

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**NORTHERN LOCAL GRANTS COMMITTEE****MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 6 MAY 2009 AT 1400 HOURS
IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD,
KILMARNOCK**

PRESENT: Councillors Robert McDill, John McGhee, Alan Brown, Stuart Finlayson and Provost Stephanie Young.

ATTENDING: Bill Walkinshaw, Head of Democratic Services; Eddie Bulik, Monitoring & Administration Officer, Neighbourhood Services; Kevin Wells, Team Leader, Community Learning & Development; and Christine Baillie, Administrative Officer.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Rose-Ann Cuninghame and John MacKay.

CHAIR: Councillor Robert McDill, Chair.

LOCAL COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME - FINANCIAL ALLOCATION 2009/10

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 Northern Local Grants Committee for the Council's Local Community Grants Scheme for 2009/10.

Having been advised of the process for determining the allocation of the Local Community Grant Budget, the Committee agreed:-

- (i) to note the overall financial allocation of the Local Community Grants budget for financial year 2009/10 as detailed in paragraph 3.1 of the report;
- (ii) to note that the Northern Local Grants Committee allocation for the financial year 2009/2010 was £36,432;
- (iii) that Council be informed that it was the view of this Committee that the overall Local Community Grants budget for 2010/11 required to be increased to meet, in the view of this Committee, the increased demand in grant applications, and that this matter be considered in accordance within the normal budget setting process for the 2010/11 budget;
- (iv) that the decision on how the global Local Community Grants budget was disbursed to the various Local Committees be taken at Cabinet in order that Members could discuss the use of the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation and small area population estimates, and the points system utilised by Officers in the disbursement processes;
- (v) that this Committee receive from the Head of Democratic Services at a future meeting, a report on all funding streams in operation within East Ayrshire that local community groups could apply to; and
- (vi) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

COMMUNITY GRANTS TO LOCAL ORGANISATIONS 2008/09

2.1 **Kilmaurs Community Association (CG3901) (Item 3.1(b)(i), Page 358, 07/12)**

The Committee were advised of a request from the above group, who had been awarded a grant of £250 in May 2008, to utilise the money on a more advanced project costing approximately £2,000.

The Committee agreed that the group could utilise the £250 previously awarded in financial year 2008/09 for the new project.

2.2 **Campbell Street Tenants and Residents Association (CG4027) (Item 2.2(f)(ii), Page 447, 07/12)**

The Committee were advised of a request from the above group, who had been awarded a grant of £400 in August 2008 subject to them raising the additional £225 required for the computer, to reconsider the condition attached to the grant regarding the fundraising.

The Committee agreed to withdraw the condition attached to the grant awarded in 2008/09 and consequently release the £400 awarded.

2.3 **Galston Community Council (CG4258) (Item 3.1(c)(ii), Page 359, 07/12)**

The Committee were advised of an application received from the above group, who had been awarded a grant of £2,457.83 in May 2008 in respect of their Christmas lights project, and who now sought an additional grant in respect of the project.

The Committee agreed to award the group £1,500 in respect of their 2008/09 Christmas lights project and to note that any further application received this financial year in respect of Christmas lights would be considered on its merits.

COMMUNITY GRANTS TO LOCAL ORGANISATIONS 2009/10

3. 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 (circulated) in respect of the undernoted applications and verbal reports in respect of Moscow Community Hall Committee (CG4296), Newmilns & Greenholm Community Council (CG4299) and Galston Community Council (CG4300) which the Committee had agreed to consider as additional items.

3.1 **Applications Approved (for the purpose identified in the application), refused or continued for the reasons detailed, viz:-**

(a) Arts and Cultural

- (i) Stewarton Academy Productions (CG4242) - £1,000, in principle, subject to receipt of a satisfactory assessment and that payment of the grant be delegated to the Head of Democratic Services in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Grants Committee; and
- (ii) Stewarton Drama Group (CG4285) - £600, in principle, subject to receipt of a satisfactory assessment and that payment of the grant be delegated to the Head of Democratic Services in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Grants Committee.

(b) Community Associations(i) Declaration of Interest

Provost Stephanie Young declared a non-financial interest in the undernoted item, in accordance with paragraphs 5.1.7 and 5.18 of the Councillors' Code of Conduct, and left the meeting.

(ii) Consideration of Item

Moscow Community Hall Committee (CG4296) - £1,000, in principle, subject to receipt of a satisfactory assessment and that payment of the grant be delegated to the Head of Democratic Services in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Grants Committee.

Provost Stephanie Young re-joined the meeting at this point.

(c) Community Councils

- (i) Kilmaurs Community Council (CG4292) - £1,200, in principle, subject to receipt of satisfactory assessment and that payment of the grant be delegated to the Head of Democratic Services in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Grants Committee.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

4. The Chair advised that he intended, at his discretion and in terms of Standing Order 19, to alter the order of business and to consider Item 3.6.1: Community Grants to Local Organisations - Community Associations at this point.

COMMUNITY ASSOCIATIONS

5.1 Community Grants to Local Organisations - Community Associations

There was submitted a joint report dated 27 April 2009 (circulated) for information only, by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support and Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which had been submitted to Central North and Central South Local Grants Committees for consideration on 5 May 2009 and which gave an update on the position with regard to funding of Community Associations within East Ayrshire. The appendix to the report had been updated to show the actual cross-boundary division as there had been an element for this Local Grants Committee to determine as opposed to Central South Local Grants Committee as was originally proposed.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the position with regard to funding of Community Associations within East Ayrshire;
- (ii) to consider the grant assessment as attached as Appendix 1 to the report; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

5.2 Consideration of Application

- 5.2.1 **Hurlford Community Association (CG4154)** - 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.

COMMUNITY GRANTS TO LOCAL ORGANISATIONS 2009/10 (CONTINUED)

6.1 Applications Approved (for the purpose identified in the application), refused or continued for the reasons detailed, viz:-

(a) Heritage

- (i) Beowulf Scotland (CG4213) - £392.62 but that the grant not be released to the group until confirmation of registration with Disclosure Scotland had been provided.

(b) Leisure

(i) Declaration of Interest

Councillors Robert McDill, Alan Brown, Stuart Finlayson and Provost Stephanie Young declared a non-financial interest on the item on Irvine Valley Regeneration Partnership (CG4248), in accordance with paragraphs 5.17 and 5.18 of the Councillors' Code of Conduct and as this left the Committee inquorate (there being only one Elected Member left in attendance) no decision could be made at this meeting. The Administrative Officer reported that arrangements would be made to hold a special meeting of the Northern Local Grants Committee which would consist of those Members who were able to participate in consideration of the application.

- (ii) Loudoun and Galston Agricultural Association (CG4267) - Refused on the grounds that the group had sufficient funds which could be utilised for the project.

- (iii) Darvel Horticultural Society (CG4182) - £450.

(c) Older People

- (i) Sorn Old Folks Welfare Association (CG4236) - £33.

FUNDING OF HANGING BASKETS, GALA DAYS AND CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

7.1 The Committee noted that the ringfenced amounts for this financial year were as follows:-

Hanging Baskets i.e. 14% - £4,736;

Gala Days - 16% i.e. £5,829; and

Christmas Lights - 21% i.e. £7,651.

The Committee then made the following decisions:-

7.2 Hanging Baskets

- (i) Galston Community Council (CG4260) - £1,416;
- (ii) Fenwick Community Council (CG4264) - £577.30;
- (iii) Darvel Improvement Group (Environment Section) (CG4274) - £846; and
- (iv) Newmilns and Greenholm Community Council (CG4299) - £1,625.90, in principle, subject to receipt of a satisfactory assessment and that payment of

the grant be delegated to the Head of Democratic Services in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Grants Committee.

It was agreed that the £271 ringfenced money not spend on Hanging Baskets Projects be transferred into the general pot for disbursement.

7.3 Gala Days

7.3.1 Declaration of Interest

Councillor Alan Brown declared a non-financial interest in the undernoted item in respect of Newmilns Gala Committee, in accordance with paragraphs 5.17 and 5.18 of the Councillors' Code of Conduct, and left the meeting.

7.3.2 Consideration of Item

- (i) Newmilns Gala Committee (CG4280) - £2,000, in principle, subject to receipt of a satisfactory assessment and that payment of the grant be delegated to the Head of Democratic Services in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Grants Committee;

Councillor Alan Brown rejoined the meeting at this point.

- (ii) Fenwick Community Association (CG4286) - £1,000, in principle, subject to receipt of a satisfactory assessment and that payment of the grant be delegated to the Head of Democratic Services in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Grants Committee;
- (iii) Dunlop Events Association (CG4276) - £1,500, in principle, subject to receipt of a satisfactory assessment and that payment of the grant be delegated to the Head of Democratic Services in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Grants Committee; and
- (iv) Galston Community Council (CG4300) - £1,000, in principle, subject to receipt of a satisfactory assessment and that payment of the grant be delegated to the Head of Democratic Services in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Grants Committee.

It was agreed that the £329 not utilised for Gala Days be transferred into the general pot for disbursement.

The meeting terminated at 1535 hours.