

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

NORTHERN LOCAL GRANTS COMMITTEE

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 19 MAY 2010 AT 1405 HOURS
IN MEETING ROOM 1, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD,
KILMARNOCK**

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

ATTENDING: Julie McGarry, Administration Manager; Kevin Wells, Team Leader, Community Learning and Development; and Christine Baillie, Senior Administrative Officer.

APOLOGY: Councillor John McGhee.

CHAIR: Councillor Robert McDill, Chair.

LOCAL COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME - FINANCIAL ALLOCATION 2010/11

1. There was submitted a report dated 22 April 2010 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Finance and Corporate Support which advised of the financial allocation for the Northern Local Grants Committee for the Council's Local Community Grants Scheme for 2010/11.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note that the financial allocation to the Local Grants Committees for Community Grants for the financial year 2010/11 was £215,480;
- (ii) to note that the Northern Local Grants Committee allocation for the financial year 2010/11 was £38,474; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

COMMUNITY GRANTS TO LOCAL ORGANISATIONS 2010/11

2. There was submitted a report dated 10 May 2010 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Finance and Corporate Support on the financial position in respect of Community Grants to Local Organisations 2010/11 together with individual assessment reports (circulated) in respect of the undernoted applications.

The Committee agreed as follows:-

(a) Arts and Cultural

- (i) Stewarton Academy Productions (CG 4536) - agreed to continue consideration of this application to the next meeting of the Grants Committee as more information was required on the following:-
 - (a) whether the group had considered using the facilities at the Stewarton Area Centre to perform shows as it was fully equipped for such events:-
 - (b) whether the Department of Educational and Social Service would provide funding for the project;

- (c) a detailed breakdown of the group's income and expenditure in relation to the school show for the period 1/9/08 to 31/8/09; and
 - (d) details of the old folk's homes the group gave performances to.
- (ii) Loudoun Musical Society (CG 4548) - £990 subject to the group providing a copy of the most recent savings account bank statement and quotes for any goods or services of over £500, to the satisfaction of the Assessing Officer;
 - (iii) Kilmarnock and District Choral Union (CG 4556) - £110; and
 - (iv) Stewarton Winds (CG 4614) - £330.
- (b) Community Councils
- (i) Kilmaurs Community Council (CG 4594) - £620 and that if the group applied for funding in the future for this project then the application be included for consideration with applications for hanging baskets; and
 - (ii) Stewarton and District Community Council (Lifelong Learning) (CG 4623) - £336.87, 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.
- (c) Disability
- (i) New Cumnock and Surrounding Area MS Support Group (CG 4502) - agreed to continue consideration of this application to the next meeting of the Grants Committee to allow the Assessing Officer to ascertain (a) where the group had received funding from in previous years, (b) whether the Social Work Department or the Coalfield Buses could provide transport for members and (c) to discuss with the Council's External Funding and Sustainability Officer if external funding would be available; and
 - (ii) Stewarton Rambler Chair Fund (CG 4455) - £868.20 and that the group be advised that, to increase the project's sustainability, members of the group may benefit from assistance from the local Community Learning and Development Officer and also the Council's Disability Team to ensure that the project is fully utilised and sustainable;
- (d) Early Education and Childcare
- (i) Hurlford and Crookedholm Playgroup (CG 4569) - refused on the grounds that East Ayrshire Council had agreed to fund the works with regard to the path, using any funds raised so far by the organisation for the project as a contribution towards the overall costs.
- (e) Leisure
- (i) Kilmarnock Pipe Band (CG 4538) - £174;
 - (ii) Darvel Horticultural Society (CG 4471) - £592.70;
 - (iii) Declaration of Interest
- Councillors Robert McDill, Stuart Finlayson and Alan Brown declared a non-financial interest in the undernoted item, in accordance with

paragraphs 5.17 and 5.18 of the Councillors' Code of Conduct and left the meeting.

(iv) Consideration of Item

Irvine Valley Regeneration Partnership (CG 4591) - £1,207.16, in principle, subject to the 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;

Councillors Robert McDill, Stuart Finlayson and Alan Brown re-joined the meeting at this point.

(v) Kilmaurs Farmers Society (CG 4595) - £464;

(vi) Church of Our Lady and St John (Stewarton) (CG 4597) - Refused on the grounds that the cost of the project was less than the amount currently in the group's bank accounts and that the project could be better suited to external funding streams such as Cashback for Communities or Lottery Funding. It was further agreed to ask the Council's External Funding and Sustainability Officer to contact the group with a view to securing external funding;

(vii) Stewarton Yuletide Festival Committee (Summer Fete) (CG 4561) - it was noted that this application had been withdrawn;

(viii) Stewarton Yuletide Festival Committee (Yuletide Festival) (CG 4561) - £1,500 and agreed to remit to the Head of Democratic Services to write to the group expressing the Committee's disappointment that, despite having previously been advised to do so, the group had not made a contribution to this project and it was the Committee's view that groups should be encouraged to fundraise and make some contribution towards projects;

(ix) Declaration of Interest

Provost Stephanie Young declared a non-financial interest in the undernoted item, in accordance with paragraphs 5.17 and 5.18 of the Councillors' Code of Conduct and left the meeting.

(x) Consideration of Item

Moscow Community Hall Committee (CG 460) - £1,230 and that if the group applied for funding in the future for this project then it be included for consideration with the applications for Gala Days.

(f) Older People

(i) Age Concern Hurlford (CG 4537) - £100; and

(ii) Newmilns and Greenholm Seniors Cabin (CG 4613) - £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.

(g) Social Inclusion

(i) Onthank Mens Club (CG 4522) - £45.85; and

(ii) Onthank Mens Club (CG 4466) - £33.60.

(h) Sport

- (i) Hurlford Boys and Girls Club (CG 4446) - £200;
- (ii) Kilmarnock Rugby Football Club (CG 4549) - £450;
- (iii) Balmoral Boys Club Under 21s (CG 4581) - it was agreed to continue consideration of this application to the next meeting of the Grants Committee in order that a full assessment could be submitted to Members; and
- (iv) Bellfield Royals 96 (CG 4523) - £50.

(i) Tenants and Residents Association

- (i) East Gauchalland Tenants and Residents Association (CG 4619) - it was agreed to continue consideration of this application to the next meeting of the Grants Committee to allow a full assessment to be submitted to Members.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

3. 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 4 as shown on the agenda-Allies (CG 4356) at this point.

ALLIES (CG 4356)

4. There was submitted a report (circulated) by Kevin Wells, Team Leader, Community Learning and Development which provided further information on Allies.

It was agreed that the grant awarded in August 2009 (Northern Area's element being £825) to assist with the costs of a food drop-in service be reallocated as follows:-

	Grant Awarded 2009	Proposed Changes
Food Costs	£6,400	£3,000
Rent, Heating, running	£1,500	£4,900
Cleaning supplies, Misc	£350	£350
	£8,250	£8,250

FUNDING OF HANGING BASKETS, GALA DAYS AND CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

5. The Committee noted that the ringfenced amounts for the financial year were as follows:-

Hanging Baskets - 13% - £5,001.62;
 Gala Days - 20% - £7,694.80; and
 Christmas Lights - 21% - £8,079.54.

The Committee then made the following decisions.

5.1 Hanging Baskets

- (i) Fenwick Community Council (CG 4578) - £400;
- (ii) Galston Community Council (CG 4570) - £900;
- (iii) Stewarton Yuletide Festival Committee (CG 4561) - £881.25;
- (iv) Dunlop and Lugton Community Council (CG 4476) - £1,600;

- (v) Newmilns and Greenholm Community Council (CG 4590) - £900;
- (vi) Darvel Improvement Group (Environment Section) (CG 4604) - £800, 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;
- (vii) Fenwick Community Association (CG 4608) - £250; and
- (viii) Campbell Street Tenants and Residents Association (CG 4579) - £800, 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.

5.2 Gala Days

5.2.1 Declaration of Interest

Councillor Alan Brown declared a non-financial interest in the undernoted item in respect of Newmilns Gala Committee (CG 4593), in accordance with paragraphs 5.17 and 5.18 of the Councillor's Code of Conduct and left the meeting.

The Committee then made the following decisions:-

5.2.2 Consideration of Item

- (i) Newmilns Gala Committee (CG 4593) - £3,000.
Councillor Alan Brown re-joined the meeting at this point.
- (ii) Darvel and District Community Council (CG 4429) - £2,500;
- (iii) Dunlop Events Association (CG 4490) - £1,200;
- (iv) Kilmaurs Gala Day Committee (CG 4584) - £1,700, 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
- (v) Fenwick Community Association (CG 4609) - £1,000.

Cllr John McKay left the meeting during discussion of the above item.

The meeting terminated at 1610 hours.