

**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL****CUMNOCK AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE****MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 29 APRIL 2004 AT 1400 HOURS IN CUMNOCK TOWN HALL, GLAISNOCK STREET, CUMNOCK**

**PRESENT:** Councillors William Menzies, Eric Jackson, George Smith, Neil McGhee, William Crawford, Eric Ross and Jimmy Carmichael; Community Representatives: Mr Alex Currie, Mr James Hastie, Mr William Lees, Mrs Jean Smith, Mr Ian Scade and Mrs Margaret Campbell; and Substitute Community Representative: Mr Matthew Burns.

**ATTENDING:** Julie Armstrong, Assistant Administration Manager; Tammy Devlin, Play Development and Grants Manager; Margaret McBain and David Wotherspoon, Team Leaders - Community Learning and Development; Stuart Nelson, Administrative Officer; and Lynn Chapman, Trainee Administrative Officer.

**APOLOGY:** Councillor Jimmy Kelly.

**CHAIR:** Councillor William Menzies, Chair.

**DECENTRALISATION ISSUES****APPOINTMENT OF COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES 2004/2005  
(Item 6, Page 674, 03/07)**

1. There was submitted a report dated 19 April 2004 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support which advised of the latest position in respect of the nomination of Community Representatives and Named Substitutes from local organisations to serve on the Cumnock Area Local Committee for the period 1 April 2004 to 31 March 2005.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the undernoted nominations for Community Representatives and Named Substitutes made by the local organisations concerned for the period until 31 March 2005, namely:-
  - (a) Community Councils: Mr Alex Currie (Muirkirk Community Council); Substitute - Mr Iain Clark (Ochiltree Community Council); and Mr James Hastie (New Cumnock Community Council); Substitute - Mr James Liddell (Auchinleck Community Council);
  - (b) Business Community - Mr Murray Falconer; and Substitute - Mr Harry Gravil (both of Barony Universal Products);
  - (c) Tenants'/Residents' Groups - Having been advised by the Administrative Officer that the Policy Unit within the Department of Neighbourhood Services had confirmed that Safe Barshare was fully operational, Mrs Margaret Campbell (Safe Barshare, Cumnock); and Substitute - Mr Matthew Burns (Upper Blarene and Ardnith Avenue Tenants and Residents Association, New Cumnock);
- (ii) to note that no nominations had yet been received from local Sports Groups or East Ayrshire Sports Council, but that the Sports Development Manager within

the Department of Neighbourhood Services was in the process of endeavouring to identify nominations from the wider range of sports organisations within the local area which affiliate to the Sports Council;

- (iii) to remit to the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support to continue to seek submission of outstanding nominations for Community Representatives and Substitute Community Representatives and to make such arrangements as might be necessary to facilitate same; and
- (iv) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

## **CORPORATE SUPPORT**

### **PROPOSED HOUSING DEVELOPMENT OFF PENNYLANDS ROAD, AUCHINLECK**

2. There was submitted a report dated 19 April 2004 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support which requested the Committee to consider and determine the names for two proposed new streets to be created by a private housing development located off Pennylands Road, Auchinleck.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the proposed new streets be named "Pennylands View" and "Darnlaw View"; and
- (ii) that the Department of Development and Property Services be advised accordingly.

## **COMMUNITY GRANTS**

### **DISBURSEMENT OF COMMUNITY GRANTS 2004/2005**

3. There was submitted a report dated 5 April 2004 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support to enable the Committee to consider and deal with applications for Community Grants received from local organisations in respect of the 2004/2005 financial year.

It was agreed as follows, namely:-

- (i) that all applications received for the current year be accepted, irrespective of the date of receipt;
- (ii) that grants be made to Young People's Uniformed Organisations during the current year in respect of general running costs, according to membership numbers as follows, namely:- less than 20 members - £60.00; 20-40 members - £70.00; and more than 40 members - £80.00;
- (iii) that the per capita element of grant awards to Older People's Organisations in respect of social and recreational activities for 2004/2005 be made at the rate of £3.50, and that no further awards of grant be made to such organisations for these purposes on the basis of merit, the grant awards to such organisations accordingly being as undernoted, namely:-
  - (i) Opportunities in Retirement - £241.50;
  - (ii) Age Concern, Muirkirk - £1,316.00;

- (iii) Auchinleck Old Folk's Welfare Association - £1,988.00;
  - (iv) New Cumnock Age Concern - £2,275.00;
  - (v) Age Concern, Cumnock - £3,790.50;
  - (vi) Mauchline Old Folk's Welfare Committee - £2,621.50;
  - (vii) Catrine Old Folk's Welfare Committee - £1,680.00;
  - (viii) Cumnock Landward Age Concern - £1,470.00;
  - (ix) Lugar and Logan Age Concern - £514.50;
  - (x) Netherthird and Craighens Senior Citizen's Thursday Club - £157.50;
  - (xi) Auchinleck Senior Citizen's (Gents) - £105.00;
  - (xii) WRVS, Cumnock (Darby and Joan Club) - £192.50;
  - (xiii) The Cabin, Muirkirk - £129.50;
  - (xiv) Ochiltree Old Folk's Welfare Committee - £661.50;
  - (xv) Sorn Old Folk's Welfare Association - £504.00;
- (iv) that grant awards in respect of applications for the continuation of hanging basket projects established in previous years be awarded at a fixed rate of £260 per application; and that grant awards in respect of applications for Gala Days, or similar, be made at a fixed rate of £350;
- (v) in respect of the applications submitted by the undernoted groups (for the purpose specified on the grant application form), as follows, namely:-
- (a) Arts and Cultural
    - (i) Cumnock Area Musical Production Society - that a grant of £3,000 be made;
    - (ii) Mauchline Arts and Crafts Group - that a grant of £300 be made;
    - (iii) Catrine and District Visual Arts Group - that a grant of £250 be made, this award to include an amount in respect of hall lets and affiliation fees in addition to the purposes specified in the grant application;
    - (iv) Catrine Arts and Crafts Group - that a grant of £150 be made;
    - (v) Catrine Drama Group - that a grant of £500 be made;
  - (b) Community Associations
    - (i) Muirkirk Community Association - that a grant of £350 be made;
    - (ii) Cumnock Landward Community Association - that a grant of £350 be made;
  - (c) Community Councils
    - (i) Auchinleck Community Council - that a grant of £260 be made;
    - (ii) Mauchline Community Council - that a grant of £260 be made;

- (iii) Catrine Community Council - that a grant of £260 be made in respect of the hanging baskets project, and that a grant of £100 be made towards the cost of the purchase of paint;
- (iv) Sorn Community Council (Fireworks) - that a grant of £400 be made, subject (a) to the Community Council liaising with appropriate Officers of East Ayrshire Council to confirm that all safety issues relative to the proposed fireworks display had been satisfactorily addressed; and (b) to the Community Council obtaining public liability insurance for the display;
- (v) Sorn Community Council (Hanging Baskets) - that a grant of £260 be made;
- (vi) Sorn Community Council (Purchase of Plants) - that a grant of £400 be made;

It was also agreed, bearing in mind the benefit to the whole of East Ayrshire of the success of Sorn in the Britain in Bloom and Beautiful Scotland in Bloom competitions, to request the Council's External Funding and Sustainability Officer to liaise with the Community Council with a view to identifying other possible sources of funding to assist in their work to upkeep and enhance the environmental aspects of the village.

(d) Disability

- (i) East Ayrshire (South) Forum on Disability - that a grant of £1,407 be made;
- (ii) Cumnock and District Blind Club - that a grant of £1,200 be made;
- (iii) Cumnock and Doon Valley Deaf Club - that a grant of £2,000 be made;
- (iv) Cumnock and Doon Valley Independent Living and Friendship Group - Having heard the Officers concerned who advised that the Group were no longer seeking grant assistance in respect of letting costs for the coming year, that a grant of £776.47 be made;
- (v) Cumnock and Doon Valley Access Panel - that a grant of £630 be made;
- (vi) South East Ayrshire Disabled Club - that a grant of £350.17 be made;
- (vii) New Cumnock Disabled Club - that a grant of £400.00 be made;
- (viii) Bonnie Doon PHAB Club - that a grant of £677.86 be made;

(e) Early Education and Childcare

- (i) Sorn Toddler Group - that a grant of £150 be made;
- (ii) Mauchline Burns Bairns Under 5's Group - that a grant of £150 be made;

- (iii) Ochiltree Nursery Bus Group - to note that this application had been dealt with by the East Ayrshire Child Care Partnership;

(f) Environmental

- (i) Muirkirk Enterprise Group - Councillor Jackson, seconded by Councillor N McGhee, moved that a grant of £260 be made in respect of the purchase of hanging basket trees including plants and materials.

Councillor Ross, seconded by Councillor Menzies, moved as an amendment that a grant of £260 be made in respect of the purchase of hanging basket trees including plants and materials and that a further grant of £250 be made in respect of administration costs and stationery.

On a division by a show of hands, the amendment was carried by four votes to three.

It was also agreed to suggest to the Group that they consider making application to East Ayrshire Sports Council for funding in respect of the proposed purchase of sports equipment;

- (ii) New Cumnock Gardening Club - that a grant of £500 be made, subject to the Club obtaining planning permission in respect of the proposed project; and to suggest that the Group may wish to consider making application to the Cumnock and Doon Valley Minerals Trust in respect of the balance of funds required for the project in question;
- (iii) Sorn Environmental Regeneration Volunteers - that a grant of £250 be made;
- (iv) Cumnock Town Centre Initiative - that a grant of £760 be made, subject to the Group obtaining public liability insurance for the project;
- (v) Catrine Recreation and Visual Entertainment - Councillor Jackson, seconded by Councillor N McGhee, moved that a grant of £500 be made in respect of this application.

Councillor Ross, seconded by Councillor Crawford, moved as an amendment that a grant of £1,000 be made in respect of this application.

On a division by a show of hands, the motion was carried by four votes to three.

It was also agreed that payment of the grant be subject to the Group obtaining public liability insurance and the necessary permissions from the Head of Roads and Transportation.

- (vi) Catrine Environmental Group - that a grant of £200 be made;

(g) Health Issues

- (i) Auchinleck Self Help Group - that a grant of £790 be made;
- (ii) Cumnock Self Help Group - that a grant of £700 be made;

- (iii) Carers Support Group - that a grant of £525 be made;
- (h) Heritage
  - (i) New Cumnock Historical Society - that a grant of £50 be made;
  - (ii) Catrine, Sorn and District Local History Group - that a grant of £100 be made;
- (i) Leisure Activities
  - (i) Catrine Angling Club - that a grant of £100 be made, and to suggest to the Group that they may wish to make application to East Ayrshire Sports Council for funding in respect of the project in question;
  - (ii) Able Activities - that a grant of £750 be made;
  - (iii) Cumnock and District Round Table - that a grant of £2,000 be made;
  - (iv) Drongan and District Canine Society - that this application be refused, the Committee being of the view that the application does not represent value for money;
  - (v) Cumnock and District Carpet Bowling Club - that a grant of £300 be made, subject to the Club obtaining public liability insurance in respect of its activities;
  - (vi) Mauchline Horticultural and Agricultural Society - that a grant of £350 be made;
- (j) Older People (for purposes other than social and recreational activities)
  - (i) Cumnock and District Elderly Forum - that a grant of £270 be made;
  - (ii) Muirkirk and District Elderly Forum - that a grant of £260 be made;
- (k) Social Inclusion
  - (i) Muirkirk Learners Group - that a grant of £250 be made;
  - (ii) Cairnhill Community House Management Group - that a grant of £1,920 be made;
  - (iii) Afton Lone Parents (Running Costs) - that a grant of £237 be made;
  - (iv) Four Connections - that a grant of £1,500 be made;
- (l) Sport
  - (i) Glenafton Athletic Football Club - that a grant of £543 be made;
  - (ii) Glenafton Athletic Boys Club 95's - that a grant of £66 be made;
- (m) Women's Issues
  - (i) Auchinleck Ladies Friendship Group - that a grant of £300 be made;
  - (ii) Senior Ladies Friday Club - that a grant of £300 be made;

- (iii) Cumnock and District Widow's Group - that a grant of £400 be made;
- (iv) Muirkirk WRI - that a grant of £200 be made;
- (v) Netherthird and District Wives and Mothers - that a grant of £250 be made;

(n) Young People

- (i) 1<sup>st</sup> Muirkirk Boys Brigade - Councillor Carmichael, seconded by Councillor Smith moved that a grant of £80 be made in respect of this application, for general running costs, in accordance with the formula agreed in Item 3(ii), above.

Councillor N McGhee, seconded by Councillor Ross, moved as an amendment that a grant of £80 be made in respect of this application for general running costs, in accordance with the formula agreed in Item 3(ii), above; and that a further grant award of £220 be made in respect of training courses and trips.

On a division by a show of hands, the amendment was carried by four votes to two.

- (ii) 1<sup>st</sup> Mauchline Scout Group - that a grant of £300 be made;
- (iii) 1<sup>st</sup> Ochiltree Girls Brigade - that a grant of £70 be made;
- (iv) 1<sup>st</sup> Muirkirk Boys Brigade - Junior Section - that a grant of £70 be made.
- (v) Hiz Kidz - that a grant of £80 be made;
- (vi) Mauchline Parish Church Holiday Club - that a grant of £250 be made;
- (vii) 3<sup>rd</sup> Cumnock Brownie Pack - that a grant of £70 be made;
- (viii) Afton Lone Parents (Playscheme) - that a grant of £578 be made;
- (ix) East Ayrshire Women's Aid - Cumnock and Doon Valley (Playscheme) - Councillor Jackson, seconded by Councillor N McGhee moved that a grant of £1,009.40 be made in respect of this application.

Councillor Ross, seconded by Councillor Smith, moved as an amendment that this application be refused on the basis that the costs of the playscheme should form part of this organisation's application for core funding to East Ayrshire Council.

On a division by a show of hands, there were three votes for the amendment and three votes for the motion.

There being an equality of votes, the Chair exercised his casting vote in favour of the motion.

- (vi) that the balance remaining from the allocation available for Community Grants for the current financial year, being £274.10 be set aside to deal with applications which might be received during the remainder of the current

financial year, where such applications are either submitted by organisations newly formed during the year or are considered to be of an urgent nature;

- (vii) with regard to the application for funding submitted last year by Auchinleck Community Development Initiative, consideration of which was continued from the last meeting:-

(a) Declaration of Interest

Councillor N McGhee declared a direct non pecuniary interest in this item of business and although he provided clarification on certain aspects of the application, he took no part in the consideration or determination of this matter; and

(b) Consideration of Item

It was agreed that no further grant award be made since the financial allocation for grants for the current year had been fully committed as indicated in Item 3(iii), (v) and (vi), above; and

- (viii) that, where applicable, the approved grant payments to those organisations referred to in Item 3(iii) and Item 3(v), above, be issued only when the organisation concerned has (a) submitted all supporting 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 award made during the 2003/2004 year; and (c) provided evidence to confirm that, where appropriate, insurance cover was in place, and any requisite permissions had been obtained for the project which was the subject of the application.

#### **DEATH OF MR WILL SHAW OF MUIRKIRK**

4. Arising from consideration of the application for grant funding from Muirkirk Elderly Forum, Members of the Committee referred to the recent sad death of Mr Will Shaw of Muirkirk. Mr Shaw had been an active member of the Elderly Forum for many years and right up until his death. Members acknowledged the contribution made by Mr Shaw over many years to the interests of older people not only in Muirkirk but within the wider local community and also nationally.

The meeting terminated at 1635 hours.