

**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

**CENTRAL SOUTH LOCAL GRANTS COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 14 MAY 2008 AT  
1400 HRS IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON  
ROAD, KILMARNOCK**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Jim Todd, Tom Cook, Robert Keohone, Iain Linton and Hugh Ross.

**ATTENDING:** Anne Lithgow, Business Support Officer, Early Years and Childcare Team; Eddie Bulik, Monitoring and Administration Officer, Department of Neighbourhood Services; Anne Marie Carr, Senior Administrative Officer; Kevin Wells, Team Leader, Community Learning and Development; and Jennifer Morrison, Administrative Officer.

**APOLOGIES:** Councillors Douglas Reid and John Knapp.

**CHAIR:** Councillor Jim Todd (Chair).

**LOCAL COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME – FINANCIAL ALLOCATION 2008/09**

1. There was submitted a report dated 19 March 2008 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support which advised of the financial allocation for the Central South Local Grants Committee for the Council's Local Community Grants Scheme for financial year 2008/2009.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note that the financial allocation to the Local Grants Committees for Community Grants for financial year 2008/2009 was £209,190.00;
- (ii) to note that the Central South Local Grants Committee allocation for financial year 2008/2009 was £49,064.00; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

**COMMUNITY GRANTS TO LOCAL ORGANISATIONS 2008/2009**

2. There was submitted a report dated 7 May 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 in respect of the undernoted applications and a substitute report (all circulated) in respect of Kilmarnock Rugby Football Club (CG 3850) to replace the one which had been circulated with the agenda:-

**2.1 Applications Approved (for the purpose specified in the application), viz:-**

(a) Arts and Cultural

- (i) Kilmarnock Amateur Operatic Society (CG 3873) - £410 subject to the group providing an up to date bank statement to the satisfaction of the Assessing Department;
- (ii) Kilmarnock Aeolian Male Voice Choir (CG 3913) - £850.50, in principle, subject to confirmation that the group were registered with Disclosure Scotland or the Central Registered Body in Scotland and confirmation

that the Group's investments were committed and could not be used for the project, and that arrangements for payment of the grant thereafter be remitted to the Head of Democratic Services in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair;

- (iii) Loudoun Musical Society (CG 3918) - £810; and
- (iv) Stewarton Drama Group – (CG 3925) - £60.

(b) Leisure Activities

- (i) Onthank Mens Club (CG 3922) - £78.06;
- (ii) Onthank Mens Club (CG 3923) - £90;
- (iii) Loudoun and Galston Agricultural Association (CG 3936) - £81.48;
- (iv) Kilmaurs Farmers Society (CG 3953) - £101.79;
- (v) East Ayrshire Gardening Club (CG 3919) - £363.64 to be used specifically towards speaker fees, outlay for plants sale, outlay for outings and outlay for Ayr Flower Show; and
- (vi) Crosshouse Bowling Club (CG 3742)

(I) Declaration of Interest

Councillor Robert Keohone declared a non-financial interest in respect of the above item in accordance with paragraphs 5.17 and 5.18 of the Code of Conduct and left the meeting.

(II) Consideration of Item

The Administrative Officer reported and it was noted that the application was in respect of the purchase of a specialised wheelchair for use on the bowling greens. The cost was £1,800 and the club were seeking funding of £1,000. An assessment report was awaited as the Club were yet to provide full membership details and confirmation that they had completed the Disclosure procedure.

It was agreed to support the application, in principle, up to a maximum of £1,000, or up to the pro-rata share of £1,000 if the application was found to be cross boundary, subject to receipt of a satisfactory assessment report and that arrangements for payment of the grant thereafter be remitted to the Head of Democratic Services in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair.

Councillor Robert Keohone re-joined the meeting at this point.

(c) Older People

- (i) St Michael's Friendship Club (CG 3899) - £658; and
- (ii) 50's Club (CG 3950) – £41.

(d) Social Inclusion

- (i) Crosshouse Action Now (CG 3849) - £1,000.

(e) Sports

## (i) Kilmarnock Rugby Football Club (CG 3850)

(I) Declaration of Interest

Councillors Iain Linton and Hugh Ross declared a non-financial interest in respect of the above item in accordance with paragraphs 5.17 and 5.18 of the Code of Conduct and left the meeting.

(II) Consideration of Item

It was agreed to award a grant of £918.06.

Councillors Iain Linton and Hugh Ross re-joined the meeting at this point.

## (ii) Crosshouse Boys Club (CG 3900) - £750.

(f) Tenants/Residents Groups

## (i) Caprington Residents Association (CG 3976)

(I) Declaration of Interest

Councillor Hugh Ross declared a non-financial interest in respect of the above item in accordance with paragraphs 5.17 and 5.18 of the Code of Conduct and left the meeting.

(II) Consideration of Item

The Administrative Officer reported and it was noted that the application had been received on 1 May 2008 and the Assessing Department of Educational and Social Services had therefore advised that an assessment could not be provided in time for the meeting. The application supported the establishment of a Community Newsletter in Caprington. The grant would specifically pay for a laptop, software, printer, toner, paper, website design and the hosting of a community website, as well as paying for public liability insurance. The total project costs were £2,150.07 and the group were seeking this amount in full.

The Committee agreed to support the application, in principle, up to a maximum of £2,150.07 subject to the receipt of a satisfactory assessment report and that arrangements, for payment of the grant be remitted thereafter to the Head of Democratic Services in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair.

It was also noted that the group be asked to provide a copy of their newsletter to the Head of Democratic Services.

Councillor Hugh Ross re-joined the meeting at this point.

(g) Women's Issues

## (i) Gatehead Ladies Club (CG 3921) - £710.38 and that the group be advised that they would be expected to contribute more towards the costs of any future applications.

## 2.1 Applications Deferred

### (a) Disability

- (i) Archway Phab (CG 3927) – Agreed to defer consideration of this application as there were outstanding issues with regard to the Club's accounts as detailed in section 7 of the application form, and due to the fact that the Club had yet to submit a progress report in respect of a previous community grant award made in May 2006.

### (b) Young People

- (i) Shortlees Pre 5's Group (CG 3977) – The Administrative Officer reported that core pieces of supporting documentation from the group had only been received this morning, however the group still required to clarify the amount of community grant sought. The application had not therefore been assessed. The application was in respect of wages for 2 full time staff, letting fees and insurance costs. The total cost of the project, as advised by the organisation was £4,049.16.

It was agreed that following receipt of the assessment report which it was agreed should take on board such legal/financial advice as appropriate, consideration of the application be remitted to the Head of Democratic Services in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair.

## **RETURN OF GRANT MONIES – BELLFIELD ROYALS (CG 3106)**

- 3. The Administrative Officer reported and it was noted that Bellfield Royals Football Club had returned a total of £55.82 to the Council in respect of a community grant award made in 2005/2006 to assist with the purchasing of football strips, training equipment and the cost of tournament fees, lets and registration fees with the Central South Local Grants Committee receiving their pro-rata share of £45.77.

The meeting terminated at 1450 hours.