

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

NORTHERN LOCAL GRANTS COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 11 NOVEMBER 2009 AT 1400 HOURS IN STEWARTON AREA CENTRE, AVENUE STREET, STEWARTON

PRESENT: Councillors Robert McDill, Rose-Ann Cuninghame, John MacKay, John McGhee, Alan Brown and Stuart Finlayson.

ATTENDING: Julie McGarry, Administration Manager; Eddie Bulik, Monitoring and Administration Officer; and Christine Baillie, Senior Administrative Officer.

APOLOGY: Provost Stephanie Young.

CHAIR: Councillor Rose-Ann Cuninghame, Vice-Chair for Items 1 and 1.1.1 and Councillor Robert McDill, Chair for Items 1.1.2 to 3.1.

LOCAL COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME 2009/10

COMMUNITY GRANTS TO LOCAL ORGANISATIONS 2009/10

1. There was submitted a report dated 26 October 2009 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support on the financial position in respect of Community Grants to Local Organisations 2009/2010 together with individual assessment reports (circulated) in respect of the undernoted applications and assessment reports for Newmilns Gala Committee (CG 4398), Darvel and District Community Council (CG 4392) and Newmilns and Greenholm Community Council (CG 4404) (tabled at the meeting):-
 - 1.1 The Committee agreed as follows:-
 - (a) Arts and Cultural
 - (i) Loudoun Musical Society (CG 4326) - £216;
Councillor McDill joined the meeting at this point.
 - (ii) Darvel Music Company (CG 4379) - The group had intimated that if the full amount was not awarded by the Committee then they would be unable to proceed with the project as their intended objectives would not be met . The Committee were not willing to award the full amount requested as part of the project did not comply with Condition 12 of the Council's Conditions of Grant which states "that where a project involves improvement of premises the applicant will require to be the owner or tenant (on a lease for five years or more) before a grant will be released and therefore, it was agreed to refuse the application.
 - (iii) A Choired Taste (CG 4374) - refused, on the grounds that the profits made by the group would effectively be donated to charity.
 - (b) Disability
 - (i) St Marnock Youth Club (ENABLE) (CG 4380) - £1,260;
 - (c) Leisure
 - (i) Kilmarnock Photographic Club (CG 4386) - refused, on the grounds that as the equipment was for use within the Club only, there was limited community benefit;

- (ii) Newmilns Gala Committee (CG 4398)

Declaration of Interest

Councillor Alan Brown declared a non-financial interest in this item, in accordance with paragraphs 5.1.7 and 5.1.8 of the Councillors' Code of Conduct and left the meeting.

It was agreed to grant £250.

- (iii) Kilmarnock Pipe Band (CG 4399) - £1,000; and
- (iv) Stewarton Yuletide Festival Committee (CG4342) - it was agreed to consider this application at the end of the meeting.

(d) Older People

- (i) Hurlford Age Concern (CG 4385) - £100;

(e) Sport

- (i) Kilmarnock Volleyball Club (CG 4365) - refused, on the grounds that, in the Committee's view, the hall let costs were not excessive when compared to the number of members within the group.

FUNDING OF CHRISTMAS LIGHTS (Item 2, Page 622, 07/12)

2. The Committee noted that £7,651 had been ringfenced by the Committee at its meeting held on 25 February 2009 for Christmas lights and agreed as follows:-
- (i) Galston Community Council (CG 4383) - £1,583.35;
 - (ii) Stewarton Yuletide Festival Committee (CG 4342) - £1,591.37;
 - (iii) Fenwick Community Council (CG 4263) - £1,802.39;
 - (iv) Darvel and District Community Council (CG 4392) - £1,404.79; and
 - (v) Newmilns and Greenholm Community Council (CG 4404) - £1,269.10.

DELEGATED AWARD

3 **Fenwick Community Association (CG 4381)**

Noted that an award of £400 had been made to the group under delegated authority for the hire of a jazz band as part of Fenwick Music Weekend held on 23 October 2009.

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4. The Committee agreed as follows:-
- (iv) Leisure
 - (i) Stewarton Yuletide Festival Committee (CG 4342) - £2,000 and that the group be encouraged to fundraise prior to any future application for grant assistance being submitted, as the Committee did expect all organisations to contribute towards projects.

The meeting terminated at 1530 hours.