

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

NORTHERN LOCAL GRANTS COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 24 FEBRUARY 2010 AT 1400 HOURS IN MEETING ROOM 1, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK

PRESENT: Councillors Robert McDill, Rose-Ann Cuninghame, Alan Brown and Stuart Finlayson.

ATTENDING: Julie McGarry, Administration Manager; Eddie Bulik, Monitoring & Administration Officer, Neighbourhood Services; Kevin Wells, Team Leader, Community Learning and Development; and Christine Baillie, Senior Administrative Officer.

APOLOGIES: Councillors John MacKay, John McGhee and Provost Stephanie Young.

CHAIR: Councillor Robert McDill, Chair.

LOCAL COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME 2009/10

COMMUNITY GRANTS TO LOCAL ORGANISATIONS 2009/10

1. There was submitted a report dated 10 February 2010 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support on the financial position in respect of Community Grants to Local Organisations 2009/10 together with individual assessment reports (circulated) in respect of the undernoted applications.

Councillor Cuninghame joined the meeting at this point.

- 1.1 The Committee agreed as follows:-

(a) Early Education and Childcare

- (i) Dunlop Babies and Toddlers (CG 4429) - £200;

(b) Heritage

Declaration of Interest

Councillors Finlayson and McDill declared a non-financial interest in this item in accordance with paragraphs 5.17 and 5.18 of the Councillors' Code of Conduct and as they considered the interest not to be significant, they remained at the meeting and participated in the discussion and decision.

- (i) Fenwick Weavers Co-operative (CG 4421) - £1,134.08 to be used for research purposes only;

(c) Social Inclusion

- (i) Onthank Mens Club (CG 4443) - £64.54.

LOCAL GRANTS SCHEME 2009/10 - REQUEST TO RE-ALLOCATE FUNDS

2.1 Allies (Working with the Homeless) (CG 4356)

At the request of the group, the Committee were asked to re-allocate funds previously awarded in August 2009 as follows (Northern area's element being £825):-

	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

It was agreed to continue consideration of the matter to allow the Assessing Officer to provide further information to the Committee at their next meeting on various aspects in connection with the running of the group.

PRIORITIES FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 2010/11

3. There was submitted a report dated 14 January 2010 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support which asked if the Grants Committee would wish to set priorities for 2010/11 in respect of Hanging Baskets, Gala Days and Christmas Lights.

Having considered the issues detailed in the report, it was agreed:-

- (i) to ringfence 54% of the budget for financial year 2010/11 for Hanging Baskets, Gala Days and Christmas Lights as follows:-
 - Hanging Baskets - 13%;
 - Gala Days - 20%; and
 - Christmas Lights - 21%.
- (ii) that a closing date be set for receipt of applications to allow them to be considered at the following Grants Committees:-
 - Hanging Baskets and Gala Days - 5 May 2010; and
 - Christmas Lights - 10 November 2010;
- (iii) that the Head of Democratic Services make appropriate arrangements to notify previous recipients of such grants of the arrangements; and
- (iv) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

The meeting terminated at 1505 hours.