

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

CUMNOCK AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 20 JUNE 2001 AT
1400 HOURS IN CUMNOCK TOWN HALL, GLAISNOCK STREET, CUMNOCK**

PRESENT: Councillors William Menzies, Eric Jackson, George Smith, Julie Faulds, Provost Jimmy Boyd and Councillor Jimmy Carmichael; Community Representatives Mr Kevin Dorman, Mr William Lees, Mr Richard Brown, Mrs Margaret Campbell and Miss Lorna Phillips; and Substitute Community Representatives Mr James Hastie and Mr Drew McMillan.

ATTENDING: Nicola Thom, Assistant Area Manager (Homes and Technical Services); Alan Patterson, Team Leader, Support to Communities (Education); Andrew Hamilton, Leisure Policy Officer (Community Services); Julie Armstrong, Principal Administrative Officer (Corporate Resources); Val Walker, PSCO (Education); Margaret Phelps, Service Officer - Development (Social Work); Stuart Nelson, Administrative Officer (Corporate Resources); and Christine Baillie, Trainee Administrative Officer (Corporate Resources).

APOLOGIES: Councillor Jimmy Kelly; and Community Representatives Mr William Crawford, Mr Ronnie Hamilton and Mr John McBean; and Substitute Community Representative Ms Lillas Dunlop.

CHAIR: Councillor William Menzies, Chair.

CHAIR'S REMARKS

1. The Chair introduced and welcomed to the meeting, Mr Drew McMillan, Substitute School Pupil Representative, who was attending his first meeting of the Local Committee.

GLENAFTON DRIVE ACTION GROUP: REQUEST FOR GRANT

2. There was submitted a report dated 11 June 2001 (circulated) by the Director of Homes and Technical Services on an application for a start-up and annual operating grant by Glenafton Drive Action Group, New Cumnock.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that a start-up grant of £150.00 and an annual operating grant of £100.00 be made to the Association, the expenditure to be met from the Housing Revenue Account; and
- (ii) that the Director of Homes and Technical Services arrange for the grant payment to be made.

Councillor Smith joined the meeting at this point.

ADDITIONAL ITEM

- 3.1 The Chair, at his discretion and in terms of Standing Order 13, agreed that the following sub-item of business be dealt with in view of the nature of the request and of the forthcoming summer recess.

COMMUNITY GRANTS

3.2 CATRINE, SORN AND DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY GROUP (Item 1(v)(j)(i), Page 970, 99/02)

There was submitted a letter from the Secretary to Catrine, Sorn and District Local History Group which (a) referred to the grant of £650.00 awarded to this organisation by the Local Committee in May 2000 in respect of two projects, i.e. the re-production of the Catrine Chronicle (1906-1908) and researching the history of G Reid and Sons of Catrine; (b) explained that the Group had been unable to complete the proposed projects within the period of 12 months specified within the "Conditions of Grant"; and (c) requested an additional period of time, until 30 November 2001, in which to complete the projects in question and expend the grant monies.

It was agreed to accede to this request.

3.3 FOOD CONNECTIONS GROUP (Item 1, (v)(i)(i), Page 970, 99/02)

The Members were reminded that this Committee on 10 May 2000 had agreed to award a grant of £250.00 to the Food Connections Group in respect of costs relating to information resources/stationery; postage and telephone; speakers; and publicity.

In this connection it was reported that the Group had (a) advised that they had not utilised the grant paid during the 2000/2001 year; and (b) requested that they be allowed to utilise these monies in respect of the following, namely:- contribution to Organic Garden Project at Cairnhill Primary School, New Cumnock; let fees for Cairnhill Community House; secretarial expenses; and travelling expenses.

It was agreed to note the position and to consider this request along with those applications received for grant funding for the current financial year, under the following item.

3.4 FINANCIAL YEAR 2001/2002 (Item 3, Page 1492, 99/02)

There was submitted a report dated 15 May 2001 (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 2001/2002 financial year.

It was agreed, namely:-

- (i) to note that the community grant allocation for the Committee for 2001/2002 was £51,709.00, plus an amount of £250 in respect of the grant award made to the Food Connections Group last year;
- (ii) not to set local priorities for the forthcoming financial year but to treat each individual application on its merits;
- (iii) that the closing date of 31 March 2001 specified for the submission of grant applications for the 2001/02 be not applied in respect of applications from older people's groups, having regard to the previous decision of the Committee to make grant assistance available to such organisations at least partly on a per capita basis and in recognition of the contribution such organisations, through their activities, make towards combating particular difficulties which can be experienced by older people through social isolation;

- (iv) notwithstanding (iii), above, that all applications received up to and including 9 April 2001 be accepted;
- (v) 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;
- (vi) 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;
- (vii) 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, and that no further awards of grant made to such organisations for these purposes on the basis of merit, the grant awards to such organisations accordingly being as undernoted:-

Age Concern, Muirkirk - £1,152;

Ochiltree Old Folks Welfare Committee - £561;

Auchinleck Old Folks Welfare Association - £1,737;

New Cumnock Age Concern - £2,055;

Age Concern, Cumnock - £3,252;

Mauchline Old Folks Welfare Committee - £2,277;

Catrine Old Folks Welfare Committee - £1,254;

Cumnock Landward Age Concern - £1,314;

Lugar and Logan Age Concern - £525;

Sorn Old Folks Welfare Association - £348, 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;

Cumnock Landward Club - £180;

Auchinleck Senior Citizens Gents Club - £180;

WRVS, Cumnock (Darby and Joan Club) - £180;

The Cabin, Muirkirk - £123;

Muirkirk Elderly Forum - £60;

Warwick Court Tenants Association - £84;

Auchinleck Senior Citizens Ladies Club - £90; and that a further grant of £160 be made to this organisation in respect of the proposed purchase of items of equipment;

- (viii) that the application submitted by Muirkirk Day Centre Management Committee in respect of the purchase of kitchen equipment be refused, the Committee being of the view that the group are in a position to meet the cost of the proposed expenditure from their existing funds;

Councillor Faulds joined the meeting at this point.

- (ix) in respect of the applications submitted by the undernoted groups (for the purpose specified on the grant application form), as follows, the undernoted grant awards being approved in principle only, subject to possible amendment in the light of the examination of alternative means of funding for the applications, this matter being remitted to the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources in consultation with the Chair, the Local Members concerned and appropriate Officers, with a view to ensuring that expenditure on grant awards for the 2001/02 financial year does not exceed the allocation available for this purpose, namely:-

(a) Arts and Cultural

- (i) Mauchline Arts and Crafts Group - that a grant of £200 be made;
- (ii) Muirkirk Enterprise Group - that a grant of £250 be made;
- (iii) Catrine Community Dance Group -

Provost Boyd, seconded by Councillor Faulds, moved that a grant of £500 be made in respect of this application.

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

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

- (iv) Catrine Arts and Crafts - that a grant of £200 be made on condition that the group contact the Museums and Arts Service of the Department of Community Services, to receive advice on the recruitment of new members and on fundraising;
- (v) Catrine Drama Group - that a grant of £400 be made;
- (vi) Cumnock Area Musical Production Society - that a grant of £1,250 be made;
- (vii) Cumnock Floral Art Club - that a grant of £400 be made;
- (viii) Dalmellington Band - that a grant of £214.30 be made; and
- (ix) Catrine and District Visual Arts Group - that a grant of £450 be made;

(b) Community Associations

- (i) Muirkirk Community Association - that a grant of £300 be made;
- (ii) Mauchline Community Association - that a grant of £300 be made; and
- (iii) Cumnock Landward Community Association - that a grant of £400 be made;

(c) Community Councils

- (i) Mauchline Community Council - that a grant of £235 be made;

- (ii) Cumnock Community Council (administrative costs) - that this application be refused because provision exists for financial assistance to be made available to Community Councils in respect of administration costs in terms of the East Ayrshire Council Community Council Scheme 1997;
- (iii) Cumnock Community Council (Pantomime) - that a grant of £400 be made subject to the Community Council providing written confirmation that they have obtained appropriate public liability insurance for the proposed event; and
- (iv) Sorn Community Council - that a grant of £235 be made;
- (d) Community Safety
 - (i) Safe Barshare - that a grant of £800 be made;
- (e) Disability
 - (i) Cumnock and District Blind Club - that a grant of £2,000 be made;
 - (ii) Cumnock and Doon Valley Deaf Club - that a grant of £2,000 be made;
 - (iii) East Ayrshire South Forum on Disability - that a grant of £900 be made;
 - (iv) Cumnock and Doon Valley Access Panel - that a grant of £414 be made;
 - (v) South East Ayrshire Disabled Club - that a grant of £900 be made;
 - (vi) Cumnock and Doon Valley Independent Living and Friendship Group - that a grant of £900 be made;
 - (vii) New Cumnock Disabled Club - that a grant of £ 300 be made; and
 - (viii) PHABS R US - that a grant of £1,250 be made;
- (f) Early Education and Childcare
 - (i) Bright Sparks Toddler Playscheme, Cumnock - that a grant of £100 be made;
 - (ii) Sorn Mother and Toddler Group - that a grant of £150 be made; and
 - (iii) Ochiltree Pre-Five to Auchinleck Nursery Bus - that this application be refused, the Committee being of the view that this would not be an appropriate use of Community Grant funding and would set an undesirable precedent;

(h) Environmental

Councillor Carmichael, as a Director of the Group, declared a non-pecuniary interest in the application submitted by New Cumnock Environmental Regeneration Volunteers, in terms of Clause 12(b) of the National Code of Local Government Conduct, and left the meeting during consideration and determination of this application.

- (i) New Cumnock Environmental Regeneration Volunteers - that a grant of £300 be made in respect of office running costs and supplies but that no award be made in respect of the other aspects of the application, the Committee being of the view that this would not be an appropriate use of Community Grant funds;

Councillor Carmichael re-joined the meeting at this point.

- (ii) Catrine Voes Trust - that a grant of 14% of the total projects costs, up to a maximum of £2,500, be made, subject to the group securing funding from other sources in respect of the balance of the overall costs;

Councillor Smith, as a Director of the Group, declared a non-pecuniary interest in the application submitted by Sorn Environmental Regeneration Volunteers, in terms of Clause 12(b) of the National Code of Local Government Conduct, and took no part in consideration and determination of this application.

- (iii) Sorn Environmental Regeneration Volunteers - that a grant of £250 be made;

(i) Ethnic Minorities

- (i) Asian Cultural Group - that a grant of £1,250 be made;

(j) Health Issues

- (i) Cumnock Self Help Group - that a grant of £500 be made;
- (ii) Auchinleck Self Help Group - that a grant of £600 be made;
- (iii) Ladies Wednesday Group, Cumnock - that a grant of £200 be made; and
- (iv) Food Connections Group - that a grant of £250 be made;

(k) Heritage

- (i) New Cumnock Historical Society - that a grant of £50 be made; and
- (ii) Cumnock Living Memory Group - that a grant of £500 be made;

(l) Leisure Activities

- (i) Catrine Angling Club - that this application be refused since the grant application form was received outwith the time period referred to in Paragraph 3.4(iv) above;
- (ii) Sorn Swing Park Project - that this application be refused because the Group had not submitted the supporting

documentation required in order to enable the application to be processed;

- (iii) Mauchline Horticultural and Agricultural Society - that a grant of £150 be made;
- (iv) Cumnock Gala Day Committee - that a grant of £300 be made;
- (v) New Cumnock Gardening Club - that a grant of £100 be made;
- (vi) Cumnock and District Round Table - that a grant of £2,000 be made;
- (vii) Greenshutters Machine Knitting Club - that a grant of £500 be made; and
- (viii) New Cumnock Swimming Pool Committee - that this application be refused since the grant application form was received outwith the time period referred to in Paragraph 3.4(iv) above;

(m) Social Inclusion

- (i) Cairnhill Community House Management Group - that a grant of £3,500 be made; and
- (ii) Afton Lone Parents - that a grant of £100 be made;

(n) Sport

- (i) Cumnock Badminton Club - that a grant of £240 be made;

(o) Tenants/Residents Groups

- (i) Keir Hardie Hill Tenants and Residents Association - that a grant of £400 be made;

(p) Women's Issues

- (i) Muirkirk WRI - that a grant of £250 be made;
- (ii) Cumnock and District Widows Group - that a grant of £400 be made;
- (iii) Skerrington and Netherthird Women's Guild - that a grant of £200 be made; and
- (iv) Senior Ladies Friday Club - that a grant of £200 be made;

(r) Young People

- (i) East Ayrshire Women's Aid - Cumnock and Doon Valley - that a grant of £1,024.66 be made;
- (ii) 1st Auchinleck Boys Brigade - that a grant of £500 be made;
- (iii) Muirkirk Boys Brigade - that a grant of £300 be made in respect of project costs; and a grant of £80 in respect of general running costs in accordance with the formula agreed in Paragraph 3.4(vi) above;
- (iv) 1st Ochiltree Girls Brigade - that a grant of £150 be made in respect of project costs; and a grant of £70 in respect of general

running costs in accordance with the formula agreed in Paragraph 3.4(vi) above;

- (v) Hiz Kidz - that a grant of £200 be made;
 - (vi) 3rd Cumnock Brownie Pack - that a grant of £70 be made in respect of general running costs in accordance with the formula agreed in Paragraph 3.4(vi) above;
 - (vii) Afton Lone Parents Group - that a grant of £500 be made;
 - (viii) Mauchline Parish Church Holiday Club - that a grant of £230 be made;
 - (ix) 1st Cumnock Company Boys Brigade - that a grant of £800 be made;
 - (x) 1st Catrine Brownies - that a grant of £150 be made in respect of project costs; and a grant of £60 in respect of general running costs in accordance with the formula agreed in Paragraph 3.4(vi) above;
 - (xi) CAST'N - that a grant of £1,000 be made;
 - (xii) 1st Mauchline Scout Group - that a grant of £1,250 be made;
 - (xiii) Ayrshire South Guide Association - that a grant of £1,000 be made;
 - (xiv) 1st Mauchline Guides - that a grant of £70 be made in respect of general running costs in accordance with the formula agreed in Paragraph 3.4(vi) above;
 - (xv) New Cumnock Baptist Church Youth Club - that a grant of £200 be made subject to the group obtaining the balance of the costs from other sources;
 - (xvi) Shirley's School of Twirling - that a grant of £100 be made; and
 - (xvii) Yipworld.com - that this application be refused, the Committee being of the view that the purpose of the application in this case could be more appropriately funded from sources other than the Community Grants budget; and
- (x) that, where appropriate, grant payments to the above-mentioned organisations be issued only when the organisation concerned has satisfactorily completed and returned the progress report relating to any grant award made in respect of the 2000/2001 financial year.

The meeting terminated at 1707 hours.

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