

**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

**NORTHERN LOCAL GRANTS COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 8 MAY 2008 AT  
1400 HRS IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON  
ROAD, KILMARNOCK**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Rose-Ann Cuninghame, John MacKay, Alan Brown, Stuart Finlayson and Provost Stephanie Young.

**ATTENDING:** Julie McGarry, Administration Manager; Eddie Bulik, Monitoring and Administration Officer, Department of Neighbourhood Services; Margaret MacBain, Senior Practitioner, Community Learning and Development and Christine Baillie, Administrative Officer.

**APOLOGIES:** Councillors Robert McDill and John McGhee.

**CHAIR:** Councillor Rose-Ann Cuninghame (Vice-Chair).

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

1. There was submitted a report dated 11 March 2008 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support which advised of the financial allocation for the Northern Local Grants Committee from 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 2008/09 was £209,190.00;
- (ii) to note that the Northern Local Grants Committee allocation for financial year 2008/09 was £35,215.00; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

**FUNDING OF CHRISTMAS LIGHTS PROJECTS**

2. There was submitted a report dated 29 April 2008 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support which sought the Committee's views in respect of the funding of Christmas Lights Projects in the Northern Area for financial year 2008/2009.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to ringfence £1,500 for those communities within the Northern Local Grants Committee area that had built up a stock of Christmas lights i.e. Stewarton, Fenwick, Darvel, Newmilns and Galston and that this ringfenced money only be used for repairs and maintenance to the lights, installation and removal of the lights and electricity costs incurred;
- (ii) that the ringfenced money not be used for the purchase of new lights;
- (iii) that if a group applied for an award in excess of £1,500, then the Grants Committee would consider each application for the additional monies on its merits, based on the submitted assessment report in the normal way;

- (iv) that applications from other Communities in the area for the purchase of new lights be dealt with on their merits;
- (v) that any unused balance at the end of the financial year be returned to the Grants Committee's general budget for disbursement the following year for any project, if the Grants Committee's budget had already been totally committed; and
- (vi) that this arrangement be for this financial year only and that the Head of Democratic Services submit a report to the first meeting of the Grants Committee in financial year 2009/2010.

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

3. There was submitted a report dated 25 April 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 (circulated) in respect of the undernoted applications and an assessment report in respect of Stewarton Academy Productions (CG 3898) which had appeared on the agenda as a copy to follow (circulated at the meeting):-

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

(a) Arts and Cultural

- (i) Kilmarnock Amateur Operatic Society (CG 3873) - £70 subject to the group providing an up to date bank statement to the satisfaction of the Assessing Department. It was also agreed to remit to the Head of Democratic Services to write to the group to suggest that in future they carry out a PR exercise publicising the show well in advance of the event to encourage attendance;
- (ii) Loudoun Musical Society (CG 3918) - £1,760;
- (iii) Stewarton Drama Group (CG 3925) - £720;
- (iv) Stewarton Academy Productions (CG 3898) - £2,100, and that the group be asked to advise if their application for funding to Awards for All had been successful; and
- (v) Kilmarnock Aeolian Male Voice Choir (CG 3913) - £504, in principle, subject to confirmation that the group are registered with Disclosure Scotland or the Central Registered Body in Scotland and clarification regarding whether the £7,112.66 investments the group had were ringfenced for a specific purpose, to the satisfaction of the Assessing Department and that the payment of the grant be remitted to the Head of Democratic Services in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Grants Committee.

(b) Community Associations

- (i) Kilmaurs Community Association (CG 3901) - £250; and
- (ii) Fenwick Community Association (CG 3964) – to award, in principle, up to £1,218.79 subject to the receipt of a satisfactory assessment and that the payment of the grant be remitted to the Head of Democratic Services in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Grants Committee.

(c) Community Councils

- (i) Galston Community Council (CG 3920) - £1,610.85;
- (ii) Galston Community Council (CG 3937) – following the decision taken at item 2 above, it was agreed to make an award of £2,451.83 (£1,500 ringfenced monies and an additional £951.83 based on the merits of the application);
- (iii) Fenwick Community Council (CG 3929) - £594.60; and
- (iv) Darvel Community Council (CG 3979) – to award, in principle, up to £2,490 subject to the receipt of a satisfactory assessment and that the payment of the grant be remitted to the Head of Democratic Services in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Grants Committee.

(d) Early Education and Childcare

It was agreed to consider the application from Fenwick Pre-5's (CG 3812) at the end of the Agenda.

(e) Environmental

- (i) Darvel Improvement Group – Environment Section (CG 3961) - £852.75.

(f) Leisure Activities

- (i) East Ayrshire Gardening Club (CG 3919) - £90.91;
- (ii) Extreme Valley Riders (CG 3928) - £5,057.45;
- (iii) Darvel Horticultural Society (CG 3870) - £482.92;
- (iv) Loudoun and Galston Agricultural Society (CG 3936) - £916.67; and
- (v) Kilmaurs Farmers Society (CG 3953) - £890.66, in principle, subject to the group providing an up-to-date bank statement to ascertain if they required to utilise the ringfenced monies for the show, to the satisfaction of the Assessing Department and that the payment of the grant be remitted to the Head of Democratic Services in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Grants Committee.

(g) Older People

- (i) Sorn Old Folks Welfare Association (CG 3878) - £32.74; and
- (ii) Dunlop and Lugton Senior Citizens (CG 3962) – to award in principle, up to £650, subject to the group providing details of the costings for a motorised scooter to be paid for by the ringfenced monies, to the satisfaction of the Assessing Department and that the payment of the grant be remitted to the Head of Democratic Services in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Grants Committee.

(h) Sports

- (i) Stewarton Annick Club Under 19's (CG 3904) - £1,800; and
- (ii) Kilmarnock Rugby Football Club (CG 3850) - £523.54.

(i) Tenants/Residents Groups

- (i) Lainshaw Residents Association (CG 3963) - £150.

(j) Early Education and Childcare

- (i) Fenwick Pre 5's (CG 3812) - £1,047.19, in principle, subject to the group providing a detailed breakdown of the monies ringfenced in the main account, to the satisfaction of the Assessing Department and that the payment of the grant be remitted to the Head of Democratic Services in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Grants Committee.

The meeting terminated at 1502 hours.