

**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

**SOUTHERN LOCAL GRANTS COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 14 AUGUST 2008 AT 1400 HOURS IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Jim Sutherland, Barney Menzies, Kathy Morrice, Elaine Dinwoodie and Drew Filson.

**ATTENDING:** Bill Walkinshaw, Head of Democratic Services; Eddie Bulik, Monitoring and Administration Officer, Department of Neighbourhood Services; Suzanne Brodie, Team Leader, Community Learning and Development; and Lynn Young, Administrative Officer.

**APOLOGIES:** Councillors Eric Jackson, Jimmy Kelly, Neil McGhee, Jim Roberts, William Crawford and Eric Ross.

**CHAIR:** Councillor Jim Sutherland, Chair, Items 1 - 3.1, and Item 5; and Councillor Kathy Morrice, Vice-Chair, Item 3.1(f).

**LOCAL COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME 2008/2009**

**COMMUNITY GRANTS TO LOCAL ORGANISATIONS WITHIN WARDS 7 & 8**

1. There was submitted and noted a report dated 31 July 2008 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support on the financial position in respect of Community Grants to local organisations within Wards 7 & 8 in 2008/2009 together with individual assessment reports (circulated) in respect of the undernoted applications:-

**1.1 Applications Approved (for the purpose identified in the Application), Refused or Continued for the Reasons Detailed, viz:-**

(a) Leisure, Sport and Cultural

- (i) Auchinleck Primary School Parent Council (CG 4015) - Refused as per the criteria specified by the Grants Committee in that the application was from neither a newly formed organisation nor was it urgent in nature. It was also agreed to remit to the Head of Democratic Services to ascertain what arrangements were in place within the Department of Educational and Social Services for the provision of football strips where the teams were representing the school;
- (ii) Mauchline Boys FC "11 Years" (CG 4034) - The Administrative Officer reported that the group was a new group, and had applied for £300.00 to assist in the start-up costs of the football club, i.e. waterproof jackets, discs and cone sets, bibs, training balls, whistle, bottle carriers, team bag and a medicine bag.

It was agreed to award up to £300.00 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. It was also agreed that the Group be notified of the

benefits of registering with East Ayrshire Sports Council which included the opportunity to apply for support funding;

- (iii) Mauchline Arts and Crafts Group (CG 4049) - The Administrative Officer reported that the group had applied for a grant of £670.00 for hall and insurance, demonstrations and workshops, materials, general expenses and wall hangings for their weekly meetings. The Administrative Officer further advised that the Group was neither a newly formed organisation nor was the application urgent in nature.

It was agreed to refuse the application as per the criteria specified by the Grants Committee, in that the application was from neither a newly formed organisation nor was it urgent in nature.

(b) Social Inclusion

- (i) ALLIES (Working with the Homeless) (CG 4042) - The Administrative Officer reported and it was noted that the application had been withdrawn.

**MAUCHLINE PARISH CHURCH YOUTH CAFÉ (CG 4022)**

- 2. Noted an award of £400.00 had been made under delegated authority, following an assessment report by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services.

**COMMUNITY GRANTS TO LOCAL ORGANISATIONS WITHIN WARD 9**

- 3. There was submitted and noted a report dated 31 July 2008 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support on the financial position in respect of Community Grants to local organisations within Ward 9 in 2008/2009, together with individual assessment reports (circulated) unless otherwise stated in respect of the undernoted applications and an assessment report in respect of Mothers United (CG 4044) (circulated at the meeting):-

**3.1 Applications Approved (for the purpose identified in the Application), Refused or Continued for the Reasons Detailed, viz:-**

(a) Arts and Cultural

- (i) Dalmellington Community Centre: Amateur Gardening Association (CG 4016) - £310.00;

(b) Community Associations

- (i) Rankinston Community Association (CG 4040) - £1,000.00;

(c) Early Education and Childcare

- (i) Bellsbank Women's Project (Crèche Worker Costs) (CG 4036) - £1,000.00;
- (ii) Happy Hens (CG 4021) - £500.00;
- (iii) Mothers United (CG 4044) - £860.00;

(d) Older People

- (i) Bellsbank Senior Citizen's (CG 4031) - £3,000.00;

- (e) Social Inclusion
  - (i) Bellsbank Women's Project (Equipment and Materials) (CG 4035) - £1,369.99;
- (f) Tenants and Residents Group
  - (i) Drongan Tenants and Residents Association (CG 4045)

**Declaration of Interest**

Councillor Sutherland declared a non-financial interest in accordance with Paragraphs 5.17 and 5.18 of the Councillors' Code of Conduct and did not participate in the decision.

Councillor Morrice then took the Chair.

**Consideration of Item**

Drongan Tenants and Residents Association (CG 4045) - The Administrative Officer reported that the Group had applied for £5,900.00 for the purchase of festive lighting for two Christmas trees, including installation and running costs and the provision of a festive switch-on event.

It was agreed to award up to £3,000.00, in principle, subject to receipt of a satisfactory assessment and that the payment of the grant be delegated to the Head of Democratic Services in consultation with the Vice-Chair.

Councillor Dinwoodie left the meeting at this point.

**VACATION/APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR**

- 4. Councillor Sutherland re-occupied the Chair at this point.

**ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS**

- 5. The Administrative Officer reported applications which had been received from Drongan Health Initiative and Butterfly Events, and requested that due to the nature of the application from Drongan Health Initiative; and the urgency of the application from Butterfly Events, that both applications be considered.

It was agreed to consider the Community Grant applications from Drongan Health Initiative and Butterfly Events.

- (a) Older People
  - (i) Drongan Health Initiative (CG 4054) - The Administrative Officer advised that the Group had requested a grant award of £5,492.80 to give the elderly of Drongan, Rankinston and Stair a Christmas dinner and entertainment. The Administrative Officer further advised that the breakdown of the amount of grant requested was bus hire - £500, music - £200, catering (500 @ £8.00 per head) - £4,000, hall and kitchen hire - £292.80 and Christmas gifts - £500.

The Administrative Officer further advised that historically the Old People's Welfare Associations had individually applied for Community Grant funding for the Christmas parties, with Drongan Old Folk's

Welfare Association previously applying for £2,200 for 594 members; and Rankinston Old People's Welfare Association applying for £559.00 for 60 plus members.

It was agreed to approve in principle, that an award be made minus the £500 element for Christmas gifts; and the level of award be determined by a satisfactory assessment report and payment of the grant be delegated to the Head of Democratic Services in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair.

(b) Health Issues

(i) Butterfly Events (CG 4055)

**Declaration of Interest**

Councillor Filson declared a non-financial interest in accordance with Paragraphs 5.17 and 5.18 of the Councillors' Code of Conduct and left the meeting.

**Consideration of Item**

Butterfly Events (CG 4055) - The Administrative Officer reported that the Group had requested £1,000 to assist with the small costs of an event, the latest Doon Valley Walk of Hope on 31 August 2008; and that additional information had recently been received from the Group which confirmed that the £1,000 requested would be split evenly between Dalmellington Community Council, Patna Community Council, Dalrymple Community Council and Drongan Community Council to hold a fun event in their respective villages for the walkers on the Walk of Hope.

The Head of Democratic Services further advised that (i) the application was incomplete in that no core documentation had been received, and as such, there was insignificant information to properly consider the application in time; and (ii) the proposal was to provide grant awards to a third party, i.e. other voluntary organisations, which was not appropriate in terms of proper processing of Community Grant applications.

It was agreed to refuse the application on the grounds that as the application was incomplete, there was insufficient information to determine a grant award in sufficient time and as the application was to make grant awards to other voluntary organisations, which was not appropriate in terms of Community Grant funding.

It was noted that the other voluntary organisations, namely Dalmellington Community Council, Patna Community Council, Dalrymple Community Council and Drongan Community Council could apply individually for funding for the fun events for the walkers on the Walk of Hope on 31 August 2008 and the Head of Democratic Services undertook to inform the Community Councils and assist them in processing their applications timeously.

The meeting terminated at 1445 hours.