

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**NORTHERN LOCAL GRANTS COMMITTEE****MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 2 MARCH 2011 AT 1400 HOURS IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK**

PRESENT: Councillors Robert McDill, John MacKay, John McGhee, Alan Brown, Stuart Finlayson and Provost Stephanie Young.

ATTENDING: Julie McGarry, Administration Manager; Eddie Bulik, Administration and Monitoring Officer, Neighbourhood Services; Jim Murdoch, Team Leader, Community Learning and Development; Anne Lithgow, Business Support Officer, Educational and Social Services; and Christine Baillie, Senior Administrative Officer.

APOLOGY: Councillor Rose-Ann Cuninghame.

CHAIR: Councillor Robert McDill, Chair.

COMMUNITY GRANTS TO LOCAL ORGANISATIONS 2010/11

1. There was submitted a report dated 22 February 2011 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Finance and Corporate Support on the financial position in respect of Community Grants to Local Organisations 2010/11 together with individual assessment reports (circulated) in respect of the undernoted applications and an assessment report for Darvel Music Company (CG 46779) (tabled at the meeting) which the Committee agreed to accept as an additional item.

The Committee agreed as follows:-

(a) Arts and Cultural

- (i) Stewarton Academy Productions (CG 4697) - the Committee were generally supportive of the application but due to budget constraints and having noted that the event did not take place until June, it was agreed to continue consideration of the application to a special meeting of the Northern Local Grants Committee to be held early in financial year 2011/12; and
- (ii) Darvel Music Company (CG 4779) - it was agreed to continue consideration of the application to a special meeting of the Northern Local Grants Committee to be held early in financial year 2011/12 in order that the Assessing Officer could seek clarification on the matters raised by the Committee on certain aspects of the application;

(b) Disability

- (i) St Marnock Youth Club (CG 4690) - £516 and agreed to remit to the Assessing Officer to ascertain how the group recruit new members, where they are going on holiday and if they have explored the possibility of utilising The Holiday Project's accommodation in Saltcoats.

- (c) Early Education and Childcare
- (i) Dunlop Babies and Toddlers (CG 4701) - refused on the grounds that the group had enough money in its bank account to cover the costs of the project; and
 - (ii) Galston Baby and Toddler Group (CG 4702) - £539;
- (d) Environmental
- (i) Stewarton Woodlands Action Trust (CG 4684) - agreed to remit to the Administration and Monitoring Officer, Neighbourhood Services to look at more appropriate avenues of funding for the group i.e. the Developers Fund or the Renewable Energy Fund.
- (e) Leisure
- (i) Kilmarnock Pipe Band (CG 4693) - it was agreed to continue consideration of this application to the next meeting of the Grants Committee to be held on 25 May 2011.
- (f) Older People
- (i) Kilmaurs Senior Citizens Association (CG 4740) - £150.
- (g) Social Inclusion
- (i) Onthank Mens Club - Hall Hire (CG 4734) - £33.60; and
 - (ii) Onthank Mens Club - Day Trip (CG 4735) - £33.58.

PRIORITIES FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 2011/12

2. There was submitted a report dated 8 February 2011 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Finance and Corporate Support which requested the Grants Committee to consider setting priorities for 2011/12 in respect of Hanging Baskets, Gala Days and Christmas Lights.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to ringfence part of the budget for financial year 2011/12 for Hanging Baskets, Gala Days and Christmas Lights with the figures based on this financial year's spend as undernoted:-
 - Hanging Baskets - 17%;
 - Gala Days - 24.5%; and
 - Christmas Lights - 15%;
- (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 - 25 May 2011; and
 - Christmas Lights - 16 November 2011;
- (iii) that the Head of Democratic Services make appropriate arrangements to notify previous recipients of such grants of the agreed arrangements; and
- (iv) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

The meeting terminated at 1500 hours.