

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**SOUTHERN LOCAL GRANTS COMMITTEE****MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 8 SEPTEMBER 2011 AT 1403 HOURS IN THE COOPER TRUST SUITE, MAUCHLINE COMMUNITY CENTRE, KILMARNOCK ROAD, MAUCHLINE**

PRESENT: Councillors Kathy Morrice, Drew Filson, Neil McGhee, Jim Roberts, William Crawford, Eric Ross, Elaine Dinwoodie and Moira Pirie.

ATTENDING: Julie McGarry, Administration Manager; Eddie Bulik, Administration and Monitoring Officer; Jim Murdoch, Team Leader; and Stuart Nelson, Administrative Officer.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Jimmy Kelly, David Shaw and Barney Menzies.

CHAIR: Councillor Kathy Morrice, Chair.

**DISBURSEMENT OF COMMUNITY GRANTS 2011/12 -
WARDS 7 & 8 (CUMNOCK AREA)****1.1 FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

There was submitted and noted a statement dated 29 August 2011 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Finance and Corporate Support on the financial position in respect of Community Grants to local organisations within Wards 7 and 8 for 2011/12.

1.2 CONTINUED APPLICATIONS

Having considered updated assessment reports (circulated), it was agreed, viz:-

(a) Young People

- 1.2.1 Auchinleck Primary School Parent Council (CG 4814) - that a grant of £362.00 be made in respect of the purchase of a stage, subject to the Group confirming that other funding is in place to meet the balance of the cost of this item;

Councillors Neil McGhee, Eric Ross and Moira Pirie joined the meeting during discussion, but prior to determination, of the above-mentioned application.

(b) Social Inclusion

- 1.2.2 Muirkirk Learners Group (CG 4731) - that a grant of £600.00 be made;
- 1.2.3 Sorn Community Council (Cabin) (CG 4767) - (i) that, in the meantime, a grant of £1,000 be made; and (ii) to continue consideration of the balance of the amount requested pending investigation by the Group, with support from appropriate Officers of East Ayrshire Council, into potential alternative means of providing heat and light within the Cabin and the sources of funding for same.

Councillor Neil McGhee left the meeting during consideration of, but prior to determination, of the above-mentioned application.

1.3 NEW APPLICATION

(a) Social Inclusion

1.3.1 Allies (CG 4976) - having considered an assessment report by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services (circulated) it was agreed to continue consideration of this application to the next meeting pending clarification with regard to (i) the nature of the service provided to individuals who reside within Wards 7 & 8; (ii) commitments on the Group's bank balances; and (iii) the purposes for which other grant funding awarded to the Group by East Ayrshire Council and others was given.

DISBURSEMENT OF COMMUNITY GRANTS 2011/12 - WARD 9 (DOON VALLEY)

2.1 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

There was submitted and noted a statement dated 23 August 2011 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Finance and Corporate Support on the financial position in respect of Community Grants to local organisations within Ward 9 for 2011/12.

2.2 NEW APPLICATIONS

(a) Leisure

2.2.1 Lethanhill Pigeon Club (CG 5026) - having considered an assessment report by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services (circulated), it was agreed that a grant of £900.00 be made, subject to the Group providing independent audited accounts and these being found to be satisfactory, this matter to be dealt with in detail by the Head of Democratic Services;

(b) Social Inclusion

2.2.2 Allies (CG 4976) - having considered an assessment report by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services (circulated) it was agreed to continue consideration of this application to the next meeting pending clarification with regard to (i) the nature of the service provided to individuals who reside within Ward 9; (ii) commitments on the Group's bank balances; and (iii) the purposes for which other funding awarded to the Group by East Ayrshire Council and others was given;

(c) Community Associations

2.2.3 Rankinston Community Association (CG 5088) - having heard the Administrative Officer who explained that this application was for a grant of £500.00, from a total cost of £1,322.39, in order to meet the cost of erecting, dismantling and electricity for the village's Christmas lights 2011, it was agreed, in principle, that a grant of £500.00 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; and that the Group be recommended to make application to the Cumnock and Doon Valley Minerals Trust in respect of the balance of the cost.

Councillor William Crawford left the meeting during consideration, but prior to determination, of the above-mentioned application.

2.3 CONTINUED APPLICATION

(a) Older people

2.3.1 Drongan Health Initiative (CG 4924) - having considered an updated assessment report by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services (circulated), it was agreed that a supplementary grant of £1,000 be made in respect of this application.

The meeting terminated at 1505 hours.