor Alan Brown.

CHAIR: Councillor Robert McDill, Chair.

**LOCAL COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME - FINANCIAL ALLOCATION
FOR 2011/12**

1. There was submitted a report dated 11 May 2011 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Finance and Corporate Support which advised of the financial allocation for the Northern Local Grants Committee for the Council's Local Community Grants Scheme for 2011/12.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note that the financial allocation to the Local Grants Committees for Community Grants for the financial year for 2011/12 was £215,480;
- (ii) to note that the Northern Local Grants Committee allocation for the financial year 2011/12 was £39,344; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

COMMUNITY GRANTS TO LOCAL ORGANISATIONS 2011/12

2. There was submitted a report dated 13 May 2011 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Finance and Corporate Support on the financial position in respect of Community Grants to Local Organisations 2011/12 together with individual assessment reports in respect of the undernoted applications; assessment reports in respect of John Knox Church, Stewarton (CG 4914), Bellfield Youth Football Club (CG 4907), FC Kilmarnock Ladies (CG 4865), Fenwick Community Association (CG 4926) and Darvel Improvement Group (CG 4927) (tabled at the meeting); and a verbal report by the Senior Administrative Officer in respect of Darvel Music Company (CG 4965) which the Committee agreed to accept as an additional item as shown at (a)(i) below,

The Committee agreed as follows:-

(a) Arts and Cultural

- (i) Darvel Music Company (CG 4965) - £2,700, in principle, subject to the receipt of a satisfactory assessment and that payment of the grant be remitted to the Head of Democratic Services in consultation with the

Chair and Vice-Chair of the Committee. It was also agreed to advise the group that this was a one-off payment due to it being the group's 10th anniversary;

Councillor Rose-Ann Cuninghame joined the meeting during discussion of the above item.

- (ii) Loudoun Musical Society (CG 4744) - £1,160, in principle, subject to receipt of a satisfactory assessment and that payment of the grant be delegated to the Head of Democratic Services in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Committee.

(b) Community Councils

- (i) Fenwick Community Council (CG 4848) - £293.75;
- (ii) Kilmaurs Community Council (Walking Festival) (CG 4916) - £883; and
- (iii) Kilmaurs Community Council (Production of DVD) (CG 4943) - £1,000, in principle, subject to the receipt of a satisfactory assessment and that payment of the grant be remitted to the Head of Democratic Services in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Committee;

(c) Disability

- (i) John Knox Church, Stewarton (CG 4914) - refused on the grounds that in the Committee's view, there were other more appropriate avenues of funding available for this type of project and that the group be given advice on such funding providers;
- (ii) New Cumnock and Surrounding Areas MS Support Group (CG 4832) - £600, and (i) to request that if an application for funding was received in future years, then the Assessing Officer look at a more equitable formula for the method of division per Committee in respect of the cross-boundary aspect; and (ii) to remit to the Assessing Officer to provide the Committee with information on the method of travel used by the group.

(d) Heritage

- (i) Kilmarnock and District History Group (CG 4854) - £302.40 and agreed that if the group applied for funding in future years then more information on the group's activities should be included in the assessment form.

(e) Leisure

- (i) Darvel Horticultural Society (CG 4812) - £498
- (ii) Irvine Valley Regeneration Partnership (CG 4923);

(a) Declarations of Interest

Councillors Robert McDill, Stuart Finlayson and Provost Stephanie Young declared a non-financial interest in the undernoted item which they considered significant, having considered the terms of the objective test as outlined in paragraph 5.3 of the Councillors' Code of Conduct and accordingly left the meeting.

Councillor Rose-Ann Cuninghame took the Chair for the undernoted item.

(b) Consideration of Item

Irvine Valley Regeneration Partnership (CG 4923) - £1,000;

Councillors Robert McDill, Stuart Finlayson and Provost Stephanie Young rejoined the meeting at this point and Councillor Robert McDill resumed the Chair; and

- (iii) Kilmarnock Leisure and Education Association (CG 4785) - £1,290 and agreed to remit to the Assessing Officer to advise the group to look at using alternative venues in the future with cheaper let fees i.e. church/village halls and also to bring forward more information on their programme of activities should the group apply for funding in the future.

(f) Older People

- (i) Kilmarnock North Elderly Forum (CG 4694) - £31.50; and
 (ii) Age Concern Hurlford (CG 4881) - £80.00, in principle, subject to receipt of a satisfactory assessment and the payment of the grant be delegated to the Head of Democratic Services in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Committee.

(g) Social Inclusion

- (i) Allies (Working with the Homeless) (CG 4771) - £500.

(h) Sport

- (i) FC Kilmarnock Ladies (CG 4865) - £386.55; and
 (ii) Bellfield Youth Football Club (CG 4907) - £135.

FUNDING OF GALA DAYS AND HANGING BASKETS

3. There was submitted a report dated 12 May 2011 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Finance and Corporate Support on applications received from local voluntary groups in respect of Gala Days and Hanging Baskets.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve funding for Hanging Baskets as undernoted:-
- (a) Campbell Street Tenants and Residents Association and Neighbourhood Watch (CG 4944) - £214.42, in principle, subject to the receipt of a satisfactory assessment and that payment of the grant be delegated to the Head of Democratic Services in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Committee;
- (b) Kilmaurs Community Council (CG 4951) - £885, in principle, subject to the receipt of a satisfactory assessment and that payment of the grant be delegated to the Head of Democratic Services in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Committee;
- (c) Galston Community Council (CG 4937) - £1,008;
- (d) Dunlop and Lugton Community Council (CG 4901) - £993.60;

- (e) Fenwick Community Council (CG 4902) - £500.20;
 - (f) Fenwick Community Association (CG 4926) - £255.20; and
 - (g) Darvel Improvement Group (CG 4927) - £977;
- (ii) to approve funding for Gala Days as undernoted:-
- (a) Moscow Community Hall (CG 4959)
 - (i) Declaration of Interest

Provost Stephanie Young declared a non-financial interest in the undernoted application which she considered significant having considered the terms of the objective test as outlined in paragraph 5.3 of the Councillors' Code of Conduct and accordingly withdrew from the meeting.
 - (ii) Consideration of Item

Moscow Community Hall (CG 4959) - £1,200, in principle, subject to the receipt of a satisfactory assessment and that payment of the grant be delegated to the Head of Democratic Services in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Grants Committee; and

Provost Stephanie Young re-joined the meeting at this point.
 - (b) Kilmaurs Farmers Association (CG 4936) - £619.09;
 - (c) Newmilns Gala Committee (CG 4898) - £4,056;
 - (d) Dunlop Events Association (CG 4878) - £1,600; and
 - (e) Fenwick Community Association (CG 4925) - £1,864; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

The meeting terminated at 1515 hours.