

## EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

### NORTHERN LOCAL GRANTS COMMITTEE - 10 NOVEMBER 2010

#### FUNDING OF CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

Report by Executive Director of Finance and Corporate support

#### 1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to submit for the Committee's consideration applications received from local voluntary groups in respect of Christmas Lights Projects.

#### 2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 At a meeting of the Northern Local Grants Committee held on 24 February 2010 it was agreed to ringfence 21% (£8,079.54) of the budget for this financial year for Christmas Lights and that a closing date be set for the receipt of applications to allow them to be considered at the November Committee.
- 2.2 The closing date set for the receipt of applications was 1 October 2010 in order that the applications could be fully assessed prior to consideration by the Local Grants Committee.

#### 3. CURRENT POSITION

- 3.1 To date, applications have been received from the undernoted organisations:-

<u>Organisation</u>	<u>No of Units</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>Amount Requested</u>	<u>Assessor's Recommendation</u>
Galston Community Council (CG 4664)	18	Erection and dismantling of lights - £1,800.28; Electricity - £221.04; Testing - £100; <b>Total - £2,121.32</b>	£1,721.32	£1,721.32
Fenwick Community Council (CG 4673)	11	Erection, dismantling and electricity costs - £1,301.39; Storage, delivery and uplift of lights - £293.75; <b>Total - £1,595.14</b>	£1,301.39	£1,301.39
Darvel & District Community Council (CG 4671)	13	Erection and dismantling of lights - £1,300.21; Electricity - £211.79; <b>Total - £1,512.00</b>	£1,512.00	£1,512.00

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Fenwick Community Association (Laigh Fenwick) (CG 4674)	8	Erection and dismantling of lights - £813.00; Electricity - £204.51; <b>Total - £1,004.64</b>	£936.64	£750
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>£5,471.35</b>	<b>£5,284.71</b>

**3.2** If the applications detailed above are approved as per the recommendation of the Assessing Officer, this would leave a balance of £2,794.83 which can be distributed to other applications.

**3.3** Applications have not been received from Kilmaurs Community Council, Newmilns Community Council or Stewarton Yuletide Festival Committee. Kilmaurs Community Council and Stewarton Yuletide Festival Committee have confirmed that they would not be submitting an application for Christmas lights this year.

#### **4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

**4.1** The Local Grants Committee has ringfenced £8,079.54 of its budget for this financial year for Christmas Lights Projects.

**5. LEGAL/POLICY/RISK IMPLICATIONS - Nil.**

#### **6. COMMUNITY PLANNING IMPLICATIONS**

**6.1** The awarding of grant funding for Christmas Lights focuses on the Community Planning Themes, aspirations and aims in terms of improving the environment and improving opportunities.

#### **7. RECOMMENDATIONS**

**7.1** The Committee is asked:-

- (i) to consider and approve, where they are minded, the applications for Christmas Lights as detailed in paragraph 3.1 of the report, taking cognisance of the budget available to them; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

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21 October 2010  
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#### **LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS**

1. Applications forms received from the groups as detailed in paragraph 3.1.

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