

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

CENTRAL SOUTH LOCAL GRANTS COMMITTEE

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 12 NOVEMBER 2008 AT
1400 HRS IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS,
LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK**

PRESENT: Councillors Jim Todd, Tom Cook, Robert Keohone, Douglas Reid, John Knapp and Hugh Ross.

ATTENDING: Julie McGarry, Administration Manager; Anne Lithgow, Business Support Officer; Eddie Bulik, Monitoring and Administration Officer; Kevin Wells, Team Leader, Community Learning and Development; and Jennifer Morrison, Administrative Officer.

APOLOGY: Councillor Iain Linton.

CHAIR: Councillor Jim Todd, Chair.

ADDITIONAL ITEM

1. The Chair agreed to the consideration of an additional item in respect of a joint Community Grant application from the Old High Kirk and Ayrshire Cancer Support (CG 4133) as an early decision was required.

The Administrative Officer reported and it was noted that the application was to assist with the cost of organising a social occasion during the Tartan Day celebrations in the Burns Homecoming year with the event to be held on 4 April 2009. The projected project costs were £5,000 with the organisations seeking a Community Grant of £3,500. The application was yet to be assessed and a membership list was still awaited, therefore, the application might be cross-boundary.

It was agreed to support the application, in principle, up to a maximum of £3,500 (taking into consideration cross-boundary awards) subject to receipt of a satisfactory assessment and clarification as to the lead organisation and that arrangements for payment of grant be delegated to the Head of Democratic Services in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair.

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2. There was submitted a report dated 5 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 2008/09 together with assessment reports in respect of the undernoted applications:-

2.1 Applications Approved (for the purpose identified in the application); and Applications Awaiting a Decision in Principle Subject to Receipt of a Satisfactory Assessment, viz:-

(a) Arts and Cultural

- (i) Kilmarnock and District Choral Union (CG 4056) - £210.

(b) Community Associations

- (i) Crosshouse Action Now (CAN) (CG 4077) - The Administrative Officer reported and it was noted that the application was in respect of three proposed projects - (i) Christmas lights; (ii) a security gate for the Andrew Fisher Cairn; and (iii) the Fun Day in 2009. Projected costs were £10,600 (£4,500 for the Christmas lights; £1,500 for the security gate; and £4,600 for the Fun Day). The Group were seeking a community grant of £10,000.

It was agreed:

- (i) that as quotations were still awaited there was insufficient information to deal with the security gate and the Fun Day proposals and to continue consideration therefore of these elements to the next meeting in February at which time an assessment would be available;
- (ii) to support the Christmas lights in principle up to a maximum of £4,500 subject to receipt of quotes, a satisfactory assessment and confirmation that the purchase and erection of the Christmas lights would go ahead this year and that arrangements for payment of grant be delegated to the Head of Democratic Services in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair.
- (iii) the Head of Democratic Services be asked to investigate whether mainstream funding would be available for the security gate as the Cairn had been erected by the former Kilmarnock and Loudoun District Council.

(c) Community Councils

- (i) Bellfield Community Council (CG 4050) - £500.

(d) Disability

- (i) Archway PHAB Club (CG 3927) - £1,500 in four equal instalments with each subsequent instalment only being released following the submission of a progress report together with all receipts/invoices to the satisfaction of the Head of Democratic Services.

(e) Early Education and Childcare

- (i) Shortlees Parent Forum (CG 4085) - The Administrative Officer reported and it was noted that the application was in respect of hosting a Health and Information Day within the school for all pupils and their parents. Workshops would be organised relating to health, diet and fitness. Project costs were £1,482 with a Community Grant of £1,382 sought. The application was being assessed.

It was agreed to support the application in principle up to a maximum of £1,382 subject to receipt of a satisfactory assessment and that arrangements for payment of grant be delegated to the Head of Democratic Services in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair. It was further agreed that alternative potential funding sources should be investigated before the grant was awarded through the Local Committee Community Grants budget.

- (ii) Henderson Playgroup (CG 4087) - £310.40;
 - (iii) Bellfield After School Care Ltd (CG 4082) - £1,350 and that the group be advised that they would need to look at part funding outings in the future;
 - (iv) Crosshouse Out of School Group (CG 4015) - £4,000
- (f) Heritage
- (i) Beowulf Scotland (CG 4088) - The Administrative Officer reported and it was noted that the application was in respect of hall lets for practice sessions. The group carry out living history and combat displays to allow the public to gain an insight into Scotland's past. The project costs were £362.23 with the group seeking a Community Grant of £326.23. The application was yet to be assessed and might be cross-boundary.

It was agreed to support the application in principle up to a maximum of £326.23 (taking into consideration cross-boundary awards) subject to receipt of a satisfactory assessment and that arrangements for payment of grant be delegated to the Head of Democratic Services in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair.
- (g) Leisure
- (i) Howard Park Bowling Club (CG 4069) - £2,508 and the Club be advised that the Committee would not be minded to grant applications for maintenance of the green and machinery year on year;
 - (ii) East Ayrshire Gardening Club (CG 4084) - £459.73.
- (h) Older People
- (i) Bonnyton Music and Movement Club (CG 4058) - £696.00;
 - (ii) Kilmarnock South Elderly Forum (CG 4072) - £322.20;
 - (iii) Age Concern, Hurlford (CG 4079) - £72.00;
 - (iv) Bentinck Elderly Social Club (CG 4067) - £300.00;
- (i) Social Inclusion
- (i) The Salvation Army (CG 4009) - £236.95 with the organisation being advised to submit any future applications to the John Fulton Trust in the first instance.

The meeting terminated at 1455 hrs.