

**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL****CUMNOCK AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE****MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 10 MAY 2000 AT 1400 HOURS IN THE COOPER TRUST SUITE, MAUCHLINE COMMUNITY CENTRE, KILMARNOCK ROAD, MAUCHLINE**

**PRESENT:** Councillors William Menzies, Eric Jackson, George Smith, Jimmy Kelly, Julie Faulds, Provost Jimmy Boyd and Councillors Eric Ross and Jimmy Carmichael; Community Representatives Mr William Crawford, Reverend Jason Boyd, Mr William Lees, Mr David Elliot, Mrs Caroline McBride; and Substitute Community Representative Mr Kevin Dorman.

**ATTENDING:** Alan Patterson, Community Learning Officer (Education); Andrew Hamilton, Leisure Policy Officer (Community Services); Val Walker, PSCO (Education); Julie Armstrong, Senior Administrative Officer (Corporate Services); Margaret Phelps, Service Officer - Development (Social Work); Stuart Nelson, Administrative Officer (Corporate Services); and Christine Baillie, Trainee Administrative Officer (Corporate Services).

**APOLOGIES:** Community Representative Miss Linda Blackwood and Substitute Community Representative Miss Lorna Philips.

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

**COMMUNITY GRANTS****DISBURSEMENT OF COMMUNITY GRANTS 2000/2001  
(Item 13, Page 866, 99/02)**

1. There was submitted a report dated 2 May 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Corporate Services to enable the Committee to consider and deal with applications for Community Grant received from local organisations in respect of the 2000/2001 year.

The outcome of the Committee's deliberations was as follows, namely:-

- (i) Councillor Carmichael, seconded by Councillor Smith, moved 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 any further applications which might be received during the year.

Provost Boyd seconded by Councillor Jackson, moved as an amendment that a portion of the financial allocation available to the Local Committee for Community Grants for the current financial year, in an amount to be subsequently determined, be set aside to enable consideration to be given to applications for grant which might be received from groups formed during the year or in respect of emergency applications.

On a division by a show of hands, the motion was carried by 4 votes to 2.

- (ii) it was agreed to continue consideration to an early future meeting of how applications for grant submitted by older people's groups (including Old Folk's Welfare Associations/Age Concern Organisations and other groups), pending

submission of a further report by the Officers concerned on the options available to the Committee on this matter; and in the meantime to set aside a total sum of £18,132 for grant awards to older people's groups, this sum being equal to a per capita payment of £4.00 per member to the Old Folk's Welfare Associations/Age Concern Organisations based on the latest information provided by such organisations;

- (iii) it was agreed that grants be made to Young People's Uniformed Organisations during the current year according to membership numbers as follows, namely:- less than 20 members - £60; 20-40 members - £70; and more than 40 members - £80;
- (iv) it was agreed that for the current year, grants in the fixed amounts of £300 and £235 be made in respect of applications relating to Gala Days and Hanging Basket Projects, respectively;
- (v) in respect of the applications submitted by the undernoted groups (for the purpose specified on the grant application form), it was agreed as follows, namely:-

(a) Arts and Cultural

- (i) Catrine Arts and Crafts - that a grant of £300 be made;
- (ii) St Joseph's Parish Church Committee, Catrine  
Provost Boyd, seconded by Councillor Ross, moved that a grant of £200 be made in respect of this application.  
Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Kelly, moved as an amendment that a grant of £420 be made in respect of this application.  
On a division by a show of hands, the motion was carried by 4 votes to 2;
- (iii) Catrine Community Dance Group - that a grant of £250 be made;
- (iv) Catrine Drama Group - that a grant of £400 be made; and
- (v) Cumnock Community Radio Group - that a grant of £1,500 be made;

(b) Community Associations

- (i) Mauchline Community Association (Gala Day) - that a grant of £300 be made; and
- (ii) Ochiltree Community Association - that a grant of £250 be made;

(c) Community Councils

- (i) Sorn Community Council (Hanging Baskets) - that a grant of £235 be made;
- (ii) Lugar and Logan Community Council - that a grant of £550 be made (Gala Day - £300; Fireworks - £250);
- (iii) Mauchline Community Council (Hanging Baskets) - that a grant of £235 be made;

- (iv) Catrine Community Council - 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;
  - (v) Cumnock Community Council (Christmas Pantomime) - that this application be refused since the Community Council had not submitted supporting documentation required to enable the application to be processed; and
  - (vi) Cumnock Community Council (Miners' Memorial Plaque) - that this application be refused since the Community Council had not submitted supporting documentation required to enable the application to be processed;
- (d) Community Safety
- (i) Safe Barshare - that a grant of £5,000 be made;
- (e) Disability
- (i) PHABS R US - that a grant of £1,040 be made;
  - (ii) Cumnock and District Blind Club - that a grant of £1,125 be made;
  - (iii) Cumnock and Doon Valley Access Panel - that a grant of £200 be made;
  - (iv) East Ayrshire (South) Forum on Disability - that a grant of £800 be made;
  - (v) Cumnock and Doon Valley Deaf Club - that a grant of £1,126 be made;
  - (vi) New Cumnock Disabled Club - that a grant of £486.36 be made;
  - (vii) Cumnock and Doon Valley Independent Living Friendship Group - that a grant of £1,067 be made; and
  - (viii) South East Ayrshire Disabled Club - that a grant of £1,000 be made;
- (f) Early Education and Childcare
- (i) Burns, Bairns Pre-Five Group, Mauchline - that this application be refused since arrangements had been made for the group to obtain the equipment which they proposed to purchase (storage heater guards) from East Ayrshire Council's Property Section;
  - (ii) Sorn Mothers and Toddlers Group - that a grant of £150 be made; and
  - (iii) Ochiltree Pre-Five to Auchinleck Nursery School Bus - that this application be refused since the group had not submitted supporting documentation required to enable the application to be processed;

(g) Environmental

Councillor Carmichael, as Chairperson 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 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;

Councillor Carmichael re-joined the meeting at this point.

- (ii) Skares Kinfolk and Residents Environmental Society - that this application be refused since the group had not submitted supporting documentation required to enable the application to be processed;
- (iii) Muirkirk Enterprise Group (Hanging Baskets) - that a grant of £235 be made; and
- (iv) Catrine Voes Trust - that a grant of £1,000 be made;

(h) Ethnic Minorities

- (i) Asian Cultural Group - that a grant of £933 be made;

(i) Health Issues

- (i) Food Connections Group - that a grant of £250 be made;
- (ii) Auchinleck Self Help Group - that a grant of £650 be made; and
- (iii) Ladies Wednesday Group - that a grant of £150 be made;

(j) Heritage

- (i) Catrine, Sorn and District Local History Group - that a grant of £650 be made; and
- (ii) New Cumnock Historical Society - that a grant of £75 be made;

(k) Leisure Activities

- (i) Cumnock and District Round Table - that a grant of £1,500 be made; and that the Director of Community Services submit a report to this Committee providing an explanation of the reasons for the different funding arrangements for the fireworks displays in Kilmarnock and Cumnock and the possibility of funding for the Cumnock fireworks display being made though the Common Good Fund;
- (ii) Cumnock Gala Day Committee (Gala Day) - that a grant of £300 be made;
- (iii) Green Shutter Machine Knitting Club - that a grant of £750 be made;

- (iv) Mauchline Horticultural and Agricultural Society - that a grant of £150 be made;
- (v) New Cumnock Gardening Club - that a grant of £100 be made;
- (vi) New Cumnock Sewing Club - that a grant of £200 be made;
- (vii) Cumnock Music Club - that a grant of £300 be made; and
- (viii) Sorn Swing Park Project - that this application be refused, the Committee being of the view that the application does not meet the grant criteria and that any contribution to this project should be made by the Community Services Department, being the Department responsible for providing and maintaining children's play facilities within East Ayrshire;

(l) Social Inclusion

- (i) Cumnock and Doon Valley Poverty Action Group - that this application be refused in the light of previous decisions by East Ayrshire Council to withdraw funding from groups providing information and advice on benefits etc, a function which is already carried out by the Citizen's Advice Bureau; and
- (ii) Afton Lone Parents Group (Running Costs) - that a grant of £100 be made;

(m) Sport

- (i) Ochiltree Rovers Football Club - Boys Club Under 18's - that this application be refused, the Committee being of the view that the costs associated with this application (a) relating to running costs should be met by the group through fundraising and/or sponsorship; and (b) relating to equipment should more appropriately be funded by East Ayrshire Sports Council rather than the Community Grants budget;
- (ii) Cumnock Badminton Club

Councillor Ross, seconded by Councillor Smith, moved that a grant of £220 be made for equipment and trophies.

Provost Boyd, seconded by Councillor Faulds, moved as an amendment that a grant of £441 be made, as requested, in respect of this application.

On a division by a show of hands, the amendment was carried by 4 votes to 3.

(n) Tenants and Residents Groups

- (i) Keir Hardie Hill Tenants and Residents Association, Cumnock - (a) to accept this application which had been received after the specified closing date of 31 March 2000 in light of the extenuating circumstances indicated by the group; and (b) that a grant of £350 be made in respect of the children's trip and Christmas party; and that consideration of that part of the application pertaining to the Old Folk's trip and Christmas gift be

continued to an early future meeting when the Committee are determining all applications from older people's groups;

(o) Women's Issues

- (i) Cumnock and District Widow's Association - that a grant of £435 be made;
- (ii) Skerrington and Netherthird Co-operative Women's Guild - that a grant of £150 be made; and
- (iii) Cairnhill Women's Group - that a grant of £180 be made;

(p) Young People

- (i) Afton Youth Club - that a grant of £150 be made;
- (ii) 1st Muirkirk Boys Brigade - that a grant of £80 be made;
- (iii) New Cumnock Baptist Church Youth Club - that a grant of £500 be made;
- (iv) Afton Lone Parents Group (Playscheme) - that a grant of £640 be made;
- (v) 1st Ochiltree Girls Brigade - that a grant of £70 be made;
- (vi) Mauchline Parish Church Holiday Club - that a grant of £250 be made;
- (vii) 1st Cumnock Company Boys Brigade - that a grant of £80 be made;
- (viii) 1st Catrine Brownies - that a grant of £60 be made;
- (ix) CAST'N - that a grant of £1,000 be made;
- (x) 3rd Cumnock Brownie Pack - that a grant of £60 be made;
- (xi) Ayrshire South Guide Association - that a grant of £333 be made;
- (xii) 2nd Cumnock Boys Brigade (trips and overnight camp) - that a grant of £80 be made;
- (xiii) 2nd Cumnock Boys Brigade - that this application be refused since a grant award had already been made to this group in respect of the formula approved by the Committee and referred to in Paragraph 1(iii) above; and
- (xiv) East Ayrshire Women's Aid (Cumnock) - that a grant of £1,145 be made.

Councillor Faulds joined, and Councillor Ross and Community Representative Mr William Crawford left, the meeting during discussion of the preceding sub-item.

- (vi) that the remaining balance of funds available to the Committee, being £2,509.64 be held in abeyance in the meantime.

The meeting terminated at 1640 hours.