

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

SOUTHERN LOCAL GRANTS COMMITTEE - 12 MAY 2010

DISBURSEMENT OF COMMUNITY GRANTS 2010/2011 - WARDS 7 & 8 (CUMNOCK AREA)

Report by the Executive Director of Finance and Corporate Support

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To enable the Committee to consider and deal with applications for Community Grants received from local organisations within Wards 7 & 8 (Cumnock Area) in respect of the 2010/2011 financial year.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Interim Southern Local Grants Committee on 21 February 2008 homologated arrangements implemented to enable applications for Community Grants received from local organisations to be dealt with. Such arrangements provide that applications from organisations within Wards 7 and 8 (Cumnock Area) and Ward 9 (Doon Valley) be dealt with separately and within separate budget headings allocated from the total sum awarded to the Committee for the financial year in question. In accordance with these arrangements, applications from organisations within Wards 7 and 8 are to be dealt with on an annual basis at the start of the financial year.
- 2.2 A report submitted to this meeting under a previous item sets out the financial allocation available to this Committee for Community Grants for 2010/2011, and also the split of this allocation between Wards 7 & 8 (Cumnock Area) and Ward 9 (Doon Valley).

3. GRANT ALLOCATION FOR 2010/2011

- 3.1 As indicated in the report referred to in Paragraph 2.2, above, the financial allocation available to this Committee for the current, 2010/2011, year, amounts to £80,782.00. Of this, a sum of £55,150.00 has been allocated in respect of Wards 7 & 8.

4. APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

- 4.1 All administrative arrangements arising from the Committee's decisions relating to the processing of applications have been implemented in respect of applications received for the 2010/2011 year. As at 12 February 2010, being the specified closing date, 72 applications for Community Grant had been received. A further 7 applications were received following the closing date, giving an overall total of 79 applications received.
- 4.2 A spreadsheet detailing the financial position with regard to the applications received, classified according to the established categories, is attached at

[Appendix 1](#). Members will note from the spreadsheet, that the value of grant applications submitted amounts to £160,037.45.

5. PRESENT POSITION

5.1 Grant assessment reports which provide details of each individual application received from organisations within Wards 7 & 8, and put forward recommendations as to how each application should be dealt with, are attached at Appendix 2. **Members should note that it is the “Final Recommendation” contained within Section 7 of the grant assessment report, which is submitted for consideration by the Committee. The “Final Recommendation” takes into account not only the individual merits of the application in question but also the financial allocation which is available for disbursement within each respective category, as previously determined by Committee.**

5.2 Some applications for grant are for running costs and other activities such as a trip or party. In these cases, and whilst recognising that the use of any grant award made lies at the discretion of the organisation concerned within the purposes set out within the grant application form, it is recommended that it be suggested to the organisations concerned that priority in the use of community grant funding be directed towards the running costs element of the application. It is suggested that this approach is appropriate given the limited funding available compared to the values of the applications applied for, particularly with regard to certain categories of grant.

6. LATE APPLICATIONS

6.1 The Committee are invited to determine whether those applications which were received after the closing date of 12 February 2010, should be accepted. To assist in this matter, provided at Appendix 3, is a list of the applications concerned indicating the date of receipt and the reason(s) for lateness of submission, where this information has been provided.

6.2 **It should be noted that the recommendations presented within Appendix 2 are made on the basis of all late applications being accepted.** If it should be the case that any of these applications are to be refused on the basis of the lateness of submission, the recommended amounts will then be added to the uncommitted balance referred to in Paragraph 7.1, below.

7. DISBURSEMENT OF UNCOMMITTED BALANCE 2009/2010

7.1 With regard to the currently uncommitted balance identified in Appendix 1, i.e. £911.74, it is suggested that this sum be available to the Committee (a) to allocate to any application, irrespective of category, which the Committee considers would merit an award in excess of the amount recommended; and/or (b) to set aside to enable applications for grant which might be received during the year from newly formed organisations, to be dealt with, or in respect of emergency applications. As in previous years, it is suggested that “emergency applications” be defined as those applications in respect of

which the lack of a grant award would significantly prejudice the continuing existence of the organisation concerned.

- 7.2** The funds available for disbursement under this heading would be augmented in the event that the Committee agree an award of a lesser amount than recommended in respect of any of the applications submitted.

8. DETERMINATION OF APPLICATIONS

- 8.1** Having considered the matters referred to in Sections 6 and 7, above, the Committee are asked to consider and determine the individual applications detailed in Appendix 2.

8. COMPLIANCE WITH THE TERMS OF THE COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME

- 8.1** In order to assist in ensuring that all organisations who apply for grant assistance meet the requirements of the Community Grants Scheme, it is suggested that any approved grant payments be issued only where the organisation concerned has (a) submitted all documentation relative to the application, and this has been found to be satisfactory; (b) submitted a satisfactory report, with appropriate documentary evidence, to confirm use of any grant awards made in previous years; and (c) provided evidence to confirm that, where appropriate, all requisite permissions have been obtained for the project which is the subject of the application.

9. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1** The cost of Community Grant awards made will require to be met from the financial allocation available for 2010/2011 as detailed in Section 3.1, above.

10. LEGAL/POLICY IMPLICATIONS

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

11. COMMUNITY PLANNING IMPLICATIONS

- 11.1** The disbursement of Community Grants to a range of locally based organisations complements the main themes of the East Ayrshire Community Plan.

12. RISK IMPLICATIONS

- 12.1** Failure to timeously disburse Community Grants may compromise the activities/projects proposed by applicants for grant funding.

13. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 13.1** It is recommended that the Committee:-

- (i) note that a total sum of £55,150.00 is available to the Committee for disbursement on Community Grants for the 2010/2011 year for applications received from organisations within Wards 7 & 8;
- (ii) consider whether those applications received after the closing date of 12 February 2010 should be accepted;
- (iii) notwithstanding the outcome of consideration of individual applications, agree that the currently uncommitted balance identified in Appendix 1, be utilised for the purposes suggested in Paragraph 7.1;
- (iv) determine individual applications detailed in Appendix 2, and agree that where an application includes a running costs element, it be suggested to the organisation concerned that priority in the use of the grant funding be used for this purpose; and
- (v) agree that grant awards approved by the Committee be paid only where the applicant satisfies the various requirements set out in Paragraph 8.1.

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

1. Community Grant Application Forms submitted by Local Organisations.

Any person wishing to inspect the background papers relative to this report should contact Stuart Nelson, Administrative Officer on Tel No (01563) 576151 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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APPENDIX 2

GRANT ASSESSMENT REPORTS

Attached are individual assessment reports in respect of the undernoted applications, namely:-

1. Older People

- 1.1 Sorn Old Folks Welfare Association ([CG 4449](#)) (pages 57-58);
- 1.2 Ochiltree Old Folks Welfare ([CG 4454](#)) (pages 59-60);
- 1.3 Cumnock & District Elderly Forum ([CG 4465](#)) (pages 61-62);
- 1.4 Muirkirk & District Forum ([CG 4483](#)) (pages 63-64);
- 1.5 Netherthird & Craigens Senior Citizens Thursday Club ([CG 4484](#)) (pages 65-66);
- 1.6 Opportunities in Retirement ([CG 4485](#)) (pages 67-68);
- 1.7 Age Concern, Cumnock ([CG 4492](#)) (pages 69-70);
- 1.8 New Cumnock Age Concern ([CG 4509](#)) (pages 71-72);
- 1.9 Catrine Old Folks Welfare Association ([CG 4510](#)) (pages 73-74);
and
- 1.10 Cumnock Landward Age Concern ([CG 4515](#)) (pages 75-76).

2. Young People

- 2.1 Muirkirk Community Association (Show for Young People) ([CG 4441](#)) (pages 77-78);
- 2.2 3rd Mauchline Brownies ([CG 4451](#)) (pages 79-80);
- 2.3 Muirkirk Enterprise Group (Insurance for Skateboard Park) ([CG 4461](#)) (pages 81-82);
- 2.4 East Ayrshire Women's Aid ([CG 4470](#)) (pages 83-84);
- 2.5 1st Catrine Guides ([CG 4479](#)) (pages 85-86);
- 2.6 1st Mauchline Guides ([CG 4489](#)) (pages 87-88);
- 2.7 Avonlea Youth Centre (Running Costs) ([CG 4491](#)) (pages 89-90);

- 2.8 Avonlea Youth Centre (Purchase Equipment) ([CG 4495](#)) (pages 91-92);
- 2.9 Catrine Primary Parent Council (CG 4496) (copy to follow);
- 2.10 Four Connections Youth Group ([CG 4497](#)) (Hall Hire Costs) (pages 93-94);
- 2.11 Mauchline Parish Church Holiday Club ([CG 4498](#)) (pages 95-96);
- 2.12 Four Connections Youth Group (Outings) ([CG 4501](#)) (pages 97-98);
- 2.13 Auchinleck Primary School Parent Council ([CG 4507](#)) (pages 99-100);
- 2.14 Jolly Tots Under 5's Group ([CG 4508](#)) (pages 101-102);
- 2.15 1st Mauchline Scout Group ([CG 4547](#)) (pages 103-104);
- 2.16 Girlguiding Ayrshire South ([CG 4552](#)) (pages 105-106); and
- 2.17 Ochiltree Primary After School Swimming Club (CG 4612) (copy to follow).

3. Leisure, Sport and Cultural

- 3.1 Hurlford Badminton Coaching Club ([CG 4558](#)) (pages 107-108);
- 3.2 Catrine Angling Club ([CG 4435](#)) (pages 109-110);
- 3.3 Auchinleck Outdoor Bowling Club ([CG 4436](#)) (pages 111-112);
- 3.4 Muirkirk Community Association (Entertainment for Xmas Lights Switch-on) ([CG 4437](#)) (pages 113-114);
- 3.5 Muirkirk Community Association (Pantomime) ([CG 4439](#)) (pages 115-116);
- 3.6 Muirkirk Community Association (Party for Hillside School) ([CG 4440](#)) (pages 117-118);
- 3.7 CREATE (CG 4445) (copy to follow);
- 3.8 Woodroad Regeneration Forum ([CG 4456](#)) (pages 119-120);
- 3.9 Catrine Visual Arts Group ([CG 4460](#)) (pages 121-122);
- 3.10 Cumnock Highland Games ([CG 4468](#)) (pages 123-124);
- 3.11 Cumnock & District Carpet Bowling Club ([CG 4474](#)) (pages 125-126);

- 3.12 Bizzie Beez ([CG 4477](#)) (pages 127-128);
- 3.13 East Ayrshire Traditional Music Support Group (CG 4480) (copy to follow);
- 3.14 Catrine, Sorn and District Local History Group ([CG 4482](#)) (pages 129-130);
- 3.15 Catrine Community Trust (Festival 2010) ([CG 4487](#)); (pages 131-132);
- 3.16 Cumnock & District Round Table ([CG 4488](#)) (pages 133-134);
- 3.17 Cumnock Area Musical Production Society (CAMPS) ([CG 4500](#)) (pages 135-136);
- 3.18 Land of Burns Budgerigar Society ([CG 4506](#)) (pages 137-138);
- 3.19 Victory Celebration Gala Committee ([CG 4511](#)) (pages 139-140);
- 3.20 Mauchline Horticultural & Agricultural Society ([CG 4518](#)) (pages 141-142);
- 3.21 Cumnock Community Council ([CG 4519](#)) (pages 143-144);
- 3.22 Kilmarnock Pipe Band ([CG 4538](#)) (pages 145-146); and
- 3.23 Muirkirk Enterprise Group (John Lapraik Festival) ([CG 4540](#)) (pages 147-148).

4. Disability

- 4.1 Cumnock & District Blind Club ([CG 4424](#)) (pages 149-150); and
- 4.2 Cumnock & Doon Valley Independent Living Friendship Group ([CG 4527](#)) (pages 151-152).

5. Environmental/Heritage

- 5.1 Catrine Community Hatchery (CG 4434) (copy to follow);
- 5.2 Muirkirk Community Association (Hanging Baskets) ([CG 4438](#)) (pages 153-154);
- 5.3 New Cumnock Environmental Regeneration Volunteers (NERV) ([CG 4457](#)) (pages 155-156);
- 5.4 Catrine Community Council (Hanging Baskets 2010) ([CG 4458](#)) (pages 157-158);

- 5.5 Catrine Community Council (Xmas Lights 2010) ([CG 4459](#)) (pages 159-160);
- 5.6 Muirkirk Enterprise Group (Accountants Fees) ([CG 4462](#)) (pages 161-162);
- 5.7 Darvel Horticultural Society ([CG 4471](#)) (pages 163-164);
- 5.8 Catrine Environmental Group ([CG 4481](#)) (pages 165-166);
- 5.9 Catrine Community Trust (Running Costs) ([CG 4486](#)) (pages 167-168);
- 5.10 Cumnock Landward Community Council ([CG 4493](#)) (pages 169-170);
- 5.11 Auchinleck Community Council (Xmas Lights 2010) ([CG 4494](#)) (pages 171-172);
- 5.12 Ochiltree Community Council ([CG 4499](#)) (pages 173-174);
- 5.13 New Cumnock Liaison Group ([CG 4513](#)) (pages 175-176); and
- 5.14 ERCLL ([CG 4574](#)) (pages 177-178).

6. Health/Well Being

- 6.1 Auchinleck Self Help Group ([CG 4453](#)) (pages 179-180);
- 6.2 Cumnock Self Help Group ([CG 4469](#)) (pages 181-182);
- 6.3 Carers Support Group ([CG 4472](#)) (pages 183-184);
- 6.4 Cumnock Osteoporosis Support Group ([CG 4478](#)) (pages 185-186); and
- 6.5 New Cumnock & Surrounding Area MS Support Group ([CG 4502](#)) (pages 187-188).

7. Social Inclusion

- 7.1 Muirkirk Learners Group ([CG 4414](#)) (pages 189-190);
- 7.2 Muirkirk Women's Rural Institute ([CG 4452](#)) (pages 191-192);
- 7.3 Asian Cultural Group ([CG 4467](#)) (pages 193-194);
- 7.4 Cumnock & District Widows Group ([CG 4473](#)) (pages 195-196);
- 7.5 Sorn Village Hall ([CG 4512](#)) (pages 197-198);

- 7.6 **Sorn Community Council (Refurbish Cabin) [\(CG 4514\)](#) (pages 199-200);**
- 7.7 **Netherthird & District Wives & Mothers [\(CG 4516\)](#) (pages 201-202);
and**
- 7.8 **Cumnock & Doon Valley Gift Furniture Scheme [\(CG 4517\)](#) (pages 203-204).**

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