

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**SOUTHERN LOCAL GRANTS COMMITTEE****MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 10 NOVEMBER 2009 AT 1000 HOURS IN NETHERTHIRD COMMUNITY CENTRE, RYDERSTON DRIVE, CUMNOCK**

PRESENT: Councillors Kathy Morrice, Jimmy Kelly, Neil McGhee, Jim Roberts, Eric Ross and Moira Pirie.

ATTENDING: Suzanne Brodie, Team Leader - Community Learning and Development; Christine Baillie, Senior Administrative Officer; and Stuart Nelson, Administrative Officer.

APOLOGIES: Councillors David Shaw, William Crawford, Barney Menzies and Elaine Dinwoodie.

CHAIR: Councillor Kathy Morrice, Chair.

CHAIR'S REMARKS

1. The Chair welcomed Councillor Moira Pirie, to this her first meeting of the Southern Local Grants Committee.

COMMUNITY GRANTS TO LOCAL ORGANISATIONS WITHIN WARDS 7 & 8**2.1 FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

There was submitted a statement dated 3 November 2009 (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 2009/2010.

In this connection, the Administrative Officer advised, by way of update, that, as a result of the reimbursement of a sum of £134.57 from Able Activities in respect of a grant award made to this organisation during the 2008/2009 year, and pending consideration by the Committee of the four applications from 1st Muirkirk Boys Brigade under Items 1.2.4 - 1.2.7 on the Agenda, the total balance available for disbursement was £3,692.49.

It was agreed to note the statement submitted and further information provided by the Administrative Officer.

2.2 NEW APPLICATIONS**(a) Environmental**

- (i) Mauchline Community Council (Christmas Lights 2009) (CG 4382) - refused on the basis that the application did not satisfy the criteria previously specified by this Committee for the use of the balance of funds available for Community Grants for the current financial year for Wards 7 and 8, i.e. the application is neither emergency in nature nor is it from a newly formed organisation;

Arising from discussion, it was also agreed that, for the remainder of the current year and for future years, where it appears that an application for

Community Grant does not satisfy the criteria specified by the Committee for the use of the balance of funds available as referred to in the preceding sub-item, the applicant be advised accordingly, as soon as possible within the assessment process, in order that they will have an early opportunity to consider their position in the light thereof.

(b) Leisure, Sport and Cultural

- (i) Woodroad Regeneration Forum (CG 4384) - refused on the basis that the application did not satisfy the criteria previously specified by this Committee for the use of the balance of funds available for Community Grants for the current financial year for Wards 7 and 8, i.e. the application is neither emergency in nature nor is it from a newly formed organisation; and
- (ii) Kilmarnock Pipe Band (CG 4399) - agreed to continue consideration of this application to the next meeting pending clarification of use by the Band of instruments purchased by the former Cumnock Pipe Band with Minerals Trust funding;

(c) Young People

- (i) 1st Muirkirk Boys Brigade (Insurance) (CG 4163) - refused on the basis that the Group had sufficient funds to meet the cost of the purpose of the application;
- (ii) 1st Muirkirk Boys Brigade (Purchase of Cameras) (CG 4164) - refused on the basis that the Group had sufficient funds to meet the cost of the purpose of the application;
- (iii) 1st Muirkirk Boys Brigade (Transport) (CG 4165) - refused on the basis that the Group had sufficient funds to meet the cost of the purpose of the application;
- (iv) 1st Muirkirk Boys Brigade (Painting of Clubhouse) (CG 4166) - refused on the basis that the Group had sufficient funds to meet the cost of the purpose of the application; and
- (v) 1st Mauchline Guides (CG 4410) - noted that this application, which had only recently been received, was for a sum of £200.00 in order to assist in meeting the cost of hall lets; and would be dealt with by the Head of Democratic Services under delegated powers in the light of an assessment report to be prepared by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services and following consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair.

CATRINE COMMUNITY COUNCIL (CHRISTMAS LIGHTS 2008) (CG 4147)

3. The Administrative Officer provided a verbal report on the circumstances relating to the use by Catrine Community Council of an amount of £816.75 from a grant award made to this organisation during 2008/2009 for their Christmas Lights 2008 project. It was explained that the Community Council had utilised this amount in respect of the purchase of brackets for mounting Christmas lights on lamp posts, to a specification which is now required by the Council's Roads Section, and the Committee were asked to consider the approval of this use of the balance of the grant award since this purpose had not featured within the original grant application.

It was agreed to approve the use of the amount of £816.75 by Catrine Community Council for the purchase of brackets for Christmas lights.

COMMUNITY GRANTS TO LOCAL ORGANISATIONS WITHIN WARD 9

4.1 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

There was submitted a statement dated 3 November 2009 (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 2009/2010.

In this connection, the Administrative Officer advised, by way of update, that the balance now available for disbursement stood at £6,971.64, having regard to the reimbursement of the sum of £22.44 made by Able Activities in respect of the grant award made to that organisation in 2008/2009.

It was agreed to note the statement submitted and the further information provided by the Administrative Officer.

4.2 NEW APPLICATIONS

(a) Community Associations

- (i) Rankinston Community Association (CG 4396) - having heard the Administrative Officer who advised that this application was for a grant of £1,245.32 in order to assist in meeting the cost of erecting and dismantling of Christmas lights within the village during the Christmas 2009 period, and associated electricity costs, together with a Pantomime, agreed, that, in principle, a grant of up to £1,245.32 be made, the application to be remitted to the Head of Democratic Services to progress, subject to receipt of a satisfactory assessment and consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair of this Committee; and
- (ii) Stair Community Association (CG 4401) - that a grant of £3,000.00 be made in order to assist in meeting insurance, electricity and annual maintenance costs.

(b) Early Education and Childcare

- (i) The Happy Hens (CG 4388) - agreed that a grant of £500.00 be made in order to assist in meeting the cost of heating/lighting, outings, Christmas, Halloween and Easter events and running costs.

The meeting terminated at 1039 hours.