

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**CENTRAL SOUTH LOCAL GRANTS COMMITTEE****MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 5 MAY 2009 AT
1500 HOURS IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON
ROAD, KILMARNOCK**

PRESENT: Councillors Jim Todd, Tom Cook, Robert Keohone, Douglas Reid and Hugh Ross.

ATTENDING: Julie McGarry, Administration Manager; Linda Cairns, Development Support Officer, Early Education and Childcare Services; Eddie Bulik, Monitoring and Administration Officer, Department of Neighbourhood Services; Kevin Wells, Team Leader, Community Learning and Development; and Jennifer Morrison, Administrative Officer.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Iain Linton and John Knapp

CHAIR: Councillor Jim Todd, Chair.

LOCAL COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME – FINANCIAL ALLOCATION 2009/2010

1. There was submitted a report dated 16 April 2009 (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 the financial year 2009/2010.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note that the financial allocation to the Local Grants Committees for Community Grants for the financial year 2009/2010 was £215,480.00;
- (ii) to note the Central South Local Grants Committee allocation for the financial year 2009/2010 was £50,535.00;
- (iii) to indicate that the Committee would wish the existing funding formula used to allocate the Community Grants Budget to be reviewed for future financial years, having been last agreed in 2007 using the SIMD 2006 figures; and
- (iv) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

COMMUNITY GRANTS TO LOCAL ORGANISATIONS 2009/2010

2. There was submitted a report dated 16 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 in respect of the undernoted applications (all circulated):-

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

- (a) Leisure Activities
 - (i) Gatehead Ladies Club (CG 4281) - £694.00
 - (ii) Onthank Men's Club (CG 4256) - £48.00

- (iii) Onthank Men's Club (CG 4238) – The Administrative Officer reported and it was noted that the application was in respect of the Club's summer trip to Oban. The cost was £1,375.00 and the club were seeking funding of £1,050.00. An assessment report was awaited.

It was agreed to support the application, in principle, up to a maximum of £73.60 (the Committee's pro-rata share) 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.

- (iv) Land O'Burns Budgerigar Society (CG 4227) - £42.00 subject to Southern Local Grants Committee (Doon Valley) approving their portion of the grant.

(b) Older People

- (i) Gatehead Monday Club (CG 4241) – Having noted that the Club had already received £500 under delegated powers, agreed £1,743.51
- (ii) Kilmarnock North Elderly Forum (CG 4279) - £179.50

2.2 Applications Deferred, viz:-

(a) Disability

- (i) Contact PHAB Club (CG 4288) – agreed to defer consideration of this application to allow officers to confirm the costs and purpose of grant with the group.

(b) Older People

- (i) Gatehead Senior Citizens Club (CG 4287) – agreed to defer consideration of this application to allow officers to confirm the costs and purpose of grant with the group.

2.3 Applications Refused, viz:-

(a) Early Education and Childcare

- (i) Peace (Childcare) (CG 4249) – Due to the high level of funds in all four bank accounts.

LOCAL COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME 2008/2009 – REQUEST TO REALLOCATE FUNDS

- 3. Heal the Earth (CG 4029) – Following the 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.

COMMUNITY GRANTS TO LOCAL ORGANISATIONS – FUTURE FUNDING OF BOWLING CLUBS (item 2.2, page 618, 01/11)

- 4. There was submitted a report dated 28 April 2009 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support which considered options with regard to the future funding of Bowling Clubs which included an option to cap the

amounts given, and the possibility of sharing of equipment, as well as presenting a summary of possible external funding opportunities 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 any applications for capital works projects with any further applications received from Bowling Clubs being considered on their merits; and
- (ii) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

COMMUNITY GRANTS TO LOCAL ORGANISATIONS – COMMUNITY ASSOCIATIONS (item 2.2, page 617, 07/11)

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 updated Members on the position with regard to funding of Community Associations within East Ayrshire.

It was noted that this report had originally been requested following consideration of a community grant assessment from Hurlford Community Association (CG 4154) for works to the floor in Hurlford Community Centre. However it was noted that it was no longer necessary for the Committee to consider this assessment following a re-assessment of the cross-boundary division.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the position with regard to the funding of Community Associations within East Ayrshire;
- (ii) that the Committee was of a view that the onus was on the respective Department to contribute to the repairs and maintenance of Community Centres; and
- (iii) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

The meeting terminated at 1545 hours.