

**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

**SOUTHERN LOCAL GRANTS COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 19 MAY 2011 AT 1405 HOURS IN  
THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD,  
KILMARNOCK**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Kathy Morrice, Drew Filson, Neil McGhee, Jim Roberts, David Shaw, Barney Menzies, Eric Ross, Elaine Dinwoodie and Moira Pirie.

**ATTENDING:** Julie McGarry, Administration Manager; Eddie Bulik, Administration and Monitoring Officer; Janice Harrison, Senior Practitioner; Anne Lithgow, Business Support Officer; Stuart Nelson, Administrative Officer; and Sandra Rorison, Senior Clerical Assistant.

**APOLOGIES:** Councillors Jimmy Kelly and William Crawford.

**CHAIR:** Councillor Kathy Morrice, Chair.

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

1. There was submitted a report dated 9 May 2011 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Finance and Corporate Support which advised of the financial allocation for the Southern Local Grants Committee for the Council's Local Committee Grants Scheme for financial year 2011/12.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the financial allocation to the Local Grants Committees for Community Grants for the financial year 2011/12, as detailed in the report;
- (ii) to note that the Southern Local Grants Committee allocation for the financial year 2011/12 was £78,341 (Wards 7 & 8 - £53,264 and Ward 9 - £25,077); and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the terms of the report.

**DISBURSEMENT OF COMMUNITY GRANTS 2011/12 -  
WARD 9 (DOON VALLEY)**

2. There was submitted a report dated 9 May 2011 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Finance and Corporate Support which enabled the Committee to consider and deal with applications for Community Grants received from local organisations within Ward 9 (Doon Valley) in respect of the 2011/12 financial year.

Arising from discussion, it was agreed that meetings of this Committee for the remainder of the financial year be held at venues within the Committee's area.

It was further agreed:-

- (i) to note that a total sum of £25,077 was available to the Committee for disbursement on Community Grants for the 2011/12 year for applications received from organisations within Ward 9;

(ii) in respect of applications submitted by the undernoted groups (for the purposes specified in the grant application forms), that grants be awarded or applications dealt with as follows, subject to any additional conditions specified in the respective assessment reports, namely:-

(a) Arts and Cultural

- (i) CREATE (CG 4757) - £470.00 and that the organisation be made aware of the cross-boundary nature of the funding provided by this Committee, and take due regard of this in considering the geographical spread of its activities;
- (ii) CAMPS (CG 4758) - £300.00; and
- (iii) Community Creations (CG 4849) - £500.00;

(b) Community Associations

- (i) Rankinston Community Association (CG 4851) - £700.00; and
- (ii) Stair Community Association (CG 4903) - £2,200.00;

(c) Community Councils

- (i) Dalmellington Community Council (CG 4850) - £800.00;

(d) Disability

- (i) Cumnock & Doon Valley Independent Living Friendship Group (CG 4778) - to continue consideration of this application to a Special Meeting, to be held as soon as possible and prior to the summer meetings recess, in order to enable further information to be provided on the organisation's transport costs; and
- (ii) South East Ayrshire Disabled Club (CG 4877) - £895.00;

(e) Health Issues

- (i) Auchinleck Self Help Group (CG 4777) - £54.00;
- (ii) Carers Support Group (CG 4797) - £200.00;
- (iii) Things Tae Dae (CG 4802) - £200.00;
- (iv) Cumnock Osteoporosis Support Group (CG 4818) - £13.05; and
- (v) New Cumnock & Surrounding Area MS Support Group (CG 4832) - £150.00;

(f) Heritage

- (i) Patna Adults Children & Teenagers (PACT) (CG 4950)

**Declaration of Interest**

Councillor Elaine Dinwoodie declared a non financial interest in respect of this application, which she considered to be significant, having regard to the terms of the objective test outlined in Paragraph 5.3 of the Councillors' Code of Conduct, and accordingly took no part in the consideration or determination of this application.

### **Consideration of Item**

Having heard the Administrative Officer who advised that this application was for a grant of £1,000 in order to assist in meeting the cost of providing a remembrance wall, agreed that, in principle, a grant of up to £1,000 be made, the application to be remitted to the Head of Democratic Services to process, subject to all requirements of the application having been met, and following receipt of a satisfactory assessment and consultation with the Chair of this Committee;

(g) **Leisure Activities**

- (i) Drongan Pigeon Society (CG 4862) - £1,000.00;
- (ii) Dalrymple Lady Bowlers Catering Club (CG 4949) - having heard the Administrative Officer who advised that this application was for a grant of £1,036 in order to assist in meeting the cost of catering, entertainment and hall hire for events to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Club, that, in principle, a grant of £1,036 be made, the application to be remitted to the Head of Democratic Services to process, subject to all requirements of the application having been met, and following receipt of a satisfactory assessment and consultation with the Chair of this Committee;

(h) **Older People**

- (i) Drongan Health Initiative (CG 4924) - £3,000.00;

(i) **Social Inclusion**

- (i) Rankinston Unemployed and Retired Persons Group (CG 4918) - £250.00; and
- (ii) Cumnock and Doon Valley Gift Furniture Scheme (CG 4956) - having heard the Administrative Officer who advised that this application was for a grant of £513.43 (Ward 9 element) in order to assist in meeting the cost of repairs to central heating pipes within the Scheme's premises, to continue consideration of this application to a Special Meeting referred to in 2(ii)(d)(i), above, in order to enable further information to be provided relative to the terms of the organisation's lease of the premises which they occupy;

(j) **Young People**

- (i) Patna Adults Children & Teenagers (PACT) (CG 4838)

### **Declaration of Interest**

Councillor Elaine Dinwoodie declared a non financial interest in respect of this application, which she considered to be significant, having regard to the terms of the objective test outlined in Paragraph 5.3 of the Councillors' Code of Conduct, and accordingly took no part in the consideration or determination of this application.

### **Consideration of Item**

It was agreed that a grant of £1,920.00 be made;

- (ii) Patna Primary Parent Teacher Association (CG 4852) - £1,500.00; and
  - (iii) Girlguiding Ayrshire South (CG 4853) - £326.40, and that further information be provided to Councillor Barney Menzies on funding provided to this organisation by South Ayrshire Council; and
- (iii) that grant awards approved by this Committee in respect of applications from organisations within Ward 9 be paid only where the applicant concerned had (a) submitted all documentation relative to the application and this had been found to be satisfactory; (b) submitted a satisfactory report, with appropriate documentary evidence, to confirm use of any grant awards made in previous years; and (c) provided evidence to confirm that, where appropriate, all requisite permissions had been obtained for the project which is the subject of the application.

### **DISBURSEMENT OF COMMUNITY GRANTS 2011/12 - WARDS 7 & 8 (CUMNOCK AREA)**

3. There was submitted a report dated 9 May 2011 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Finance and Corporate Support which enabled the Committee to consider and deal with applications for Community Grants received from local organisations within Wards 7 & 8 (Cumnock Area) in respect of the 2011/12 financial year.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note that a total sum of £53,264 was available to the Committee for disbursement on Community Grants for the 2011/12 year for applications received from organisations within Wards 7 and 8;
- (ii) in respect of applications submitted by the undernoted groups (for the purposes specified in the grant application forms), that grants be awarded or applications dealt with as follows, subject to any additional conditions specified in the respective assessment reports, namely:-

Councillor Elaine Dinwoodie left the meeting at this point.

(a) **Social Inclusion**

- (i) Sorn Community Council (CG 4767) - to continue consideration of this application to the Special Meeting referred to in 2(ii)(d)(i), above, in order to enable further information to be submitted on the term and cost of the lease of the Cabin to the Community Council; other potential sources of funding to meet the running costs of the building and the terms of discussions which had taken place between the Community Council and East Ayrshire Council in this regard; the possibility of this building being exempt from water and sewerage charges; and the reasons for the seemingly high electricity costs for the building;

(b) Older People (grant awards made at a per capita rate of £4.00, based on membership members)

- (i) Ochiltree Old Folks Welfare (CG 4742) - £960.00;
- (ii) Sorn Old People's Welfare Association (CG 4760) - £704.00;
- (iii) Age Concern, Cumnock (CG 4787) - having heard the Administrative Officer who advised that this application was for a grant in order to assist in meeting the cost of the organisation's annual dinner and concert in February 2012 (£2,000) and the summer trip in June 2012 (£3,700), agreed that, in principle, a grant of up to £3,704 be made and that the application be remitted to the Head of Democratic Services to process, subject to all requirements of the application having been met, and following receipt of a satisfactory assessment and in consultation with the Chair of this Committee;
- (iv) Muirkirk & District Elderly Forum (CG 4798) - this application be refused since the purpose of the application related to social activities rather than campaigning/representative activities, and further, the Forum was operating with only 2 members on their Management Committee, and in respect of both of these matters was not adhering to the terms of its Constitution; and that Community Learning and Development offer to work with the group to clarify its role/function and assist with associated organisational development aspects;
- (v) Netherthird & Craigens Senior Citizens Thursday Club (CG 4799) - £120.00;
- (vi) Opportunities in Retirement, Cumnock (CG 4803) - £240.00;
- (vii) Mauchline Old People's Welfare (CG 4815) - £2,800.00;
- (viii) New Cumnock Age Concern (CG 4823) - £3,080.00;
- (ix) Catrine Old Folks Welfare Association (CG 4825) - £800.00; and
- (x) Cumnock Landward Age Concern (CG 4830) - £1,472.00;

(c) Young People

- (i) Muirkirk Community Association (Children's Xmas Show) (CG 4752) - £250.00;
- (ii) Muirkirk Community Association (Provide Children's Show for Christmas) (CG 4753) - that this application be refused on the basis that the purpose of this application is the same as application CG 4752;
- (iii) Avonlea Youth Centre (Running Costs) (CG 4763) - £3,000.00, and that Community Learning and Development offer to work with this group with a view to developing a Business Plan, and exploring the potential for external funding and possible exemption from certain charges arising from the organisation's charitable status;

Councillor Drew Filson left the meeting at this point.

- (iv) Avonlea Youth Centre (Purchase New Equipment) (CG 4764)  
Councillor Barney Menzies, seconded by Councillor Kathy Morrice moved that this application be refused on the basis of the opportunities which exist for the group to seek funding from alternative sources for the purpose of the grant application, and bearing in mind the grant award approved by this Committee in respect of application CG 4763.

Councillor Jim Roberts, seconded by Councillor Neil McGhee, moved as an amendment that a grant of £250.00 be made.

On a division by a show of hands, the amendment was carried by 4 votes to 2;

- (v) Auchinleck Primary School Parent Council (CG 4814) - to continue consideration of this application to the Special Meeting referred to in 2(ii)(d)(i), above, to enable further information to be provided on whether the equipment which it is proposed to purchase with the grant assistance (staging) should be provided by the Education Service, possibly on the basis of being made available for loan to other similar organisations;

- (vi) Mauchline Parish Church Holiday Club (CG 4820) - £400.00;

- (vii) 3rd Mauchline Brownies (CG 4821) - £400.00;

(d) Leisure, Sport and Cultural

- (i) Woodroad Regeneration Forum Limited (CG 4745) - to continue consideration of this application to the Special Meeting referred to in 2(ii)(d)(i), above, in order to enable more detailed information to be provided on the purpose of the grant;

- (ii) Muirkirk Community Association (Gala Week) (CG 4748) - £300.00;

- (iii) Muirkirk Community Association (Xmas Lights Switch-on) (CG 4750) - £225.00;

- (iv) Muirkirk Community Association (Xmas Party for Hillside School) (CG 4751) - £225.00;

- (v) Muirkirk Community Association (Gala Week Children's Concert) (CG 4754) - £150.00;

- (vi) CREATE (CG 4757) - £1,100.00;

- (vii) CAMPS (CG 4758) - £1,900.00;

- (viii) Catrine Angling Club (CG 4780) - £300.00;

- (ix) Catrine Community Hatchery (CG 4781) - £300.00;

- (x) Catrine Visual Arts Group (CG 4786) - £75.00;

- (xi) Cumnock & District Round Table (CG 4789) - £1,500.00;

- (xii) Catrine Community Trust (Festival 2011) (CG 4795)

**Declaration of Interest**

Councillor David Shaw declared a non financial interest in respect of this application, which he considered to be significant, having regard to the terms of the objective test outlined in Paragraph 5.3 of the Councillors' Code of Conduct, and accordingly took no part in the consideration or determination of this application.

**Consideration of Item**

It was agreed that a grant of £1,900.00 be made;

- (xiii) Catrine, Sorn & District Local History Group (CG 4807) - £500.00;
- (xiv) Cumnock & District Carpet Bowling Club (CG 4809) - £125.00;
- (xv) Auchinleck Community Development Initiative (Firework Display) (CG 4813)

**Declaration of Interest**

Councillor Neil McGhee declared a non financial interest in respect of the two applications submitted by Auchinleck Community Development Initiative (CG 4813 and CG 4817), which he considered to be significant, having regard to the terms of the objective test outlined in Paragraph 5.3 of the Councillors' Code of Conduct, and withdrew from the meeting;

**Consideration of Item**

It was agreed that a grant of £800.00 be made;

- (xvi) Auchinleck Community Development Initiative (Gala Day) (CG 4817) - £1,500.00;

Councillor Neil McGhee re-joined the meeting at this point;

- (xvii) Bizzie Beez (CG 4822) - £175.00;
- (xviii) Cumnock Highland Games (CG 4824) - this application be refused since the Group had received other funding for the Highland Games 2011 from East Ayrshire Council;

Councillor David Shaw left the meeting at this point.

- (xix) Cumnock Sports Centre (CG 4826) - £175.00; and
- (xx) Mauchline Horticultural & Agricultural Society (CG 4829) - £250.00;

**(e) Disability**

- (i) Cumnock & Doon Valley Independent Living Friendship Group (CG 4778) - to continue consideration of this application to a Special Meeting referred to in 2(ii)(d)(i), above, in order to enable further information to be provided on the organisation's transport costs; and
- (ii) Cumnock & District Blind Club (CG 4790) - £2,000.00;

(f) Environmental/Heritage

- (i) Muirkirk Community Association (Heritage Parks) (CG 4747) - this application be refused since another organisation had been successful in obtaining funding from another source for this project;
- (ii) Muirkirk Community Association (Hanging Baskets) (CG 4749) - £300.00;
- (iii) Muirkirk Community Association (Production of Muirkirk Brochure) (CG 4755) - £100.00;
- (iv) Ochiltree Community Council (Hanging Baskets 2011) (CG 4765) - £1,000.00;
- (v) Ochiltree Community Council (Christmas Lights 2011) (CG 4766) - £700.00;
- (vi) New Cumnock Environmental Regeneration Volunteers (NERV) (CG 4782) - £700.00;
- (vii) Catrine Community Council (Hanging Baskets 2011) (CG 4783) - £750.00;
- (viii) Catrine Community Council (Christmas Lights 2011) (CG 4784) - £750.00;
- (ix) Auchinleck Community Council (Christmas Lights 2011) (CG 4788) - £700.00;
- (x) Catrine Environmental Group (CG 4794) - £350.00;
- (xi) Sorn Community Council (Hanging Baskets 2011) (CG 4816) - £200.00;
- (xii) New Cumnock Liaison Group (CG 4819) - £415.00; and
- (xiii) Catrine Community Trust (Running Costs) (CG 4831) - £750.00;

(g) Health/Well Being

- (i) Auchinleck Self Help Group (CG 4777) - £546.00;
- (ii) Cumnock Self Help Group (CG 4796) - £600.00;
- (iii) Carers Support Group (CG 4797) - £475.00;
- (iv) Things Tae Dae (CG 4802) - £200.00;
- (v) Cumnock Osteoporosis Support Group (CG 4818) - £130.00; and
- (vi) New Cumnock & Surrounding Area MS Support Group (CG 4832) - £700.00;

(h) Social Inclusion

- (i) Muirkirk Learners Group (CG 4731) - to continue consideration of this application to the Special Meeting referred to in 2(ii)(d)(i), above, in order to enable further information to be provided on the letting charges levied on the organisation;

- (ii) Muirkirk Women's Rural Institute (CG 4759) - £350.00;
  - (iii) Netherthird & District Wives & Mothers Group (CG 4804) - £300.00;
  - (iv) Cumnock & District Widows Group (CG 4805) - £410.00; and
  - (v) Sorn Village Hall (CG 4827) - to continue consideration of this application to the Special Meeting referred to in 2(ii)(d)(i), above, in order to enable further information to be provided on income received by the organisation through use of Sorn Village Hall by the Education Service, and on the potential for the organisation to reduce the level of waste collection charges;
- (iii) having noted an update from the Administrative Officer on the reasons for late submission of those applications identified within Appendix 3 to the report, that all late applications received after the closing date of 11 February 2011, be accepted, and thereafter, it was agreed that in respect of these applications, grants be awarded or the applications dealt with as follows, subject to any additional conditions which may be specified in the respective assessment reports, namely:-
- (a) Young People
    - (i) Girlguiding Ayrshire South (CG 4853) - £500.00;
    - (ii) Ochiltree Nursery Bus Group (CG 4868) - to continue consideration of this application to the Special Meeting referred to in 2(ii)(d)(i), above, in order that further information can be provided on the obligations of East Ayrshire Council to provide access to Pre-School education for children within Ochiltree, and on the previous source(s) of funding for the purpose of the application;
    - (iii) Youth for Lourdes (CG 4942) - having heard the Administrative Officer who advised that this application was for a grant of £1,812 to assist in meeting the travel, accommodation and subsistence costs of a trip to Lourdes by young people who are members of the group, to continue consideration of this application to the Special Meeting referred to in 2(ii)(d)(i), above, pending submission of an assessment report;
  - (b) Leisure, Sport and Cultural
    - (i) Muirkirk Enterprise Group (John Lapraik Festival 2011) (CG 4871) - to continue consideration of this application to the Special Meeting referred to in 2(ii)(d)(i), above, in order to confirm the requirement for grant assistance in this case, having regard to the group's bank balance and funding from other sources for the purpose of the application;
  - (c) Disability
    - (i) South East Ayrshire Disabled Club (CG 4877) - £105.00;
  - (d) Social Inclusion
    - (i) Asian Cultural Group (CG 4828) - £600.00; and

- (ii) Cumnock and Doon Valley Gift Furniture Scheme (CG 4956) - having heard the Administrative Officer who advised that this application was for a grant of £400.00 (Wards 7 & 8 element) in order to assist in meeting the cost of repairs to central heating pipes within the Scheme's premises, to continue consideration of this application to the Special Meeting referred to in 2(ii)(d)(i), above, in order to enable further information to be provided relative to the terms of the organisation's lease of the premises which they occupy;
- (iv) that where any of the applications referred to in 3(ii) and 3(iii), above, included a running cost element, it be suggested to the organisation concerned that priority in the use of the grant funding be for this purpose;
- (v) that grant awards approved by the Committee in respect of applications from organisations within Wards 7 and 8 be paid only where the applicant concerned had (a) submitted all documentation relative to the application and this had been found to be satisfactory; (b) submitted a satisfactory report, with appropriate documentary evidence, to confirm use of any grant awards made in previous years; and (c) provided evidence to confirm that, where appropriate, all requisite permissions had been obtained for the project which is the subject of the application; and
- (vi) to continue consideration of the use of the uncommitted balance of £9,953.00 remaining from the grant allocation for this year, to the Special Meeting referred to in 2(ii)(d)(i), above, following determination of the outstanding applications.

The meeting terminated at 1655 hours.