

**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL****CUMNOCK AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE****MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 28 APRIL 2005 AT 1400 HOURS IN OCHILTREE COMMUNITY CENTRE, MAIN STREET, OCHILTREE**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Jimmy Carmichael, George Smith, William Menzies and Neil McGhee; Community Representatives: Mr James Hastie, Mr William Lees, Mrs Jean Smith and Mr Alec Cochrane; and Substitute Community Representatives: Mr Alex Currie, Mr David Gibson and Mr Matthew Burns.

**ATTENDING:** Tammy Devlin, Play Development and Grants Manager; Anne Marie Carr, Senior Administrative Officer; Margaret McBain and David Wotherspoon, Team Leaders - Community Learning and Development; Anne Martin, Administration Officer; and Stuart Nelson and Lynn Chapman, Administrative Officers.

**APOLOGIES:** Councillors Eric Jackson, Jimmy Kelly, William Crawford and Eric Ross; and Community Representatives: Mrs Margaret Campbell and Mr James McMillan.

**CHAIR:** Councillor Jimmy Carmichael, Chair.

**CHAIR'S REMARKS**

1. Councillor Carmichael advised of his appointment as Chair of the Local Committee at the Council Meeting earlier in the day. He expressed appreciation to the former Chair, Councillor Menzies, for his contribution to the work of the Local Committee over a number of years during which he had been the Chair.

**DECENTRALISATION ISSUES**

**APPOINTMENT OF COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES 2005/2006  
(Item 7, Page 1402, 03/07)**

2. The Administrative Officer reported on further nominations received from local organisations for Community Representatives and Named Substitutes, as follows, namely:-
  - (a) Community Councils: Mr James Hastie (New Cumnock Community Council); Substitute - Mr David Gibson (Auchinleck Community Council); and Mr James McMillan (Cumnock Community Council); and Substitute - Mr Alex Currie (Muirkirk Community Council);
  - (b) Older People's Organisations - Mr William Lees (New Cumnock Age Concern); and Substitute - Mr Alex McCall (Age Concern, Cumnock); and
  - (c) Tenants'/Residents' Groups - Substitute - Mr Matthew Burns (Upper Blarene and Ardnith Avenue Tenants' and Residents' Association, New Cumnock). (Verbal nomination to be confirmed in writing).

It was agreed to accept the above-mentioned nominations; and that acceptance of the nomination of Mr Matthew Burns as a Substitute Community Representative for Tenants'/Residents' Groups would be subject to appropriate written confirmation.

## COMMUNITY GRANTS

### DISBURSEMENT OF COMMUNITY GRANTS 2005/2006

#### 3.1 Appointment of Chair

Councillor Carmichael requested that Councillor Menzies take the Chair for this item of business in view of his close involvement in the preparatory works, and this was agreed unanimously.

Councillor Menzies took the Chair.

#### 3.2 Consideration of Item

There was submitted a report dated 11 April 2005 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support to enable the Committee to consider and deal with applications for Community Grant received from local organisations in respect of the 2005/2006 financial year.

It was agreed as follows, namely:-

- (i) that, where applicable, the approved grant payments indicated below be issued only where the organisation concerned had (a) submitted all supporting documentation relative to the application, and this had been found to be satisfactory; (b) submitted a satisfactory report, with appropriate documentary evidence, to confirm use of any grant award made during the 2004/2005 year; and (c) had 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;
- (ii) that all applications received for the current year be accepted, irrespective of the date of receipt;
- (iii) that no part of the allocation available for Community Grants for the current financial year be set aside in respect of applications which might be received during the remainder of the current financial year;
- (iv) 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; 20-40 members - £70; and more than 40 members - £80;
- (v) that the per capita element of grant awards to older people's organisations in respect of social and recreational activities for 2005-2006 be made at the rate of £3.35 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, Cumnock (CG 2875) - £207.70;
  - (ii) Age Concern, Muirkirk (CG 2874) - £1,175.85;
  - (iii) New Cumnock Age Concern (CG 2902) - £2,251.20;
  - (iv) Age Concern, Cumnock (CG 2930) - £3,953.00;
  - (v) Mauchline Old Folk's Welfare Committee (CG 2990) - £2,499.10;
  - (vi) Catrine Old Folk's Welfare Committee (CG 2880) - £1,440.50;

- (vii) Cumnock Landward Age Concern (CG 2937) - £1,283.05;
  - (viii) Netherthird and Craigens Senior Citizens Thursday Club (CG 2872) - £147.40;
  - (ix) Auchinleck Senior Citizens (Gents Section) (CG 2932) - £100.50;
  - (x) WRVS (Darby and Joan Club), Cumnock (CG 2979) - £147.40;
  - (xi) The Cabin, Muirkirk (CG 2894) - £110.55;
  - (xii) Ochiltree Old Folk's Welfare Committee (CG 2882) - £649.90;
  - (xiii) Auchinleck Old Folk's Welfare Association - £1,902.80, subject to submission of a satisfactory assessment report in respect of this application, the matter to be dealt with in detail by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support, in consultation with the Chair;
  - (xiv) Lugar and Logan Age Concern - £492.45, subject to submission of a satisfactory assessment report in respect of this application, the matter to be dealt with in detail by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support, in consultation with the Chair; and
  - (xv) Sorn Old Folk's Welfare Association - £485.75, subject to submission of a satisfactory assessment report in respect of this application, the matter to be dealt with in detail by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support, in consultation with the Chair;
- (vi) in respect of the applications submitted by the undernoted groups (for the purposes specified on the grant application form), and except where indicated below, that grants be awarded in accordance with the "Final Recommendations" made by the Executive Directors concerned, subject to a reduction of 6.44% in view of the total available allocation for grants for 2005/2006, the individual grant awards being as follows, namely:-
- (a) Arts and Cultural
    - (i) Cumnock Area Musical Production Society (CG 2896) - £1,403.40;
    - (ii) Catrine Arts and Crafts Group (CG 2915) - £140.34;
    - (iii) Catrine Drama Group (CG 2935) - £187.12; and
    - (iv) CREATE (CG 2952) - £982.38;
  - (b) Community Associations
    - (i) Muirkirk Community Association (Refurbishment of Christmas Lights) (CG 2855) - £233.90;
    - (ii) Muirkirk Community Association (Decoration of Information Centre Office and Practical Room) (CG 2856) - that this application be refused (a) since the Information Centre is not operated by the Community Association; and (b) the Committee being of the view that income generated through lets should be utilised for refurbishment of the Community Centre, including the

proposed redecoration works which were the subject of part of this application;

- (iii) Muirkirk Community Association (Gala Day) (CG 2857) - £233.90; and
- (iv) Cumnock Landward Community Association (CG 2926) - £449.09;

(c) Community Councils

- (i) Auchinleck Community Council (CG 2980) - £243.26;
- (ii) Cumnock Community Council (CG 2923) - £449.09;
- (iii) Mauchline Community Council (CG 2933) - £1,309.84;
- (iv) Catrine Community Council (Hanging Baskets and Insurance) (CG 2940 and CG 2941) - £233.90;
- (v) Catrine Community Council (Noticeboard) (CG 2942) - £374.24;
- (vi) Cumnock Landward Community Council (CG 2944) - £467.80;
- (vii) Sorn Community Council (Judges' accommodation and meals) (CG 2953) - £187.12;
- (viii) Sorn Community Council (Community Newsletter) (CG 2954) - £280.68; and
- (ix) Sorn Community Council (Filling of Hanging Baskets) (CG 2955) - £233.90;

(d) Community Safety

- (i) East Ayrshire South Against Crime (CG 2884) - £327.46;

(e) Disability

- (i) Cumnock and Doon Valley Deaf Club (CG 2873) - £1,403.40;
- (ii) Cumnock and Doon Valley Access Panel (CG 2890) - £701.70;
- (iii) Cumnock and District Blind Club (CG 2891) - £1,169.50;
- (iv) Cumnock and Doon Valley Independent Living and Friendship Group (CG 2907) - £935.60;
- (v) East Ayrshire (South) Forum on Disability (CG 2919) - £982.38;
- (vi) New Cumnock Disabled Club (CG 2931) - £374.24;
- (vii) Bonnie Doon PHAB Club (CG 2934) - £802.65; and
- (viii) South East Ayrshire Disabled Club (CG 2951) - £99.87;

(f) Environmental

- (i) Muirkirk Enterprise Group (Hanging Baskets) (CG 2858) - that this application be refused since the cost of the project has been fully met from another grant funding source;
- (ii) Muirkirk Enterprise Group (Admin costs/accountancy fees) (CG 2859) - £280.68;

- (iii) Muirkirk Enterprise Group (Signage for Heritage Garden) (CG 2860) - £93.56;
  - (iv) Catrine Environmental Group (CG 2879) - £309.68;
  - (v) CRAVE (CG 2939) - that this application be refused, the Committee being of the view that the proposal did not represent value for money; and
  - (vi) Auchinleck Primary School PTA (CG 2948) - £1,403.40;
  - (g) Ethnic Minorities
    - (i) Asian Cultural Group (CG 2877) - £935.60;
  - (h) Health Issues
    - (i) Carers Support Group (CG 2869) - £473.65;
    - (ii) Auchinleck Self Help Group (CG 2889) - £739.12;
    - (iii) Cumnock Osteoporosis Group (CG 2950) - £168.41; and
    - (iv) Cumnock Self Help Group (CG 2989) - that a grant of £561.36 be made;
  - (i) Heritage
    - (i) Catrine, Sorn and District Local History Group (CG 2972) - £93.56;
  - (j) Leisure Activities
    - (i) Cumnock and District Carpet Bowling Club (CG 2839) - £215.91;
- Vacation/Appointment of Chair
- Councillor Menzies left the meeting at this point and Councillor Carmichael took the Chair.
- (ii) Catrine Angling Club (CG 2849) - £93.56;
- Vacation/Appointment of Chair
- Councillor Menzies re-joined the meeting at this point and Councillor Carmichael vacated the Chair in favour of Councillor Menzies.
- (iii) VIVID (CG 2861) - £267.58;
  - (iv) Catrine Visual Arts Group (CG 2886) - £140.34;
  - (v) Mauchline Arts and Crafts Group (CG 2887) - £327.46;
  - (vi) Mauchline Horticultural and Agricultural Society (CG 2888) - £350.85;
  - (vii) Mauchline Gala Committee (CG 2906) - £280.68;
  - (viii) Able Activities (CG 2916) - £467.80;
  - (ix) Auchinleck Gardening Club (CG 2922)

Declaration of Interest

Councillor McGhee declared a non-financial interest in respect of this application and took no part in consideration or determination of same.

Determination of Item

It was agreed that a grant of £486.51 be made;

- (x) Skerrington, Craigens and Netherthird Fun Day Group (CG 2943)

Declaration of Interest

Councillor Menzies declared a non-financial interest in respect of this application and took no part in consideration or determination of same.

Appointment of Chair

Councillor Menzies vacated the Chair in favour of Councillor Carmichael.

Determination of Item

It was agreed that a grant of £374.24 be made; and

Appointment of Chair

Councillor Carmichael vacated the Chair in favour of Councillor Menzies.

- (xi) Cumnock and District Round Table (CG 2958) - £1,403.40;
- (k) Older People (for purposes other than social and recreational activities)
  - (i) Cumnock and District Elderly Forum (CG 2883) - £280.68; and
  - (ii) Muirkirk and District Elderly Forum (CG 2925) - £140.34;
- (l) Social Inclusion
  - (i) Cairnhill Community House Management Committee (CG 2905) - £1,871.20;
  - (ii) Sorn Village Hall (CG 2921) - £1,403.40; and
  - (iii) Afton Lone Parents (Running Costs) (CG 2945) - £215.19;
- (m) Sport
  - (i) Glenafton Athletic Football and Sporting Club (CG 2895) - that a grant of £1,229.38 be made subject to the Group confirming that the equipment to be purchased with the grant assistance will be available for use by other appropriate organisations within the community;
  - (ii) Glenafton Boys Club 1992 (Under 13's) (CG 2929) - that a grant of £116.95 be made, but that the Group be advised that, in future, applications for funding in respect of similar purposes (purchase of new strips, run out tops and bags) should be directed to East Ayrshire Sports Council; and

- (iii) Cumnock Sports Centre (CG 2978) - £421.02;
- (n) Tenants/Residents Group
  - (i) Safe Barshare (CG 2917) - £1,637.30;
- (o) Women's Issues
  - (i) Auchinleck Ladies Friendship Group (CG 2863) - £374.24;
  - (ii) Cumnock and District Widow's Group (CG 2871) - £467.80;
  - (iii) Muirkirk WRI (CG 2897) - £280.68;
  - (iv) Senior Ladies Friday Club (CG 2920) - £233.90; and
  - (v) Netherthird and District Wives and Mothers (CG 2927) - £233.90;
- (p) Young People
  - (i) 1<sup>st</sup> Muirkirk Boys Brigade (Running costs) (CG 2853) - £80.00;
  - (ii) 1<sup>st</sup> Muirkirk Boys Brigade (Camp/outings) (CG 2854) - £374.24;
  - (iii) 3<sup>rd</sup> Mauchline Brownies (CG 2862) - £257.29;
  - (iv) 1<sup>st</sup> Mauchline Scout Group (CG 2878) - £467.80;
  - (v) Mauchline Parish Church Holiday Club (CG 2918) - £233.90;
  - (vi) Four Connections (CG 2928) - £1,871.20;
  - (vii) Avonlea Youth Centre (CG 2938) - £935.60;
  - (viii) Afton Lone Parents (Easter, Summer and October Playschemes) (CG 2946) - £374.24;
  - (ix) 1<sup>st</sup> Ochiltree Girls Brigade (CG 2947) - £238.41 (£70.00 for running costs and £168.41 for other activities); and
  - (x) East Ayrshire Women's Aid (CG 2949) - £467.80.

#### **FORMER CHAIR'S REMARKS**

4. Councillor Menzies commented that he considered himself privileged to have been Chair of the Local Committee for a number of years, an experience which he had found to be both worthwhile and valuable; and expressed appreciation for the support and assistance which he had received from Elected Members, Community Representatives and Officers during that time.

The meeting terminated at 1602 hours.