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EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

GRANTS COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 19 FEBRUARY 2026 AT 1157 HOURS IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK/BY VIDEO CONFERENCE

MEMBERS PARTICIPATING: Councillors Iain Linton, Jim Todd, Stephen Canning, Caroline Barton, James Adams, Graham Boyd, Linda Mabon, William Lennox, Alyson Simmons, Jennifer Hogg and James Kyle.

OFFICERS PARTICIPATING: Stephanie Slater, Team Leader: Community Benefits; and Lynn Young, Democratic Services Team Leader.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Jayne Sangster and Billy Crawford.

CHAIR: Councillor Iain Linton, Chair.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

1. No declarations of interest were intimated by the Members participating in relation to the items of business on the Agenda at this point.

RENEWABLE ENERGY FUND

2. WHITELEE LOCAL AREA FINANCIAL REPORT

There was submitted a report dated 12 February 2026 (circulated) by the Chief Governance Officer on the financial position in respect of the Whitelee Local Area Renewable Energy Fund 2025/26, together with the individual assessment report in respect of the undernoted application.

The Team Leader: Community Benefits confirmed and it was noted that all quotes had now been received for the red book valuation, specialist tax and VAT advice; and project development and professional scoping works, in respect of the application below.

It was agreed as follows:-

- (a) Newmilns Regeneration Association (GC 8328) - up to £8,340 subject to: (i) the Council's standard conditions of grant; (ii) should the detail of the project be amended following this award, these amendments must to be agreed by the Democratic Services Manager in consultation with the Chair of the Grants Committee prior to commencement of project; (iii) as per the Council's conditions of grant, the project should be delivered within 12 months of this award. The applicant is requested to keep the fund updated with project development and a formal written request must be received should an extension to this award period be required; and (iv) as far as is possible and reasonable, that any press release, social media posts, statements or publicity issued by the group relating to project works shall make mention of the grant from the EAC Renewable Energy Fund and/or incorporate the REF logo.

The meeting terminated at 1208 hours.