

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

NORTHERN LOCAL COMMUNITY PLANNING FORUM

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 31 MAY 2007 AT
1400 HRS IN THE MAIN MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS,
LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK**

PRESENT: Councillors Robert McDill, John MacKay, John McGhee, Alan Brown and Stuart Finlayson and Provost Stephanie Young; Community Representatives Les Pittams, Frank Dawson, Ashley Bell, Jean Brown, Charles M Lindsay and Cathie Spicer and Named Substitutes; Fiona Andrew and Mary White.

ATTENDING: Fiona Lees, Chief Executive, Bill Walkinshaw, Head of Democratic Services; Gwen Barker, Community Planning and Partnership Manager; Eddie Bulik, Monitoring and Administration Officer, Neighbourhood Services; Kevin Wells, Team Leader, Educational and Social Services and Jennifer Morrison, Administrative Officer.

APOLOGIES: Councillor Rose-Ann Cuninghame; Community Representatives Steve Brown; Isobel Loudon, Aniela Miller, Jim Miller and Named Substitutes; Finlay MacLean, Lillian Meikle, Barbra Wiseman, Alistair Thomson and John McFadden

CHAIR: Councillor Robert McDill, Chair.

CHAIR'S REMARKS

1. The Chair, Councillor Robert McDill welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the new Northern Local Community Planning Forum.

Councillor McDill went on to say that some of the faces of Community Representatives and Named Substitutes were very familiar to him through his membership over the years of the Irvine Valley Local Committee. He was also looking forward to getting to know those Representatives and Substitutes who had served previously on the Northern Area Local Committee.

The Chair also welcomed all Elected Members both old and new and reported that although the new Vice Chair Councillor Rose-Ann Cuninghame had been unable to attend she was, like him, looking forward to carrying out her new role.

**A REVIEW OF EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL'S DECISION MAKING STRUCTURE
AND DEVELOPING COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

2. There was submitted a report dated 23 May 2007 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/ Executive Director of Corporate Support which presented for the information of Committee, proposals to develop community engagement within East Ayrshire.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note that Community Representatives' organisations were invited to submit in writing comments on the proposals to the Head of Democratic Services by 31 August 2007; and
- (ii) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

**COMMUNITY PLANNING FORUM GRANT SCHEME
OVERVIEW OF THE COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME**

3. There was submitted and noted a report dated 21 May 2007 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/ Executive Director of Corporate Support which provided Members with an overview of the existing Community Grants Scheme.

COMMUNITY GRANTS TO LOCAL ORGANISATIONS 2007/2008

4. There was submitted a report dated 23 May 2007 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/ Executive Director of Corporate Support on the financial position in respect of community grants to local organisations in 2007/08 together with individual assessment reports in respect of the undernoted applications (all circulated).

4.1. Applications Approved (for the purposes specified in the application), viz:-

(a) Arts and Cultural

- (i) Loudoun Musical Society (CG3633) - £1,521.00.
- (ii) Kilmarnock Concert Brass Band (CG3546) - £494.00 subject to the group completing the Disclosure Scotland Registration Process.

(b) Community Associations

- (i) Fenwick Community Association (CG3690) – The Administrative Officer reported details of this application for the Community Association’s Gala Day Project which included costs towards the hire of equipment, hall hire, hire of a PA system and purchase of bunting etc.

The group had detailed the cost of the project at £1,566.89 and a community grant of £1,200.00 was sought. The application was in the process of being assessed.

The Committee then agreed, in principle, an award up to £1,200.00 subject to the receipt of a satisfactory assessment, and that the payment of the grant be remitted to the Head of Democratic Services in consultation with the Chair of the Local Community Planning Forum.

(c) Community Councils

- (i) Fenwick Community Council (CG3625) - £472.28.
- (ii) Galston Community Council (CG3662) - £1,694.00.
- (iii) Newmilns and Greenholm Community Council (CG3673) - £1,246.99

(d) Leisure

- (i) Kilmaurs Farmers Society (CG3541) - £818.21.
- (ii) Loudoun and Galston Agricultural Association (CG3661) - £926.83.
- (iii) East Ayrshire Gardening Club (CG3643) - £135.00.
- (iv) Darvel Horticultural Society (CG3685) - £322.00.
- (v) Darvel Improvement Group (CG3684) - £753.85.

(e) Older People

- (i) Onthank Men’s Club (CG3595) - £195.00.

(ii) Onthank Men's Club (CG3596) -£120.00.

(f) Sport

(i) Bellfield Youth Football Club (CG3622) - £812.40.

(ii) Shortlees Youth Netball Club (CG3659) - £50.00 subject to the confirmation of the group's registration with CRBS.

4.2 Application Remitted

(i) Crosshouse Boys Club (CG3597) – The Committee agreed that the Assessor be requested to undertake a more detailed assessment as the Committee felt they were unable to reach a decision based on the information provided to the meeting. Following receipt of a fuller assessment it was agreed to remit payment of the grant to the Head of Democratic Services in consultation with the Chair of the Local Community Planning Forum.

Provost Stephanie Young left the meeting at this point.

4.3 Applications Approved – Continued

(f) Sport (continued)

(iii) Annanhill Golf Club (CG3491) - £237.24 towards trophies and two post competition buffets.

(iv) Kilmaurs Glencairn Football Club (CG3645) - £200.00 subject to the group completing the registration process with SYFA to allow them to Disclosure Check volunteers at the club.

(g) Young People

(i) Darvel Skateboard Club (CG3572) - £5,000.00 and that payment of the grant be released (a) following all funding for the project being put in place and (b) the lease of the ground to the club being finalised both conditions to the satisfaction of the Head of Democratic Services.

(ii) Bonnyton Toddlers (CG3629) - £98.22.

(iii) Dunlop Babies and Toddlers Group (CG3688) - £500.00

4.2 Applications Refused

(i) The Friendship Circle (CG3580) – On the grounds that the club did not meet the funding criteria as it did not provide equal access with membership restricted to Marks and Spencer's retirees only.

(ii) Annanhill Golf Club (CG3689) – On the grounds that the project did not promote any of the Council's Community Planning Themes or address any of the Council's strategies and would have no benefit to the local community. Furthermore, the application was not a priority for community grant funding.

The meeting terminated at 1540 hours.