

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**CUMNOCK AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE****MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 26 JUNE 2003 AT 1405 HOURS IN CUMNOCK TOWN HALL, GLAISNOCK STREET, CUMNOCK**

PRESENT: Councillors William Menzies, Eric Jackson, George Smith, Neil McGhee and Eric Ross; and Community Representatives: Mr James Brown, Mr William Lees, Mrs Jean Smith, Mr John Brady, Mrs Margaret Campbell and Miss Elaine McIlvenney; and Substitute Community Representatives: Mr James Liddell, Mr Alex McCall, Mr Ian Scade and Miss Jennifer Docherty.

ATTENDING: Julie Armstrong, Assistant Administration Manager; Melvin Griffin, External Funding and Sustainability Officer; Tammy Devlin, Play Development and Grants Manager; Janice Harrison and David Wotherspoon, Team Leaders - Community Learning and Development; Stuart Nelson, Administrative Officer; and Lynn Chapman, Trainee Administrative Officer.

ALSO ATTENDING: Inspector Jim Thomson, Strathclyde Police.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Jimmy Kelly, William Crawford and Jimmy Carmichael; and Community Representatives: Mr James Hastie, Mrs Margaret Whitelaw and Mr John McBean.

CHAIR: Councillor William Menzies, Chair.

**APPOINTMENT OF COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES 2003/2004
(Item 5, Page 3193, 99/03)**

1. There was submitted a report dated 16 June 2003 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources 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 2003 to 31 March 2004.

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 2004, namely:-
 - (i) Community Councils: Mr James Brown, (Member, Ochiltree Community Council); and Mr James Hastie (Member, New Cumnock Community Council); and Substitutes - Mr Allan McKay (Member, Sorn Community Council); and Mr James Liddell (Member, Auchinleck Community Council);
 - (ii) East Ayrshire (South) Forum on Disability: Substitute - Mrs Anne Bell (Member of the Forum);
 - (iii) Tenants Groups: Mrs Margaret Campbell (Member, Safe Barshare);
 - (iv) Youth Forum (or equivalent organisation): Hazel McCurdie (Member, Cumnock Youth Forum);

- (ii) to note that Miss Kirsten Liddell had resigned as the School Pupil Substitute Community Representative; and to approve the nomination of Miss Jennifer Docherty as the new Substitute Community Representative until 31 March 2004;
- (iii) to note that Mr David Mann, the former Chief Executive of Ayrshire Chamber of Commerce and Industry had resigned as the Substitute Community Representative for the Business Community;
- (iv) to note that no nominations had been received from Ethnic Minority Groups but that such groups, through the East Ayrshire Council Ethnic Minorities Forum be given the opportunity to put forward nominations in future years;
- (v) that the final community organisation sector representation on this Committee for the period until 31 March 2004 be from those sectors which have submitted, and had approved, nominations, i.e. Community Councils (2 representatives), Older Peoples' Interest Groups, East Ayrshire (South) Forum on Disability, Youth Forum (or equivalent organisation), Sports Groups, Local Churches, Business Community, School Pupils and Tenants Groups;
- (vi) to remit to the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources to continue to seek the submission of outstanding nominations for Community Representatives and Substitute Community Representatives and to make such arrangements as might be necessary to facilitate same; and
- (vii) otherwise, to note the terms of the report.

The Chair welcomed to the meeting those new Community Representatives and Substitute Community Representatives who were present.

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

2. It was agreed to adjourn the meeting at 1412 hours to allow for a 15 minute maximum public question and answer session.

RECONVENTION OF MEETING

3. The meeting reconvened at 1413 hours with the same Councillors, Community Representatives, Substitute Community Representatives and Officers present and in attendance.

MINUTES

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

4. There were submitted, and noted, the Minutes of meeting of the Cumnock Area Local Committee held on 27 March 2003 (circulated).

LOCAL ISSUES

5.1 LOCAL ISSUES

There was submitted and noted a report dated 17 June 2003 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources which provided information

on local issues raised, and where applicable, the timescales for reporting back to the Local Committee.

5.2 NEW LOCAL ISSUES

Following an invitation, it was noted that Community Representatives had not raised any local issues for inclusion on a future Agenda.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

POLICE REPORT

6. There was submitted and noted a report dated 19 May 2003 (circulated) by Chief Inspector McKnight, Strathclyde Police, which advised of crime trends and Police activity within the local area over the recent period.

DECENTRALISATION ISSUES

DATES AND VENUES FOR LOCAL COMMITTEE MEETINGS

7. It was reported that the Council's Meetings Calendar for the period until December 2003 had now been approved, which included for meetings of this Local Committee to take place on Thursday 11 September 2003 and on Thursday 6 November 2003; and in this connection, it was agreed that these meetings be held, respectively, in Ochiltree Community Centre and Logan Community Wing, which accorded with the pattern of venues for meetings of the Local Committee previously agreed.

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, with Jean Smith as Substitute, to serve on the Working Group.

EDUCATIONAL AND SOCIAL SERVICES

COMMUNITY LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT (Item 4, Page 3199, 99/03)

9. There was submitted and noted a report dated 9 May 2003 (circulated) by the Director of Educational and Social Services which advised of the response by the Council to the Scottish Executive Consultation Document "Working and Learning Together to Build Stronger Communities: Community Learning and Development Working Draft Guidance"; and of the change in name to the service formerly known as Support to Communities to Community Learning and Development.

COMMUNITY GRANTS

1ST MAUCLINE SCOUT GROUP (Item 8, Page 2781, 99/03)

10. There was submitted a report dated 18 June 2003 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources which sought approval to a request from

the 1st Mauchline Scout Group to use a Community Grant award for a purpose other than that which was originally approved.

It was agreed to accede to the request by the Scout Group, subject to the appropriate works being carried out and the grant monies expended no later than September of this year.

DISBURSEMENT OF COMMUNITY GRANTS 2003/2004

11. There was submitted a report dated 9 June 2003 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources to enable the Committee to consider and deal with applications for community grants received from local organisations in respect of the 2003/2004 financial year.

There were also tabled an amended Appendix 5 to the report and assessment reports in respect of applications submitted by Ochiltree Old People's Welfare Committee and Lugar and Logan Age Concern. The Administrative Officer also provided a verbal update advising that 20 applications had now been received following the closing date of 28 February 2003, giving an overall total of 86 applications received.

It was agreed, namely:-

- (i) to note that the Community Grant allocation for the Committee for 2003/2004 was £54,952.00 plus amounts of £680.58 reimbursed to the Local Committee by four organisations in respect of previously awarded grant monies which were unexpended, and of £525.00 which had been accrued from 2002/2003 in respect of a grant award approved but not paid;
- (ii) to note that since the issue of the report, a further application had been received from Drongan and District Canine Society;
- (iii) that all applications received for the current year be accepted, irrespective of the date of receipt;
- (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 - £70.00; 20-40 members - £80.00; and more than 40 members - £90.00;
- (v) that, in future, per capita grant awards to Older People's Organisations be made in respect of "social and recreational activities" rather than "Summer and Christmas activities" as in the past, in order to reflect more accurately the purposes for which many of these groups apply for grant for; and that the Committee would continue to have the opportunity to consider (a) an additional award of grant to such organisations on the basis of the individual merit of the applications submitted; and (b) applications from Older People's Organisations in respect of activities which come outwith the definition of "social and recreational activities";
- (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) Cumnock Area Musical Production Society - that a grant of £2,000 be made;

- (ii) Catrine and District Visual Arts Group - that a grant of £332.23 be made, subject to the Group providing confirmation that appropriate insurance was in place, where required, for the purpose of grant;
- (iii) Mauchline Arts and Crafts - that a grant of £700 be made;
- (iv) Catrine Drama Group - that a grant of £300 be made;
- (v) Catrine Arts and Crafts - that a grant of £200 be made;

Councillor Eric Ross joined the meeting at this point.

(b) Community Associations

- (i) Muirkirk Community Association - that a grant of £1,200 be made;
- (ii) Cumnock Landward Community Association - that a grant of £400 be made;
- (iii) Mauchline Community Association (Gala Day) - that a grant of £300 be made;

(c) Community Councils

- (i) New Cumnock Community Council (Fun Day) - that a grant of £300 be made;
- (ii) Cumnock Community Council (Gala Day) - that a grant of £485 be made;
- (iii) Auchinleck Community Council (Hanging Baskets) - that a grant of £1,750 be made, subject to the Community Council confirming that appropriate insurance was in place and that the necessary permissions had been obtained from the Roads Division, in respect of the purpose of grant;
- (iv) Catrine Community Council (Hanging Baskets and Christmas Lights) - that a grant of £550 be made, subject to the Community Council confirming that appropriate insurance was in place and that the necessary permissions had been obtained from the Roads Division, in respect of the purpose of grant;
- (v) Sorn Community Council (Web Site) - that a grant of £150 be made;
- (vi) Sorn Community Council (Christmas Lights) - that a grant of £500 be made, subject to the Community Council confirming that appropriate insurance was in place and that the necessary permissions had been obtained from the Roads Division, in respect of the purpose of grant;
- (vii) Sorn Community Council (Hanging Baskets)

Councillor Ross, seconded by Councillor McGhee moved that a grant of £365 be made in respect of this application.

Councillor Jackson, seconded by Councillor Menzies, moved as an amendment that a grant of £250 be made in this case.

On a division by a show of hands, the motion was carried by 3 votes to 2.

It was also agreed that the grant award be subject to the Community Council confirming that appropriate insurance was in place and that the necessary permissions had been obtained from the Roads Division, in respect of the purpose of grant;

- (viii) Mauchline Community Council (Hanging Baskets) - that a grant of £250 be made, subject to the Community Council confirming that appropriate insurance was in place and that the necessary permissions had been obtained from the Roads Division, in respect of the purpose of grant;

(d) Disability

- (i) Cumnock and Doon Valley Deaf Club - that a grant of £1,600 be made;
- (ii) South East Ayrshire Disabled Club - that a grant of £950 be made;
- (iii) Riding for the Disabled Association - that a grant of £333 be made;
- (iv) Cumnock and Doon Valley Access Panel - that a grant of £670 be made;
- (v) Cumnock and District Blind Club - that a grant of £1,150 be made;
- (vi) Cumnock and Doon Valley Independent Living and Friendship Group - that a grant of £925 be made;
- (vii) East Ayrshire (South) Forum on Disability - that a grant of £1,300 be made;
- (viii) New Cumnock Disabled Club - that a grant of £400 be made;
- (ix) Bonnie Doon PHAB Club - that a grant of £375 be made;

(e) Early Education and Childcare

- (i) Jolly Tots Under 5's - that a grant of £350 be made;
- (ii) Mauchline Burns Bairns Under 5's Group - that a grant of £470 be made;

(f) Environmental

- (i) Sorn Environmental Regeneration Volunteers - that a grant of £270 be made;

(g) Ethnic Minorities

- (i) Asian Cultural Group - that a grant of £1,066 be made;

(h) Health Issues

- (i) Auchinleck Self Help Group - that a grant of £750 be made;
- (ii) Cumnock Self Help Group - that a grant of £756 be made;

(iii) Carers Support Group - that a grant of £625 be made;

(i) Heritage

(i) Muirkirk Enterprise Group - that a grant of £500 be made in respect of the purchase of fertiliser for hanging baskets and additional cabinets and cupboards for the Museum;

(ii) New Cumnock Historical Society - that a grant of £50 be made;

(j) Leisure Activities

(i) Catrine Angling Club - that a grant of £227.72 be made, subject to the Group confirming that appropriate insurance was in place and that the necessary agreements had been made with the Catrine Voes Trust in respect of the purpose of the grant;

(ii) Mauchline Horticultural and Agricultural Society - that a grant of £250 be made;

(iii) Cumnock and District Round Table - that a grant of £2,000 be made, subject to consideration being given to the possibility of funding for the purpose of this application being obtained from the Cumnock Common Good Fund;

(iv) Able Activities - that a grant of £500 be made;

(v) Greenshutter Machine Knitting Club - that a grant of £258.83 be made, subject to the Group confirming that appropriate insurance was in place for the equipment which it is proposed to purchase;

(vi) Drongan and District Canine Society - that a grant of £48.50 be made, 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 after consultation with the Chair;

(k) Older People (for purposes other than social and recreational activities)

(i) Muirkirk and District Elderly Forum - that a grant of £150 be made;

Councillor Eric Jackson left the meeting at this point.

(l) Social Inclusion

(i) Cairnhill Community House Management Committee - that a grant of £1,946 be made;

(m) Sport

(i) Affleck Thistle - that this application be refused, the Committee being of the view that the organisation is able to meet the cost of the proposed project from existing resources;

(ii) Glenafton Boys Club 92's - that a grant of £307 be made;

(iii) Glenafton Boys Club 95's - that a grant of £33 be made;

- (iv) Ochiltree Rovers Football Club - that a grant of £396.66 be made, subject to the Group confirming that insurance cover is in place for the equipment which it is proposed to purchase;
- (n) Tenants/Residents Groups
 - (i) Safe Barshare - that a grant of £800 be made;
- (o) Women's Issues
 - (i) Cumnock and District Widows Group - that a grant of £300 be made;
 - (ii) Auchinleck Ladies Friendship Group - that a grant of £450 be made;
 - (iii) Skerrington and Netherthird Co-operative Women's Guild - that this application be refused since the organisation is political in nature, which is contrary to Condition 2 of the "Conditions of Grant";
 - (iv) Muirkirk WRI - that a grant of £350 be made;
 - (v) Netherthird and District Wives and Mothers - that a grant of £250 be made;
- (p) Young People
 - (i) 1st Ochiltree Girls Brigade - that a grant of £250 be made;
 - (ii) 1st Muirkirk Boys Brigade - that a grant of £500 be made;
 - (iii) 1st Cumnock Brownie Pack - that a grant of £163.25 be made;
 - (iv) 1st Mauchline Scout Group - that a grant of £600 be made;
 - (v) 3rd Cumnock Brownie Pack - that a grant of £80 be made;
 - (vi) Crossroads After School Club - that a grant of £88.10 be made;
 - (vii) East Ayrshire Women's Aid - Cumnock and Doon Valley - that a grant of £961 be made;
 - (viii) New Cumnock Parish Church Holiday Club - that a grant of £300 be made, subject to the Club confirming that the purpose of grant did not contravene Condition 17 of the "Conditions of Grant";
 - (ix) Girlguiding Ayrshire South - that this application be refused, the Committee being of the view that they would wish to support locally based Guide Groups rather than the umbrella organisation;
 - (x) Mauchline Parish Church Holiday Club - that a grant of £250 be made, subject to the Club confirming that the purpose of grant did not contravene Condition 17 of the "Conditions of Grant";
 - (xi) Afton Lone Parents (Running Costs) - that a grant of £100 be made;
 - (xii) Afton Lone Parents (Playscheme) - that a grant of £556 be made;
 - (xiii) Four Connections - that a grant of £1,800 be made;

- (xiv) Avonlea Youth Centre - that a grant of £450 be made;
 - (xv) Hiz Kidz - that this application be refused because (i) the proposed Summer Camp is a purpose which is contrary to Condition 17 of the "Conditions of Grant"; and (ii) the purchase of a lap-top computer does not represent value for money and additionally, the Committee felt that funding for this purpose could be sought from another source;
 - (xvi) Greenmill Out of School Service - that a grant of up to £1,300 be made, 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 after consultation with the Chair;
- (vii) that the per capita element of grant awards to Older People's Organisations in respect of social and recreational activities for 2003/2004 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) The Cabin, Muirkirk - £136.50;
 - (ii) Netherthird & Craigens Senior Citizens Thursday Club - £175;
 - (iii) Opportunities in Retirement - £259;
 - (iv) Catrine Old Folks Welfare Association - £1,540;
 - (v) WRVS Darby and Joan Club, Cumnock - £189;
 - (vi) Age Concern, Cumnock - £3,801;
 - (vii) Mauchline Old Folk's Welfare Association - £2,621.50;
 - (viii) Age Concern, Muirkirk - £1,368.50
 - (ix) Auchinleck Senior Citizen's Club - Gents Section - £108.50;
 - (x) Cumnock Landward Age Concern - £1,480.50;
 - (xi) New Cumnock Age Concern (in respect of applications CG 2118 and CG 2119) - £2,460.50;
 - (xii) Auchinleck Old Folk's Welfare Association - £1,925;
 - (xiii) Lugar and Logan Age Concern - £420;
 - (xiv) Ochiltree Old Folk's Welfare Committee - £598.50;
 - (xv) Sorn Old Folk's Welfare Association - £479.50, 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 after consultation with the Chair;
- (viii) that, where applicable, grant payments to those organisations referred to in (vi) and (vii), above, be issued only when the organisations concerned have

completed and returned a satisfactory financial progress report relating to any grant award made in respect of the 2002/2003 financial year;

- (ix) that the balance remaining from the allocation available to the Local Committee for Community Grants for the current financial year, being £606.29 be set aside to deal with applications which might be received during the remainder of the current financial year, where such applications are submitted by organisations newly formed during the year or are considered to be of an urgent nature;
- (x) that the Administrative Officer, in liaison with appropriate representatives of the Assessing Departments, prepare and submit to a future meeting a report setting out timescales to be applied in respect of the processing of applications for Community Grants to be dealt with by this Committee during the next and subsequent financial years, for the purpose of ensuring, insofar as is possible, that such applications are dealt with expeditiously; and
- (xi) to request, for information, a breakdown of the grant awards made by East Ayrshire Sports Council during the last four financial years.

The meeting terminated at 1718 hours.