

**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL****SOUTHERN LOCAL GRANTS COMMITTEE****MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 13 NOVEMBER 2008 AT 1402 HOURS IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Jim Sutherland, Neil McGhee, William Crawford, Barney Menzies, Kathy Morrice, Eric Ross, Elaine Dinwoodie and Drew Filson.

**ATTENDING:** David Mitchell, Head of Legal, Procurement and Regulatory Services; Julie McGarry, Administration Manager; Eddie Bulik, Monitoring and Administration Officer, Department of Neighbourhood Services; and Stuart Nelson, Administrative Officer.

**APOLOGIES:** Councillors Jimmy Kelly and Jim Roberts.

**CHAIR:** Councillor Jim Sutherland, Chair.

**ADDITIONAL ITEM: APPLICATION FOR COMMUNITY GRANT: BUTTERFLY EVENTS (CG 4055) (Item 5(b)(i), Page 456, 07/11)**

1. It was agreed that this matter be dealt with as an additional item, and in this connection, the Committee heard verbal reports by the Head of Legal, Procurement and Regulatory Services and the Administration Manager which (a) advised that the decision taken by the Committee at its meeting held on 14 August 2008 relative to the application for Community Grant submitted by Butterfly Events (CG 4055) was not competent since the meeting at that point had been inquorate; and (b) provided further explanation on the circumstances of this matter and on the nature of the application.

After consideration, it was agreed to confirm the decision taken by Members on 14 August 2008 relative to this application as the decision of this Committee, namely 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.

**ADMINISTRATION AND PRIORITISATION OF COMMUNITY GRANT APPLICATIONS**

2. There was submitted a report dated 21 October 2008 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support which invited the Committee to consider prioritisation and certain administrative arrangements to be applied in dealing with Community Grant applications, and advised of the updated financial position, for Wards 7 and 8.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that in future, commencing with the 2009/2010 financial year, the priority weighting to be afforded to each of the established grant categories in respect of grant applications from organisations within Wards 7 and 8 be as set out in Appendix 1 to the report;

- (ii) that, in future, where applicants are required to provide additional information/documentation in order to enable the release of a grant award approved by the Committee, an additional condition be attached to the grant approval to provide that such information/documentation will require to be provided within 3 months from the date of approval, failing which the offer of grant will be withdrawn, this provision to apply with immediate effect only to applications in respect of Wards 7 and 8, and subject to the applicants concerned being advised of the assistance available to them from Officers of the Council in satisfying the requirements of the application; and
- (iii) to note the updated financial position for Wards 7 and 8 as set out in Appendix 2 to the report.

## **COMMUNITY GRANTS TO LOCAL ORGANISATIONS WITHIN WARDS 7 AND 8**

### **3.1 FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

There was submitted a statement dated 29 October 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 and 8 for 2008/2009.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the statement submitted; and
- (ii) to note that the balance of funds remaining for community grants for the current financial year for Wards 7 and 8 was available to deal with applications only from newly formed organisations or urgent applications, irrespective of the category within which such applications lie, and that priority weighting was not applicable to this balance.

Councillor Elaine Dinwoodie left the meeting at this point.

### **3.2 NEW APPLICATIONS**

#### **(a) Leisure, Sport and Cultural**

Having considered assessment reports in each case by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services, (all circulated) it was agreed that the undernoted applications, in respect of the purposes identified in the application forms, be determined as follows, namely:-

- (i) Cumnock Juniors Under 17's (CG 4081) - refused since the application was from neither a newly formed organisation nor was it urgent in nature, being the criteria previously agreed by Committee for use of the balance of funds remaining from the current year's financial allocation for Community Grants; but that the applicant be advised to seek assistance from the Council's External Funding Officer in identifying possible alternative sources of funding for the purpose of this application;
- (ii) Dalmellington Band (CG 4057) - agreed that a grant award of £750.00 be made on the basis that this is a cross-boundary application from an organisation based outwith Wards 7 and 8; and

- (iii) Kilmarnock Pipe Band (CG 4078) - agreed that an award of £80.00 be made on the basis that this is a cross-boundary application from an organisation based outwith Wards 7 and 8.

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

### **4.1 FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

There was submitted and noted a statement dated 29 October 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 for 2008/2009.

Councillor Eric Ross left the meeting at this point.

### **4.2 DELEGATED APPLICATIONS**

It was reported and noted that the Head of Democratic Services had approved the undernoted applications in terms of delegated powers, namely:-

- 4.2.1 Drongan Tenants and Residents Association (CG 4045)** - £3,000.00 (Christmas lights etc);
- 4.2.2 Drongan Health Initiative (CG 4054)** - £4,992.80 (Christmas party for older people);
- 4.2.3 Dalmellington Community Council (CG 4059)** - £200.00 (Support events for Walk of Hope);
- 4.2.4 Rankinston Community Association (CG 4060)** - £200.00 (Support events for Walk of Hope); and
- 4.2.5 Patna Community Council (CG 4061)** - £200.00 (Support events for Walk of Hope).

### **4.3 NEW APPLICATION**

- (a) Arts and Cultural

Having considered an assessment report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services, (circulated) it was agreed that the undernoted application, in respect of the purpose identified in the application form, be determined as follows, namely:-

- (i) Dalmellington Band (CG 4057) - that a grant award of £2,000.00 be made.

The meeting terminated at 1448 hours.