

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

SOUTHERN LOCAL GRANTS COMMITTEE

**MINUTE OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 12 MAY 2010 AT 1405 HOURS
IN THE BARRHILL CENTRE, BANK AVENUE, CUMNOCK**

PRESENT: Councillors Kathy Morrice, Neil McGhee, David Shaw, William Crawford, Eric Ross and Moira Pirie.

ATTENDING: Julie McGarry, Administration Manager; Eddie Bulik, Monitoring and Administration Officer, Department of Neighbourhood Services; Suzanne Brodie, Team Leader, Department of Educational and Social Services; Lynn Young, Administrative Officer; and Sharon Calderwood, Administrative Assistant.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Drew Filson, Jimmy Kelly, Jim Roberts, Barney Menzies and Elaine Dinwoodie.

CHAIR: Councillor Kathy Morrice, Chair.

**LOCAL COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME FINANCIAL ALLOCATION
FOR 2010/11**

1. There was submitted a report dated 23 April 2010 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Finance and Corporate Support which advised of the financial allocation for the Southern Local Grants Committee for the Council's Local Community Grants Scheme for financial year 2010/2011.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note that the financial allocation to Local Grants Committees for Community Grants for the financial year 2010/11 was £215,480;
- (ii) to note that the Southern Local Grants Committee allocation for the financial year 2010/11 was £80,782 (Wards 7 and 8 - £55,150 and Ward 9 - £25,632); and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

DISBURSEMENT OF COMMUNITY GRANTS 2010/11 - WARD 9 - DOON VALLEY

2. There was submitted a report dated 27 April 2010 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Finance and Corporate Support to enable the Committee to consider and deal with applications for Community Grants received from local organisations within Ward 9 (Doon Valley) in respect of the 2010/11 financial year.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note that a total sum of £25,632 was available to the Committee for disbursement on Community Grants for the 2010/11 year for applications received from organisations within Ward 9;
- (ii) in respect of applications submitted by the undernoted groups within Ward 9 (for the purposes specified in the grant application forms) that grants be made or applications dealt with, subject to any additional conditions which may be specified in the respective assessment reports, as follows:-

(a) Arts and Cultural

- (i) Community Creations (CG 4450) - £212.20;
- (ii) Cumnock Area Musical Production Society (CAMPS) (CG 4500) - £294.12; and
- (iii) CREATE (CG 4445) - having heard the Administrative Officer who advised that this application was for a grant of £2,000 in order to assist with the costs for the weekend music and arts festival for communities of Cumnock and Doon Valley, that, in principle, a grant of £660 the share from Ward 9 be made, the application to be remitted to the Head of Democratic Services to process, subject to all requirements of the application having been met, and following receipt of a satisfactory assessment and consultation with the Chair of this Committee;

(b) Community Associations

- (i) Rankinston Community Association (CG 4544) - having heard the Administrative Officer who advised that this application was for a grant of £4,634 in order to meet the costs to publish the Rankinston Newsletter for a period of three years, that, in principle, a grant of £1,500 be made, the application to be remitted to the Head of Democratic Services to process, subject to all requirements of the application having been met, and following receipt of a satisfactory assessment and consultation with the Chair of this Committee;

(c) Disability

- (i) Cumnock and Doon Valley Independent Living and Friendship Group (CG 4527) - £153.85;

(d) Environmental

- (i) Darvel Horticultural Society (CG 4471) - £35.94;

(e) Health Issues

- (i) Auchinleck Self Help Group (CG 4453) - £43.75;
- (ii) Carers Support Group (CG 4472) - £476.20;
- (iii) Cumnock Osteoporosis Support Group (CG 4478) - £13; and
- (iv) New Cumnock and Surrounding Area MS Support Group (CG 4502) - £627.22.

Councillor Eric Ross joined the meeting at this point.

(f) Leisure Activities

- (i) East Ayrshire Traditional Music Support Group (CG 4480) - having heard the Administrative Officer who advised that this application was for a start up grant of £500 that, in principle, a grant be made and that the application to be remitted to the Head of Democratic Services to process, subject to all requirements of the application having been met, and following

receipt of a satisfactory assessment and consultation with the Chair of the Committee;

- (ii) Land o' Burns Budgerigar Society (CG 4506) - £147.43; and
- (iii) Mauchline Horticultural and Agricultural Society (CG 4518) - £12;

(g) Older People

- (i) Bellsbank Senior Citizens (Christmas Party) (CG 4413) - to continue consideration of this application to the next meeting of the Southern Local Grants Committee in order that a completed assessment be presented to the Committee for their consideration; and
- (ii) Patna Day Centre (Outing) (CG 4520) - £2,511.26;

(h) Social Inclusion

- (i) Cumnock and Doon Valley Gift Furniture Scheme (CG 4517) - £485.56, and that it be remitted to the Head of Democratic Services to write to the Chief Executive to ascertain the possibility of, in future, East Ayrshire Council donating to the group some of the safety clothing which they require;

(i) Tenants/Residents Group

- (i) Castlecroft Tenants and Residents Association (CG 4624) - having heard the Administrative Officer who advised that this application was for a grant of £740 in order to meet the costs to provide a laptop, printer, anti-virus and office software and a digital camera, and that the draft recommendation from the Assessing Department was refusal due to the Association meeting in The Zone who have agreed that the Association can use The Zone computers; the BTTC, Bellsbank Computer Suite as well as libraries provide computers and trainers within the area and the Housing Department currently produce the Association's minutes, that, the grant be refused;

(j) Young People

- (i) East Ayrshire Women's Aid (CG 4470) - £1,000;
- (ii) Dalrymple Youth Centre (CG 4566) - £496.88;
- (iii) 1st Mauchline Scout Group (CG 4547) - £125;
- (iv) PACT (Patna Adult, Children and Teenagers) (CG 4616) - having heard the Administrative Officer who advised that this application was for a grant of £2,000 to provide two half hour gym sessions per week with coaches for 13 to 16 year olds, that, in principle, a grant be made and that the application be remitted to the Head of Democratic Services to process, subject to all requirements of the application having been met, and following receipt of a satisfactory assessment and in consultation with the Chair of this Committee;
- (v) Girlguiding Ayrshire South (CG 4552) - £327; and

- (vi) Dalmellington Primary and Nursery Class Parent Council (CG 4622) - having heard the Administrative Officer who advised that this application was for a grant of £975 in order to subsidise school trips to Kelburne and the Science Centre, including transport, that, in principle, a grant be made and that the application be remitted to the Head of Democratic Services to progress, subject to all requirements of the application having been met, and following receipt of a satisfactory assessment and in consultation with the Chair of this Committee; and
- (iii) that grant awards approved by the Committee be paid only where the applicant concerned had (a) submitted all documentation relative to the application and this had been found to be satisfactory; (b) submitted a satisfactory report, with the appropriate documentary evidence, to confirm use of any grant awards made in previous years; and (c) submitted evidence to confirm that, where appropriate, any requisite permissions had been obtained for the project which was the subject of the application.

DISBURSEMENT OF COMMUNITY GRANTS 2010/11 - WARDS 7 AND 8 (CUMNOCK AREA)

3. There was submitted a report dated 26 April 2010 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Finance and Corporate Support to enable the Committee to consider and deal with applications for Community Grants received from local organisations within Wards 7 and 8 (Cumnock Area) in respect of the 2010/11 financial year.

Councillor Crawford left the meeting at this point.

ADJOURNMENT/RECONVENTION

4. The Committee adjourned at 1605 hours and reconvened on Thursday 27 May 2010 at 1215 hours in the Barrhill Centre, Bank Avenue, Cumnock.

PRESENT: Councillors Kathy Morrice, Drew Filson, Jimmy Kelly, Neil McGhee, Jim Roberts, David Shaw, William Crawford, Eric Ross and Moira Pirie.

ATTENDING: Julie McGarry, Administration Manager; Eddie Bulik, Monitoring and Administration Officer, Department of Neighbourhood Services; David Wotherspoon, Senior Practitioner, Department of Educational and Social Services; Stuart Nelson, Administrative Officer; and Sharon Calderwood, Administrative Assistant.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Barney Menzies and Elaine Dinwoodie.

CHAIR: Councillor Kathy Morrice, Chair.

DISBURSEMENT OF COMMUNITY GRANTS 2010/11 - WARDS 7 AND 8 (CUMNOCK AREA)

5. The Committee continued consideration of how to deal with applications for Community Grants received from local organisations within Wards 7 and 8 (Cumnock Area) in respect of the 2010/11 financial year, and in this connection, there was submitted the following supplementary documentation (all circulated), namely:-
 - a spreadsheet detailing the financial position with regard to applications received by the specified closing date of 12 February 2010;

- a statement providing information on a range of per capita calculations for older people's organisations and formula calculations for running costs for young people's uniformed organisations within Wards 7 and 8;
- an updated list of those applications which have been received after the specified closing date of 12 February 2010; and
- assessment reports relative to the undernoted applications, viz:-
 - Mauchline Old People's Welfare Committee (CG 4625);
 - Catrine Primary Parent Council (CG 4496);
 - Ochiltree Primary After School Swimming Club (CG 4612);
 - CREATE (CG 4445);
 - Stewarton Winds (CG 4614);
 - East Ayrshire Traditional Music Support Group (CG 4480); and
 - Catrine Community Hatchery (CG 4434)

Councillor Eric Ross joined the meeting at this point.

Having heard the Administration Manager in explanation of the supplementary documentation which had been submitted and after discussion, it was agreed as follows, namely:-

- (i) to note that a total sum of £55,150 was available to the Committee for disbursement on Community Grants for the 2010/2011 year, for applications received from organisations within Wards 7 and 8; and
- (ii) that grant awards be made to those organisations within the 'Older People' and 'Young People' categories on a per capita basis at a rate of £5 per head, up to a maximum of the amount of grant requested, subject to adjustment in light of further examination by the Committee of the particular merits of each individual application in the 'Young People' category.

Councillors David Shaw, Eric Ross and Drew Filson left the meeting during consideration relative to (ii), above.

ADJOURNMENT/RECONVENTION

6. The Committee adjourned at 1410 hours and reconvened at 1420 hours with the same Members and Officers present and in attendance with the exception of Councillors Jimmy Kelly and Jim Roberts.

DISBURSEMENT OF COMMUNITY GRANTS 2010/2011 - WARDS 7 AND 8 (CUMNOCK AREA)

7. The Committee continued consideration of the disbursement of Community Grants to local organisations within Wards 7 and 8 for the 2010/11 year, and agreed as follows, namely:-
 - (i) in respect of applications submitted by the undernoted groups (for the purposes specified in the grant application forms), that grants be awarded or applications dealt with as follows, subject to any additional conditions which may be specified in the respective assessment reports, namely:-

(a) Older People

- (i) Sorn Old Folks Welfare Association (CG 4449) - £790;
- (ii) Ochiltree Old Folks Welfare (CG 4454) - £900;
- (iii) Cumnock & District Elderly Forum (CG 4465) - £135;
- (iv) Muirkirk & District Forum (CG 4483) - £150;
- (v) Netherthird & Craigens Senior Citizens Thursday Club (CG 4484) - £185;
- (vi) Opportunities in Retirement (CG 4485) - £295;
- (vii) Age Concern Cumnock (CG 4492) - £1,500;
- (viii) New Cumnock Age Concern (CG 4509) - £1,000;
- (ix) Catrine Old Folks Welfare Association (CG 4510) - £1,000; and
- (x) Cumnock Landward Age Concern (CG 4515) - £1,830.

(b) Young People

- (i) Muirkirk Community Association (Show for Young People) (CG 4441) - £125;
- (ii) 3rd Mauchline Brownies (CG 4451) - £120;
- (iii) Muirkirk Enterprise Group (Insurance for Skateboard Park) - £200;
- (iv) East Ayrshire Women's Aid (CG 4470) - £1,200;
- (v) 1st Catrine Guides (CG 4479) - £100;
- (vi) 1st Mauchline Guides (CG 4489) - £90;
- (vii) Avonlea Youth Centre (Running Costs) (CG 4491) - £2,000 (for those elements of the application relating only to electricity/gas/water/phone charges, TV licence, lease costs, insurance and administration);
- (viii) Avonlea Youth Centre (Purchase Equipment) (CG 4495) - £200;
- (ix) Catrine Primary School Parent Council (CG 4496) - £700;
- (x) Four Connections Youth Group (Hall Hire Costs) (CG 4497) - £1,000;
- (xi) Mauchline Parish Church Holiday Club (CG 4498) - £280;
- (xii) Four Connections Youth Group (Outings) (CG 4501) - £400;
- (xiii) Auchinleck Primary School Parent Council (CG 4507) - £100; and
- (xiv) Jolly Tots Under 5's Group (CG 4508) - £500.

(c) Leisure, Sport and Cultural

- (i) Hurlford Badminton Coaching Club (CG 4558) - £200;
- (ii) Catrine Angling Club (CG 4435) - £200;

- (iii) Auchinleck Outdoor Bowling Club (CG 4436) - £1,000;
- (iv) Muirkirk Community Association (Entertainment for Christmas Lights Switch On) (CG 4437) - £100;
- (v) Muirkirk Community Association (CG 4439) - £300;
- (vi) Muirkirk Community Association (Party for Hillside School) (CG 4440) - £200;
- (vii) CREATE (CG 4445) - £1,000;
- (viii) Woodroad Regeneration Forum (CG 4456) - £1,000;
- (ix) Catrine Visual Arts Group (CG 4460) - £100;
- (x) Cumnock Highland Games (CG 4468)

Declaration of Interest

Councillor Kathy Morrice declared a non-financial interest in this application and indicated that she would take no part in the consideration or determination thereof.

Consideration of Item

Due to the lack of a quorum at this point in the meeting arising from the declaration of interest by Councillor Kathy Morrice, this item of business could not be transacted.

- (xi) Cumnock and District Carpet Bowling Club (CG 4474) - £100;
- (xii) Bizzie Beez (CG 4477) - £100;
- (xiii) East Ayrshire Traditional Music Support Group (CG 4480) - £300;
- (xiv) Catrine & Sorn Local District History Group (CG 4482) - £500 (in respect of those elements of the application relating only to speakers fees and transport costs for educational outings);
- (xv) Catrine Community Trust (Festival 2010) (CG 4487) - £1,200;
- (xvi) Cumnock and District Round Table (CG 4488) - £1,800;
- (xvii) Cumnock Area Musical Production Society (CAMPS) (CG 4500) - £1,500;
- (xviii) Land O' Burns Budgerigar Society (CG 4506) - £65.28;
- (xix) Victory Celebration Gala Committee (CG 4511) - £600; and
- (xx) Mauchline Horticultural & Agricultural Society (CG 4518) - £200.

(d) Disability

- (i) Cumnock and District Blind Club (CG 4424) - £2,200.

(e) Environmental/Heritage

- (i) Catrine Community Hatchery (CG 4434) - £200;
- (ii) Muirkirk Community Association (Hanging Baskets) (CG 4438) - £200;

- (iii) New Cumnock Environmental Regeneration Volunteers (NERV) (CG 4457) - £400;
- (iv) Catrine Community Council (Hanging Baskets 2010) (CG 4458) - £400;
- (v) Catrine Community Council (Christmas Lights 2010) (CG 4459) - £1,200;
- (vi) Muirkirk Enterprise Group (Accountants Fees) (CG 4462) - £200;
- (vii) Darvel Horticultural Society (CG 4471) - £35.94;
- (viii) Catrine Environmental Group (CG 4481) - £300;
- (ix) Catrine Community Trust (Running Costs) (CG 4486) - £1,000;
- (x) Cumnock Landward Community Council (CG 4493)

Declaration of Interest

Councillor Neil McGhee declared a non-financial interest in this application and indicated that he would take no part in the consideration or determination thereof.

Consideration of Item

Due to the lack of a quorum at this point in the meeting arising from the declaration of interest by Councillor Neil McGhee, this item of business could not be transacted.

- (xi) Auchinleck Community Council (Christmas Lights) (CG 4494) - £1,200;
- (xii) Ochiltree Community Council (CG 4499) - £700;
- (xiii) New Cumnock Liaison Group (CG 4513) - £300; and
- (xiv) Environment and Regeneration Cronberry, Logan and Lugar (ERCLL) (CG 4574) - £300;

(f) Health/Wellbeing

- (i) Auchinleck Self Help Group (CG 4453) - £360;
- (ii) Cumnock Self Help Group (CG 4469) - £392;
- (iii) Carers Support Group (CG 4472) - £140;
- (iv) Cumnock Osteoporosis Support Group (CG 4478) - £180; and
- (v) New Cumnock and Surrounding Area MS Support Group (CG 4502) - £692.80.

(g) Social Inclusion

- (i) Muirkirk Learners Group (CG 4414) - £800;
- (ii) Muirkirk Women's Rural Institute (CG 4452) - £450;
- (iii) Asian Cultural Group (CG 4467) - £500;
- (iv) Cumnock and District Widows Group (CG 4473) - £750;

- (v) Sorn Village Hall (CG 4512) - £2,000;
 - (vi) Sorn Community Council (Refurbish Cabin) (CG 4514) - refused since the Community Council had failed to submit a complete application;
 - (vii) Netherthird and District Wives and Mothers (CG 4516) - £155; and
 - (viii) Cumnock and Doon Valley Gift Furniture Scheme (CG 4517) - £42.22
- (ii) having noted an update from the Administrative Officer on the reasons for late submission of the application from Kilmarnock Pipe Band (CG 4538), that all late applications received after the closing date of 12 February 2010 be accepted, and thereafter, it was agreed that in respect of these applications, grants be awarded or the applications dealt with as follows, subject to any additional conditions which may be specified in the respective assessment reports, namely:-
- (a) Older People
 - (i) Mauchline Old Folks Welfare (CG 4625) - £1,500.
 - (b) Young People
 - (i) 1st Mauchline Scout Group (CG 4547) - £100;
 - (ii) Girlguiding Ayrshire South (CG 4552) - £770; and
 - (ii) Ochiltree Primary School After School Swimming Club (CG 4612) - £700.
 - (c) Leisure, Sport and Cultural
 - (i) Cumnock Community Council (CG 4519) - to continue consideration of this application to a special meeting pending confirmation that the Community Council still intended to proceed with the event which is the subject of the application;
 - (ii) Kilmarnock Pipe Band (CG 4538) - £69;
 - (iii) Muirkirk Enterprise Group (CG 4540) - £1,500; and
 - (iv) Stewarton Winds (CG 4614) - £60.
 - (d) Disability
 - (i) Cumnock and Doon Valley Independent Living Friendship Group (CG 4527) - £1,200.
- (iii) that where any of the applications referred to in 7(i) and 7(ii), above included a running cost element, it be suggested to the organisation concerned that priority in the use of the grant funding be for this purpose;
- (iv) that grant awards approved by the Committee be paid only where the applicant concerned had (a) submitted all documentation relative to the application and this had been found to be satisfactory; (b) submitted a satisfactory report, with appropriate documentary evidence, to confirm use of any grant awards made in previous years; and (c) provided evidence to

confirm that, where appropriate, all requisite permissions had been obtained for the project which is the subject of the application;

- (v) that consideration of utilisation of the uncommitted balance of £8,742.76 remaining from the grant allocation for this year be continued to the special meeting referred to in 7(ii)(c)(i) above;
- (vi) that, in future, where a grant application involves the purchase of plants, the applicant be made aware, at the time of submission of the application, that plants can be obtained from Auchinleck Community Gardening Scheme at a cost below normal commercial rates, and that this aspect be taken into account when the applications concerned are being assessed;
- (vii) that consideration be given to awarding additional funding in respect of those applications submitted by organisations in the "Older People" category, on the basis of merit, and that this be dealt with at a future meeting; and
- (viii) that a report be submitted to a future meeting to apprise Members of the assessment process for applications and to enable consideration to be given to the criteria and priorities to be applied in the allocation of resources to applications in future years.

The meeting terminated at 1540 hours.