

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

EMERGENCY POWERS COMMITTEE - 17 JULY 2007

COMMUNITY GRANT APPLICATION: NEWMILNS GALA COMMITTEE (CG 3721)

Report by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To request the Committee to deal with a Community Grant application submitted by the Newmilns Gala Committee.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Newmilns Gala Committee have submitted an application for Community Grant funding in respect of the Newmilns Gala Week. The application was lodged on 27 June 2007.
- 2.2 The application is also being processed in accordance with the arrangements for dealing with Community Grant applications, however, given that the scheduled event will be held before the next Northern Local Community Planning Forum meeting in August, the Committee is requested to consider the application.

3. CURRENT POSITION

- 3.1 The Gala week will be taking place from 27 July - 4 August 2007 (inclusive) and the Group has requested that the application be determined as soon as possible in order to enable them to hold the event.
- 3.2 As indicated above, the normal course of event would be for the application to be submitted and determined by the Northern Local Community Planning Forum at its next meeting on 23 August 2007, however, a grant approval at that stage would be too late to assist the Group in finalising their preparations.

4. PROPOSAL

- 4.1 In view of the circumstances, as outlined above, the Committee are, therefore, requested to consider and determine this application. To assist, an assessment report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services is provided at Appendix I, which gives details of the application and puts forward a recommendation as to the proposed grant award.
- 4.2 In addition to the usual conditions, any grant awarded will be subject to the additional condition agreed by Council at its Statutory Meeting on 17 May 2007, which will apply all grant awards, namely:- that the grant will not be expended by the recipient body in a manner which would result in any payment being made for any purpose to any Political Party or any separate body, company or legal entity to, or otherwise associated with, any Political Party.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1** Any grant award approved by the Committee in respect of this application will require to be met from the financial allocation available to the Northern Local Community Planning Forum for Community Grants for 2007/2008, from which an uncommitted balance of £30,173.98 currently remains.

6. LEGAL/POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1** There are no legal/policy implications arising directly from this report.

7. RISK IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1** Delay in dealing with this application may result in the Group being unable to proceed with the event.

8. COMMUNITY PLANNING IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1** The disbursement of Community Grants to locally based organisations accords with the main themes of the East Ayrshire Community Plan.

9. RECOMMENDATION

- 9.1** It is recommended that the Committee consider a grant award in respect of this application of £3,000 subject to (a) the usual conditions; and (b) a further condition that the grant will not be expended by the recipient body in a manner which would result in any payment being made for any purpose to any Political Party or separate body, company or other legal entity to, or otherwise, associated with, any Political Party.

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

1. Community Grant Application submitted by the Newmilns Gala Committee (CG 3721).
2. Assessment Report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services.

Any person wishing to inspect the background papers relative to this report should contact Anne Marie Carr, Senior Administrative Officer on Tel No (01563) 576134. Any person wishing further information on this report should contact Bill Walkinshaw, Head of Democratic Services on Tel No (01563) 576135.

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