

**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

**CENTRAL NORTH LOCAL GRANTS COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 5 MAY 2009 AT  
1400 HOURS IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON  
ROAD, KILMARNOCK**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Jim Buchanan, Maureen McKay, John Campbell and Gordon Cree.

**ATTENDING:** Julie McGarry, Administration Manager; Eddie Bulik, Monitoring and Administration Officer, Department of Neighbourhood Services; Jim Murdoch, Team Leader, Department of Educational and Social Services; Kevin Wells, Team Leader, Department Educational and Social Services; Linda Cairns, Development Support Officer, Early Education and Childcare Team; and Sharon McHarg, Administrative Officer.

**APOLOGY:** Councillor Helen Coffey.

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

**LOCAL COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME – FINANCIAL ALLOCATION 2009/2010**

1. There was submitted a report dated 20 April 2009 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support which advised of the financial allocation for the Central North Local Grants Committee for the Council's Local Community Grants Scheme for the financial year 2009/2010.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note that the financial allocation to the Local Grants Committee for the community grants for the financial year 2009/2010 was £215,480.00;
- (ii) to note the Central North Local Grants Committee allocation for the financial year 2009/2010 was £44,096.00; and
- (iii) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

**COMMUNITY GRANTS TO LOCAL ORGANISATIONS 2009/2010**

2. There was submitted a report dated 28 April 2009 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support on the financial position in respect of Community Grants to Local Organisations in 2009/2010 together with individual assessment reports (circulated and tabled) in respect of the undernoted applications:-

**2.1 Applications Approved (for the purpose specified in the grant application), and Applications Agreed in Principle Subject to Receipt of a Satisfactory Assessment, viz:-**

(a) Leisure Activities

- (i) Land O'Burns Budgerigar Society (CG 4227) - £42.00;
- (ii) Onthank Men's Club (CG 4256) - £432.00.

(b) Older People

- (i) North Kilmarnock Elderly Forum (CG 4279) - £718.00.

## **2.2 Applications Deferred, viz:-**

### (a) Disability

- (i) Contact Phab Club (CG 4288) – It was agreed to defer consideration of this application to a future meeting to allow officers to confirm the exact costs and purpose of the grant with the group.

### (b) Community Associations

- (i) Knockinlaw Community Association (CG 4261) – It was agreed to defer consideration of this application to a future meeting to allow the organisation, with support from Community Learning and Development Services and East Ayrshire Council of Voluntary Organisations, to become established as a limited company and to develop a viable Business Plan in order that community ownership of the facility could be achieved.

## **2.3 Applications Refused, viz:-**

### (a) Early Education and Childcare

- (i) Peace Childcare (Loanhead) (CG 4249) – It was agreed that this application be refused due to the high levels of funds in all four bank accounts.

### **LOCAL COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME 2008/2009 – REQUESTS TO REALLOCATE FUNDS**

- 3.1** Heal the Earth (CG 4029) (Item 2.1(d)(i), page 449, 07/12) – Following a verbal report by the Administrative Officer, the Committee agreed to the request by the Group to utilise £200.00 of the balance of their award for stationery and general administration costs, to buy and print 600 cotton bags to be given away free of charge.
- 3.2** New Farm Local Community Council (CG 4026) (Item 2.1 (b) (i), page 449, 07/12) – Following a verbal report by the Administrative Officer, the Committee agreed to the request by the Group to utilise £121.28 of the grant awarded to purchase daffodils, to provide lunch for children who assisted with planting of the bulbs.

### **COMMUNITY GRANTS TO LOCAL ORGANISATIONS – FUTURE FUNDING OF BOWLING CLUBS (Item 1.2 (b), Page 614, 07/12)**

- 4.** There was submitted a report dated 28 April 2009 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support which requested Committee to consider options with regard to the future funding of Bowling Clubs including an option to cap the amounts given, and the possibility of sharing of equipment, as well as presenting a summary of possible external funding opportunity for Bowling Clubs.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to apply a cap of £1,500.00 (or pro-rata equivalent) to any one Bowling Club in a financial year in respect of applications from Bowling Clubs;
- (ii) that Portland Bowling Club (CG4153) be awarded a Community Grant of £620; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

**COMMUNITY GRANTS TO LOCAL ORGANISATIONS – COMMUNITY ASSOCIATIONS (Item 1.2 (a)(i), Page 614, 07/12)**

5. There was submitted a joint report dated 27 April 2009 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support and the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which (i) updated Members on the position with regard to funding of Community Associations within East Ayrshire; and (ii) requested Members to consider a grant assessment (tabled) for Hurlford Community Association (CG 4154).

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the position with regard to the funding of Community Associations within East Ayrshire;
- (ii) that the Community Grant application for Hurlford Community Association (CG4154) be refused on the grounds that this project was not seen as a priority by the Grants Committee as the works to the floor were considered an enhancement and not a necessity;
- (iii) to note that all essential works for the Community Centres owned by East Ayrshire Council, should be the responsibility of the Department of Educational and Social Services; and
- (iv) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

The meeting terminated at 1425 hours.