

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

INTERIM SOUTHERN LOCAL GRANTS COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 21 FEBRUARY 2008 AT 1400 HOURS IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK

PRESENT: Councillors Eric Jackson, Jimmy Kelly, Jim Roberts, Barney Menzies, Kathy Morrice, Eric Ross, Elaine Dinwoodie and Drew Filson.

ATTENDING: Julie McGarry, Administration Manager; Eddie Bulik, Monitoring and Administration Officer, Department of Neighbourhood Services; Suzanne Brodie, Team Leader - Community Learning and Development; and Stuart Nelson, Administrative Officer.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Neil McGhee, William Crawford and Jim Sutherland.

CHAIR: Councillor Barney Menzies.

APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR FOR THIS MEETING

1. The Administration Manager invited nominations for the appointment of Chair for this meeting.

Councillor Jimmy Kelly, seconded by Councillor Elaine Dinwoodie, moved that Councillor Barney Menzies be appointed Chair.

Councillor Drew Filson, seconded by Councillor Kathy Morrice, moved as an amendment that Councillor Jim Roberts be appointed Chair.

On a division by a show of hands, the motion was carried by 5 votes to 3.

COMMUNITY GRANTS TO LOCAL ORGANISATIONS 2007/2008

2.1 CUMNOCK AREA

2.1.1 Financial Position

There was submitted and noted an updated report dated 19 February 2008 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support on the financial position in respect of Community Grants to local organisations for the 2007/2008 financial year within the former Cumnock Area Local Committee area.

2.1.2 Grant Applications

In respect of applications submitted by the undernoted groups within the former Cumnock Area Local Committee area (for the purposes specified in the grant application forms), it was agreed as follows, namely:-

(a) Leisure, Sport and Cultural

- (i) Dalmellington Band (CG 3809) - that a grant award of £477.62 be made, and that this organisation be invited to submit an application for further funding for the same purpose for the 2008/09 financial year; and

(b) Social Inclusion

- (i) Auchencloigh Community Hall (CG 3782) - that this application be continued for consideration for funding from the 2008/2009 financial allocation at the meeting of the Committee to be held on 15 May 2008.

2.2 DOON VALLEY AREA

2.2.1 Financial Position

There was submitted and noted an updated report dated 19 February 2008 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support on the financial position in respect of Community Grants to local organisations for the 2007/2008 financial year within the former Doon Valley Local Committee area.

2.2.2 Delegated Applications

It was reported, and noted, that in accordance with the decisions of the Southern Local Community Planning Forum on 1 November 2007, the undernoted applications had been approved by the Head of Democratic Services following consultation with the Chair, Vice-Chair and Members of the Forum, as appropriate, namely:-

- (i) Tiny Tots (CG 3755) - £845.00;
- (ii) Dalrymple Boys and Girls Football Club Under 14's (CG 3776) - £431.00; and
- (iii) Patna Day Centre (CG 3783) - £4,425.00.

2.2.3 Grant Applications

In respect of applications submitted by the undernoted groups within the former Doon Valley Local Committee area (for the purposes specified in the grant application forms), it was agreed as follows, namely:-

(a) Arts and Cultural

- (i) Dalmellington Band (CG 3809) - that a grant award of £2,000.00 be made;

(b) Leisure Activities

- (i) Bellsbank Women's Project (CG 3793) - that a grant award of £100.00 be made in respect of this retrospective application, the Committee being satisfied that the application was one-off in nature and that it had not been possible for the organisation to anticipate the need for grant funding for the purpose of the application prior to the event having taken place;
- (ii) Dalmellington Community Council (CG 3788) - the Administrative Officer explained that this organisation had applied for a grant of £500.00 to assist in meeting the cost of expenses associated with a road closure within Dalmellington in order to accommodate the Christmas Market 2007 within the village; and that the application was not retrospective in nature since it had been lodged prior to the Christmas Market taking place, but that an assessment report was not yet available since the application had been lacking certain core documentation.

It was agreed that, in principle, a grant of up to £500.00 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 report and consultation with the Chair of this Committee;

- (iii) Good Companions (CG 3807) - agreed that a grant award of £250.00 be made;

- (iv) Drongan Health Initiative (CG 3816) - to continue consideration of this application to a Special Meeting to be held prior to the end of the current financial year, in order to enable further clarification to be provided to the Committee on the following matters, namely:- (a) the possibility of a funding contribution being made by the Community Planning Partners; (b) confirmation of the cost of hiring Drongan Games Hall for the proposed activities and the possibility of other, lower cost, facilities being utilised; and (c) the possibility of the proposed costs for instructors being reduced through the use of Leisure Development Staff; and
- (v) Lethanhill Flying Club (CG 3821) - the Administrative Officer advised that this application had only recently been received and that an assessment report was not yet available; and that the organisation had applied for a grant of £375.00 to assist in meeting running and operating costs for the coming year.

It was agreed that, in principle, a grant of up to £375.00 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 consultation with the Chair of this Committee;

(c) Older People

- (i) Bellsbank Senior Citizen's (CG 3794) - agreed that a grant of £291.50 be made; and

(d) Young People

- (i) Patna PTA (CG 3786) - agreed that a grant of £2,500.00 be made.

2.2.4 Re-consideration of Matter: Item 2.2.3(a)(i): Dalmellington Band (CG 3809)

It was unanimously agreed, in terms of Standing Order 40, to reconsider the Doon Valley portion of the grant award approved in respect of the application from Dalmellington Band (CG 3809) as dealt with under Item 2.2.3(a)(i), above.

It was subsequently agreed that a further grant award of £1,071.03 be made in respect of this application, being the uncommitted balance remaining from the financial allocation available for Community Grants for the former Doon Valley area for the current financial year.

DISBURSEMENT OF COMMUNITY GRANTS FOR 2008/2009

3. There was submitted a report dated 18 January 2008 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support which advised of the arrangements put in place to enable the Committee to consider and deal with applications for Community Grants received from local organisations in respect of the 2008/2009 financial year.

It was agreed to homologate the arrangements implemented, as detailed in the report.

The meeting terminated at 1447 hours.