

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

CENTRAL NORTH LOCAL GRANTS COMMITTEE

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 11 NOVEMBER 2008 AT
1400 HRS IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON
ROAD, KILMARNOCK**

PRESENT: Councillors Jim Buchanan, Willie Coffey, Maureen McKay, John Campbell, Gordon Cree and Drew McIntyre.

ATTENDING: Julie McGarry, Administration Manager; Eddie Bulik, Monitoring and Administration Officer, Department of Neighbourhood Services; Janice Harrison and Kevin Wells, Team Leaders, Department of Educational and Social Services; Anne Lithgow, Business Support Officer; and Sharon McHarg, Administrative Officer.

APOLOGY: Councillor Helen Coffey.

CHAIR: Councillor Jim Buchanan, Chair.

COMMUNITY GRANTS TO LOCAL ORGANISATIONS 2008/2009

1. There was submitted a report dated 4 November 2008 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support on the financial position in respect of community grants to local organisations in 2008/2009 together with individual assessment reports (circulated and tabled) in respect of the applications submitted by the undernoted groups (for the purposes specified in the grant application forms), determined as follows:-
 - (a) Arts and Cultural
 - (i) Kilmarnock and District Choral Union (CG 4056) – £230.
 - (b) Community Association
 - (i) Kennedy Gardens Neighbourhood Watch Residents Association (CG 4053) - £200.
 - (c) Disability
 - (i) Archway Phab Club (CG 3927) - £300 to be paid in four equal instalments only to be released following the Head of Democratic Services receiving a satisfactory progress report together with all receipts/invoices for previous instalment of grant.

It was also agreed that the Head of Democratic Services investigate the option of mainstream funding for this group.
 - (d) Early Education and Child Care
 - (i) Henderson Playgroup (CG 4087) - £689.60.
 - (e) Leisure Activities
 - (i) Howard Park Bowling Club (CG 4069) – £1,140 subject to receiving two quotes for green maintenance and machinery maintenance and following receipt of the Scottish Bowling Association Disclosure Number;
 - (ii) Kilmarnock Pipe Band (CG 4078) – £310;

1.1 Order Of Business

The Chair, at his discretion and in terms of Standing Order 19, agreed to alter the order of business, and consider the grant application by East Ayrshire Gardening Club at the end of the agenda.

1.2 The undernoted Community Grant applications were dealt with as follows:-

(e) Leisure Activities (Continued)

- (iii) BOWWOLF Scotland (CG 4088) – The Administrative Officer advised that the group had applied for funding to assist with the costs of hall lets at a total cost of £362.23 with the group contributing a total cost of £36. The Committee agreed to award up to £326.23 (or the equivalent cross-boundary portion), in principal, subject to receiving a satisfactory assessment and payment of grant be delegated to the Head of Democratic Services in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Central North Grants Committee;
- (iv) Onthank Mens Club (CG 4083) - £800. It was noted that the Group would only have a total sum of £30.88 in their bank account following the Christmas event and accordingly it was agreed that the Group be invited to apply for any additional funding they may require for this event; and
- (v) North West Kilmarnock Bowling Club (CG 4091) – The Administrative Officer advised that the group had applied for funding to purchase a machine for aerating the playing surface at the bowling club at a total cost of £5,783.35 with the group contributing being £500. The Committee agreed to defer consideration of this application to a future meeting due to the fact that the Officer's assessment was still being progressed;

(f) Older People

- (i) Bentinck Elderly Social Club (CG 4067) - £100;
- (ii) Kilmarnock South Elderly Forum (CG 4072) - £107.40; and
- (iii) Age Concern, Hurlford (CG 4079) - £747.

(g) Social Inclusion

- (i) Salvation Army (CG 4009) – £236.95.

(h) Young People

- (i) Hillhead Parents Teachers Association (CG 4080) - £460.70.

1.3 The Chair agreed that three further applications for community grant funding be considered on the agenda by reason that an urgent decision was required.

(i) Women's Issues

- (i) The Evergreen Club (CG 4131) – The Administrative Officer advised that the group had applied for funding to assist with the costs of a Christmas party and the total cost of the project was £1,102.50 and the groups contribution was £302.50. The Committee agreed to award up to £800, in principal, subject to receipt of a satisfactory assessment and payment of grant be delegated to the Head of Democratic Services in

consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Central North Grants Committee.

(b) Older People (Continued)

- (i) 50's Club (CG 4132) – The Administrative Officer advised that the group had applied for funding to assist with the costs of a Christmas party and a trip in April 2009 at a total cost of £1,250 with the groups contribution being £550. The Committee agreed to award up to £700 (or the equivalent cross-boundary portion), in principal, subject to receipt of a satisfactory assessment and payment of grant be delegated to the Head of Democratic Services in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Central North Grants Committee.

(c) Heritage

- (i) Old High Kirk and Ayrshire Cancer Support (CG 4133) – The Administrative Officer advised that the grant application was to assist with the cost of organising a social event on the 4 April 2009 during the tartan day celebrations to promote the homecoming year in Kilmarnock. It was further noted the Burns Monument and the Dick Institute were the two principal venues for the event. It was noted that the total cost of the project was £5,000 with the Old High Kirk contributing £500.00 and Ayrshire Cancer Support contributing £1,000.00. The Committee agreed to award up to £3,500 (or the equivalent cross-boundary portion), in principal, subject to receipt of a satisfactory assessment and payment of grant be delegated to the Head of Democratic Services in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Central North Grants Committee and subject to clarification of the Lead organisation.

Councillor Gordon Cree left the meeting during consideration of the above item.

1.4 The undernoted application was dealt with as follows:-

(d) Leisure Activities (Continued)

- (i) East Ayrshire Gardening Club Kilmarnock (CG 4084)

(i) **Declaration of Interest**

Councillor Drew McIntyre declared a non-financial interest in the undernoted item and left the meeting.

(ii) **Consideration of Item**

The Administrative Officer advised that the group applied for funding to purchase planters, compost, plants, wood and van hire for the Burns Homecoming in 2009 and that the total cost of the project was £1,271.01 and that the organisation was not contributing towards the cost. The Committee agreed to award up to £1,271 (or the equivalent cross-boundary portion), in principal, subject to receipt of a satisfactory assessment and payment of grant be delegated to the Head of Democratic Services in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Central North Grants Committee.

The meeting terminated at 1440 hours.