

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

CUMNOCK AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 13 JUNE 2002 AT 1400 HOURS IN CATRINE COMMUNITY CENTRE, INSTITUTE AVENUE, CATRINE

PRESENT: Councillors William Menzies, Eric Jackson and Julie Faulds; Community Representatives: Mr Jack Campbell, Mr James Brown, Mr William Lees, Mr John Brady, Mrs Mary Rankin, Mrs Margaret Campbell and Mr Iain McGregor; and Substitute Community Representatives: Mr Brian Broadley and Mrs Jean Smith.

ATTENDING: John Clayton, Head of Corporate Development and Communication; Janice Harrison and Alan Patterson, Team Leaders, Support to Communities (Educational and Social Services); Andrew Hamilton, Leisure Policy Officer (Community Services); Julie Armstrong, Principal Administrative Officer (Corporate Resources); and Stuart Nelson and Christine Baillie, Administrative Officers (Corporate Resources).

ALSO ATTENDING: Inspector Ramsay McArthur, Strathclyde Police.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Jimmy Kelly, Provost Jimmy Boyd and Councillor Jimmy Carmichael.

CHAIR: Councillor William Menzies, Chair.

CHAIR'S REMARKS

1. The Chair welcomed Mr Iain McGregor who had been nominated as the School Pupil Representative to the meeting.

DECENTRALISATION ISSUES

**APPOINTMENT OF COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES 2002/2003
(Item 2, Page 2517, 99/03)**

2. It was reported that Mr Iain McGregor, a pupil at St Joseph's Academy (Kilmarnock Campus) and Ms Gemma Leitch, pupil at Cumnock Academy, had been nominated to serve as Community Representative and Substitute, respectively, on the Local Committee to represent School Pupils.

It was agreed to accept these nominations.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING: TO ALLOW A PUBLIC QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION

3. It was agreed to adjourn the meeting at 1402 hours to allow for a 15 minute (maximum) public question and answer session.

RECONVENTION OF MEETING

4. The meeting reconvened at 1403 hours with the same Councillors, Community Representatives, Substitute Community Representatives and Officers present and in attendance.

MINUTES

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

5. There were submitted, for information, and noted, the Minutes of the meeting of the Cumnock Area Local Committee held on 11 April 2002 (circulated).

5.1 Matter Arising - Mr John Spooner (Item 13, Page 2521, 99/02)

The Chair reported that John Spooner, Business Development Manager within the Council's Development Services Department had not taken up the post of Chief Executive of the Ayrshire Chamber of Commerce and Industry as had been reported at the last meeting.

LOCAL ISSUES

6.1 LOCAL ISSUES

There was submitted and noted a report dated 7 May 2002 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources which provided information on the local issues raised, and where applicable, the timescales for reporting back to the Local Committee.

6.2 NEW ISSUES

Community Representatives were invited to raise any local issues of interest for inclusion on a future Agenda.

It was agreed that a report be submitted to a future meeting of this Committee on the Council's proposals for vacant Council houses in New Cumnock.

DECENTRALISATION ISSUES

TRAINING FOR COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES AND SUBSTITUTE REPRESENTATIVES

7. There was submitted a report dated 10 April 2002 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources which advised of the arrangements for training sessions for Community Representatives and their respective Substitutes.

In this connection, the Administrative Officer reported that a copy of the report had been circulated to Community Representatives and Substitutes prior to the issue of the Local Committee Agenda, in view of the closeness of the dates of the training sessions.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the terms of the report; and
- (ii) that any Community Representative or Substitute Representative who wished to attend either of the training sessions indicated in the report should contact George Weir, Training and Development Officer to indicate on which date they would wish to attend.

COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES' ANNUAL SEMINAR WORKING GROUP

8. The Committee were invited to nominate a Community Representative and Substitute to serve on the Community Representatives' Annual Seminar Working Group.

It was agreed to nominate William Lees and Jean Smith, as Substitute, to serve on the Working Group.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

OPERATION SPOTLIGHT

9. There was submitted a report dated 13 May 2002 (circulated) by Chief Inspector McKnight, Strathclyde Police, which advised of "Spotlight" activity and other crime trends over the recent period.

It was agreed to note (a) the terms of the report; (b) further information provided by Inspector Ramsay McArthur at the meeting; and (c) that any local organisation wishing further information on accessing the Community Partnership Fund should contact Constable Scott at Cumnock Police Office.

COMMUNITY GRANTS

INTRODUCTION OF NEW ASSESSMENT FORM/COMMITTEE REPORT

10. There was submitted a report dated 24 April 2002 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources which introduced the new assessment form which would form the basis of the Local Committee report on grants in future.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the introduction of the new assessment form/Committee report; and
- (ii) to note that the new process would be reviewed after an operational period, when the views of the Local Committee would be invited.

DISBURSEMENT OF COMMUNITY GRANTS 2002/2003 (Item 7, Page 2342, 99/03)

11. There was submitted a report dated 30 May 2002 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources to enable the Committee to consider and deal with applications for Community Grant received from local organisations in respect of the 2002/2003 financial year.

It was agreed, namely:-

- (i) to note that the Community Grant allocation for the Committee for 2002/2003 was £53,463, plus an amount of £334.40 reimbursed to the Local Committee by two organisations in respect of previously awarded grant monies which were unexpended;
- (ii) that all applications for the current year be accepted, irrespective of the date of receipt;
- (iii) that no part of the financial allocation available to the Local Committee for community grants for the current financial year be set aside to deal with further applications which might be received during the 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 Summer and Christmas activities be made at the rate of £3.00, 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:-
- Opportunities in Retirement - £246;
 Cumnock Landward Senior Citizen's Club - £159;
 WRVS - Cumnock - £210
 Senior Ladies Friday Club - £108;
 The Cabin, Muirkirk - £126;
 Auchinleck Senior Citizen's Club (Gents Section) - £78;
 Age Concern, Muirkirk - £1,170;
 Ochiltree Old Folk's Welfare Committee - £570;
 Auchinleck Old Folk's Welfare Association - £1,854;
 New Cumnock Age Concern - £2,037;
 Age Concern, Cumnock - £3,534;
 Mauchline Old Folk's Welfare Committee - £2,280;
 Catrine Old Folk's Welfare Committee - £1,380;
 Cumnock Landward Age Concern - £1,344;
 Sorn Old Folk's Welfare Association - £511 , subject to a satisfactory assessment on this application being received from the appropriate Service Department, final determination of the application to be made by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources, in consultation with the Chair; and
 Lugar and Logan Age Concern - £525, subject to receipt of an application from this organisation and to a satisfactory assessment thereon being received from the appropriate Service Department, final determination of the application to be made by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources, in consultation with the Chair;
- (vi) 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) Catrine and District Visual Arts Group - that a grant of £250 be made, subject to confirmation that the purpose of this application, or part thereof, has not been funded from other sources;
- (ii) Catrine Drama Group - that a grant of £250 be made;

- (iii) Catrine Arts and Crafts - that a grant of £100 be made;
 - (iv) Mauchline Arts and Crafts Group - that a grant of £200 be made;
- (b) Community Associations
- (i) Mauchline Community Association - that no grant award be made at this time and that the Association should seek funding for the purpose of this application from other sources;
 - (ii) Cumnock Landward Community Association - that no grant award be made at this time and that the Association should seek funding for the purpose of this application from other sources;
 - (iii) Muirkirk Community Association - that a grant of £500 be made;
 - (iv) Mauchline Community Association (Gala Day) - that a grant of £300 be made;
- (c) Community Councils
- (i) Mauchline Community Council - that a grant of £250 be made;
 - (ii) Cumnock Community Council - that a grant of £500 be made;
 - (iii) Catrine Community Council - that a grant of £250 be made in respect of the hanging baskets and that the Community Council be advised to seek funding from other sources in respect of the proposed purchase of related equipment;
 - (iv) New Cumnock Community Council - it was noted that the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources had approved a grant of £300 in respect of this application, under delegated powers, and following consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair;
 - (v) Sorn Community Council - that a grant of £250 be made;
- (d) Community Safety
- (i) Safe Barshare - that a grant of £600 be made;
 - (ii) East Ayrshire (South) Against Crime - that a grant of £500 be made;
- (e) Disability
- (i) Cumnock and Doon Valley Deaf Club - that a grant of £1,600 be made in the event that the Club are unable to obtain funding for the purpose of this application from other sources;
 - (ii) Cumnock and Doon Valley Access Panel - that a grant of £400 be made;
 - (iii) South East Ayrshire Disabled Club - that a grant of £630 be made;
 - (iv) New Cumnock Disabled Club - that a grant of £250 be made;
 - (v) Cumnock and District Blind Club - that a grant of £1,500 be made;
 - (vi) East Ayrshire (South) Forum on Disability - that a grant of £1,000 be made;

- (vii) Cumnock and Doon Valley Independent Living and Friendship Group - that a grant of £500 be made and that the Group be advised to seek funding from other sources in respect of the balance of the cost of their proposed activities;
 - (viii) PHABS-R-US - that a grant of £900 be made and that the Group be advised to seek funding from other sources in respect of the balance of the cost of their proposed activities;
- (f) Early Education and Childcare
- (i) Mauchline Burns Bairns Under 5's Group - that a grant of £250 be made;
 - (ii) Jolly Tots Under 5's - that a grant of £200 be made in respect of the purchase of floor coverings and that the Group be advised to seek funding from other sources in respect of the proposed purchase of a computer;
 - (iii) Ochiltree Nursery Bus - that no grant award be made at this time and that the Group should seek funding for the purpose of this application from the East Ayrshire Childcare Strategy Fund;
 - (iv) Sorn Mother and Toddler Group - that a grant of £100 be made;
 - (v) Lugar, Logan and Cronberry Mothers and Toddlers Group - that a grant of £200 be made;
- (g) Environmental
- (i) Sorn Environmental Regeneration Volunteers - that a grant of £400 be made in the event that the Group's request for funding for the purpose of the application to another source is unsuccessful;
- (h) Ethnic Minorities
- (i) Asian Cultural Group - that a grant of £750 be made;
- (i) Health Issues
- (i) Cumnock Self Help Group - that a grant of £400 be made;
 - (ii) Auchinleck Self Help Group - that a grant of £500 be made;
 - (iii) LUG - that a grant of £214.66 be made;
 - (iv) Ladies Wednesday Group - that a grant of £165 be made;
- (j) Heritage
- (i) New Cumnock Historical Society - that a grant of £50 be made;
- (k) Leisure Activities
- (i) Catrine Angling Club - that a grant of £400 be made;
 - (ii) Able Activities - that a grant of £400 be made;
 - (iii) Outdoor Opportunities - that a grant of £500 be made;
 - (iv) Mauchline Horticultural and Agricultural Society - that a grant of £150 be made;

- (v) Cumnock and District Round Table - that a grant of £1,580 be made;
 - (vi) Greenshutter Machine Knitting Club - that a grant of £500 be made on condition that the Group obtain suitable insurance cover for the equipment to be purchased;
 - (vii) Lugar Parish Church - it was noted that this application had been withdrawn;
 - (viii) Lugar, Logan and Cronberry Gala Committee - that a grant of £300 be made;
- (l) Older People
- (i) Cumnock Living Memory Group - that a grant of £200 be made;
 - (ii) Muirkirk and District Elderly Forum - that a grant of £50 be made;
 - (iii) Cumnock and District Elderly Forum - that a grant of £50 be made;
- (m) Social Inclusion
- (i) Cairnhill Community House Management Committee - that a grant of £3,500 be made, subject to confirmation of the appropriateness of grant being made in respect of the wages element of this application, this matter to be determined by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources, following consultation with the Chair;
- (n) Sport
- (i) Auchinleck Bowling Club - that a grant of £2,000 be made;
 - (ii) New Cumnock Amateur Boxing Club - that a grant of £1,000 be made;
 - (lii) Glenafton Boys Club - that a grant of £500 be made;
- (o) Tenants/Residents Groups
- (i) Keir Hardie Hill Tenants Association- that a grant of £200 be made;
- (p) Women's Issues
- (i) Cumnock and District Widows Group - that a grant of £400 be made;
 - (ii) Auchinleck Ladies Friendship Group - that a grant of £400 be made;
 - (iii) Muirkirk WRI - that a grant of £100 be made;
 - (iv) Skerrington and Netherthird Co-operative Women's Guild - that a grant of £200 be made;
 - (v) Netherthird and District Wives and Mothers - that a grant of £250 be made;

- (q) Young People
- (i) Ayrshire South Guide Association - that a grant of £425 be made;
 - (ii) 1st Muirkirk Boys Brigade - that a grant of £400 be made;
 - (iii) East Ayrshire Women's Aid (Cumnock and Doon Valley) - that a grant of £533.33 be made;
 - (iv) 1st Mauchline Scout Group - that a grant of £400 be made;
 - (v) Afton Lone Parents Group - that a grant of £450 be made;
 - (vi) Afton Lone Parents Group - that a grant of £200 be made;
 - (vii) New Cumnock Parish Church Holiday Club - that a grant of £250 be made;
 - (viii) 3rd Cumnock Brownie Pack - that a grant of £70 be made;
 - (ix) New Cumnock Baptist Church Youth Club - that no grant award be made at this time and that the Club should seek funding for the purpose of this application from other sources;
 - (x) Four Connections - that a grant of £2,000 be made, to be paid on a phased basis during the 2002/03 financial year as determined by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources after consultation with the Chair;
 - (xi) Four Connections - that this application be refused since the Committee have approved the preceding application which was submitted by this organisation and is for a similar purpose;
 - (xii) 1st Ochiltree Girls Brigade - that a grant of £250 be made (£180 for project costs and £70 for general running costs);
- (v) that the Council's External Funding Officer provide all appropriate information and advice to those organisations indicated above in making application to other sources for funding; and that, in the meantime, consideration of disbursement of the balance of the funds available to the Local Committee for Community Grants for the current financial year, being £5,904,41, be held in abeyance pending the outcome of such applications;
- (vi) that the Council's External Funding Officer arrange to provide information and guidance to local organisations generally within the Cumnock Area on possible sources of funding for projects/activities which they might wish to undertake;
- (vii) that, where appropriate, grant payments to those organisations referred to in (iv), above, be issued only when the organisation concerned has satisfactorily completed and returned the financial progress report relating to any grant award made in respect of the 2001/2002 financial year; and
- (viii) that, in future years, the closing date for the submission of grant applications by local organisations be 28 February.

The meeting terminated at 1700 hours.

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