

**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL****CUMNOCK AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE****MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 26 MAY 1999 AT 1400 HOURS  
IN CUMNOCK TOWN HALL, GLAISNOCK STREET, CUMNOCK**

**PRESENT:** Councillors George Smith, Eric Jackson, Jimmy Kelly, Julie Faulds, William Menzies, Provost Jimmy Boyd and Councillors Eric Ross and Jimmy Carmichael; and Community Representatives Mrs Jean Smith, Mr Alex Currie, Reverend Duncan Eddie, Mr William Lees, Mr Ronnie Hamilton, Mr David Elliot and Mrs Caroline McBride.

**ATTENDING:** Jim Hazlett, Principal Officer (Social Work); David Hewet, Senior Policy Advisor (Development Services); Donald McVicar, Departmental Strategy Officer (Corporate Services); Bill Hunter, Area Community Education Officer; Campbell Dempster, Senior Engineer - Roads (Development Services); Val Walker, PSCO (Education); and Stuart Nelson, Administrative Officer (Corporate Services).

**ALSO ATTENDING:** Chief Inspector James Thomson, Strathclyde Police.

**APOLOGY:** Community Representative Mr William Crawford.

**CHAIR:** Councillor George Smith, Chair.

**CHAIR'S REMARKS**

1. The Chair welcomed the new Elected Members and Community Representatives who were attending a meeting of the Local Committee for the first time and wished them well during their period as Members of the Committee.

The Chair also referred to the recent Ward boundary changes within East Ayrshire, effective from 6 May 1999, one consequence of which was that Ochiltree and surrounding area was now included in the Cumnock Area Local Committee having been transferred from the Doon Valley Local Committee area.

**ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING**

2. It was agreed to adjourn the meeting at 1403 hours to allow for a 15 minute maximum public question and answer session.

**RE-CONVENTION OF MEETING**

3. The meeting re-convened at 1408 hours with the same Councillors, Community Representatives and Officers present and in attendance.

**MINUTES****MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

4. There were submitted and noted the Minutes of the meeting of the Cumnock Area Local Committee held on 8 April 1999 (circulated).

Councillor Ross joined the meeting at this point.

## **DECENTRALISATION ISSUES**

### **APPOINTMENT OF COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES**

5. It was reported that Mrs Caroline McBride, Chairperson of the McClymont Court Tenants' Association, Cumnock, had been nominated as the Community Representative to serve on the Local Committee for a period until 31 March 2000, to represent local Tenants Groups and that Ms Jacqueline Todd, member of the McClymont Court Tenants' Association had been nominated as the Substitute Community Representative.

It was agreed to accept the above-mentioned nominations.

## **COMMUNITY GRANTS**

### **DISBURSEMENT OF COMMUNITY GRANTS 1999/2000**

6. There was submitted a report dated 11 May 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Corporate Services to enable the Committee to consider arrangements for the disbursement of Community Grants during the 1999/2000 year.

#### **6.1 Declarations of Interest**

The undernoted Elected Member and Community Representatives declared an interest in the applications indicated and took no part in consideration of the applications concerned, namely:-

Councillor Carmichael - New Cumnock Environmental Regeneration Volunteers;

Mrs Jean Smith - Cumnock and Doon Valley Access Panel, East Ayrshire (South) Forum on Disability and Cumnock and District Blind Club (East Ayrshire South);

Reverend Duncan Eddie - The Kings Club, Cumnock and Crichton West Church, Cumnock.

#### **6.2 Consideration of Item**

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

- (i) it was agreed that the Committee would deal with those applications for grant received after the stated closing date of 31 March 1999, as indicated within Appendix 2 to the report, at this meeting;
- (ii) it was agreed that a sum of £5,000 be set aside from the financial allocation of £53,246 made available to the Local Committee for Community Grants for the current financial year in order to enable any further applications for grant which might be received during the year to be considered, including applications from organisations within Ochiltree or surrounding area;
- (iii) it was agreed that local organisations within Ochiltree and the surrounding area be required to submit applications for Community Grant for the current financial year, irrespective of when the organisation's proposed activity/event etc is due to take place, no later than 31 July 1999 and that in order to facilitate the submission of applications, the Director of Corporate Services arrange (a) for those organisations which had applied for Community Grant funding last year to be advised of the arrangements for applying for the current

year and to be issued with a copy of the grant application form; and (b) for posters to be displayed at Council premises advising of the arrangements;

- (iv) it was agreed that a further Community Grant payment be made to the local Age Concern organisations and Old Folk's Welfare Associations for the current year for Christmas activities at the rate of £2.00 per person, according to registered membership, giving a total grant award of £4.00 per member for the current financial year; and that any outstanding applications for grant funding from the organisations concerned be dealt with by the Director of Corporate Services in consultation with the Chair upon receipt of a satisfactory assessment and recommendation by the appropriate Service Department;
- (v) it was agreed that the approach to be applied in respect of applications for Community Grant from Young People's Uniformed Organisations during the current year would be as follows, namely:-
  - (a) that non-project specific grants would be made to such organisations according to membership numbers as follows, namely:- less than 20 members - £60; 20-40 members - £70; and more than 40 members - £80; and
  - (b) that grant applications from such organisations in respect of specific projects would be dealt with each on its individual merits;
- (vi) 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) Accident/Crime Prevention

(i) Safe Barshare

Councillor Kelly, seconded by Provost Boyd, moved that a grant of £350 be made in respect of this application.

Councillor Ross, seconded by Councillor Carmichael, moved as an amendment that a grant of £500 be made in respect of this application.

On a division by a show of hands, there were 4 votes for the amendment and 4 votes for the motion. There being an equality of votes, the Chair exercised his casting vote in favour of the motion.

(b) Conservation/History

- (i) New Cumnock Historical Society - that this application be refused because (i) the Society's projected income and bank balance was considered to be sufficient to cover the cost of the majority of the Society's core activities for the year; and (ii) there was little evidence of public involvement in the activities of the Group;

(ii) New Cumnock Environmental Regeneration Volunteers

Provost Boyd, seconded by Councillor Jackson, moved that a grant of £600 be made in respect of this application.

Councillor Menzies, seconded by Councillor Smith, moved as an amendment that a grant of £500 be made in respect of this application.

On a division by a show of hands, the motion was carried by 5 votes to 2.

- (iii) Catrine, Sorn and District Local History Group - that this application be refused since the Group had indicated that they would not be prepared to make the equipment which it was proposed to purchase, i.e. slide projector and digital camera, available for use by other local groups and because of concerns which the Committee had regarding the retention of the digital camera by one member of the group.

(c) Community Councils

- (i) Auchinleck Community Council (Clock Tower Project)

Councillor Carmichael, seconded by Councillor Jackson, moved that a grant of £400 be made in respect of this application.

Provost Boyd, seconded by Councillor Menzies, moved as an amendment that a grant of £600 be made in respect of this application.

On a division by a show of hands, the amendment was carried by 6 votes to 2.

- (ii) Mauchline Community Council (Hanging Baskets) - that a grant of £235 be made.

Councillor Carmichael left the meeting at this point.

- (iii) Cumnock Community Council (Civic Lunch) - that, in principle, a grant of £200 be made, this application to be dealt with in detail by the Director of Corporate Services in consultation with the Chair upon receipt of a satisfactory assessment and recommendation by the appropriate Service Department;
- (iv) Cumnock Community Council (Millennium Project) - that (a) in principle, a grant of £2,000 be made, this application to be dealt with in detail by the Director of Corporate Services in consultation with the Chair upon receipt of a satisfactory assessment and recommendation by the appropriate Service Department; and (b) that the Director of Community Services be requested to liaise with the Community Council in order to identify any other potential sources of funding for this project;
- (v) Cumnock Community Council (Christmas Pantomime) - that, in principle, a grant of £500 be made, this application to be dealt with in detail by the Director of Corporate Services in consultation with the Chair upon receipt of a satisfactory assessment and recommendation by the appropriate Service Department;
- (vi) Sorn Community Council (Purchase of Computer etc) - that this application be refused the Committee being of the view that

grant was being sought for assistance with an administrative expense, for which the Council has separate funding arrangements in place but that (a) the Director of Corporate Services consider funding assistance for Community Councils generally for the purchase of computer equipment and (b) it be suggested to the Community Council that they should explore the possibility of obtaining assistance for this purpose through Lottery funding.

(d) Disability

- (i) Cumnock and Doon Valley Access Panel - that a grant of £333 be made;
- (ii) Cumnock and Doon Valley Deaf Club - that a grant of £1,100 be made;
- (iii) South East Ayrshire Disabled Club - that a grant of £882 be made;
- (iv) East Ayrshire (South) Forum on Disability - that a grant of £800 be made;
- (v) New Cumnock Disabled Club - that a grant of £250 be made; and
- (vi) Cumnock and District Blind Club (East Ayrshire South) - that a grant of £1,000 be made.

(e) Health Issues

- (i) The Food Connections Steering Group - that a grant of £200 be made; and
- (ii) Cumnock Self Help Group - that a grant of £500 be made.

(f) Information and Advice

- (i) Community Radio Group - that a grant of £750 be made; and
- (ii) Crichton West Church, Cumnock - that (a) consideration of this application be continued to the next meeting pending submission by the Group of additional financial information together with an assessment and recommendation by the appropriate Department of the Council; and (b) the appropriate Officer of the Council discuss with the Group, the possibility of an application being made for Lottery funding for the project in question.

(g) Leisure Activities

- (i) Mauchline Horticultural and Agricultural Society - that a grant of £150 be made;
- (ii) New Cumnock Sewing Club - that a grant of £200 be made; and
- (iii) Cumnock and District Round Table - that (a) a grant of £1,000 be made; and (b) the Director of Community Services consider further funding in respect of this application;

- (iv) Cumnock and District Camera Club - that a grant of £200 be made;
- (v) Catrine Community Dance Group - that a grant of £250 be made;
- (vi) The Floral Art Group - noted that this application had been withdrawn and that a new application would be submitted by the Group;
- (vii) Catrine Arts and Crafts Club - that a grant of £300 be made;
- (viii) Catrine Drama Group - that a grant of £400 be made;
- (ix) Catrine Gala and Sports Festival Committee - that a grant of £300 be made;
- (x) Cumnock Gala Day Committee - that a grant of £300 be made;
- (xi) New Cumnock Gardening Club - that a grant of £235 be made; and
- (xii) Cumnock Horticultural Society - that a grant of £150 be made.

(h) Older People

- (i) Warrick Court Tenants' Association - that a grant of £200 be made;
- (ii) Cumnock and District National Association of Widows - that a grant of £300 be made;
- (iii) WRVS Darby and Joan, Cumnock - that a grant of £400 be made;
- (iv) Muirkirk Cabin (Summer Trip) - that a grant of £250 be made;
- (v) Muirkirk Cabin (Christmas Shopping Trip) - that a grant of £350 be made;
- (vi) Auchinleck Senior Citizen's - Gents - that a grant of £300 be made;
- (vii) Auchinleck Ladies Senior Citizen's - that a grant of £200 be made;
- (viii) Keir Hardie Hill Tenants' and Residents' Association (Old Folk's Trip and Christmas presents) - that a grant of £250 be made; and
- (ix) Muirkirk Elderly Forum - that a grant of £200 be made.

(i) Pre-Fives

- (i) Catrine Nursery Bus Scheme - that, in principle, a grant of £300 be made subject to confirmation that the service which the Group are proposing to provide will be required during the next school year; and
- (ii) Sorn Mother and Toddlers Group - that a grant of £150 be made.

(j) Sport

- (i) Ochiltree Rovers Boys Club Under 15's - that this application be refused, the Committee being of the view that it would not be appropriate for community grant funding to be used for the purchase of personal football kit as proposed i.e. football strips and running out tops;
- (ii) Glenafton Athletic Building Fund Committee - that consideration of this application be continued to the next meeting to enable the Director of Community Services to investigate the possibility of the submission of a joint application from Junior Football Clubs in the local area in respect of items which might be required by, and of use to, all of the Clubs; and
- (iii) Cumnock Juniors Boys Club - that consideration of this application be continued to the next meeting to enable the Group the opportunity of exploring other possible sources of funding.

(k) Voluntary Organisation Support

- (i) Muirkirk Enterprise Group - that a grant of £635 be made;
- (ii) Cairnhill Community House Management Group - that (a) a grant of £3,500 be made; and (b) the appropriate Officers of the Council consider a further financial contribution being made in respect of this application through main-line funding or from resources made available to the Council for Social Inclusion and any similar applications received from this group in future being wholly dealt with in this way;
- (iii) Mauchline Community Association - that a grant of £300 be made; and
- (iv) Catrine Community Association - that no grant award be made in respect of this application but that the application be referred to the Education Service for consideration.

(l) Women (including Lone Parents)

- (i) Catrine Ladies Group - that consideration of this application be continued to the next meeting pending clarification from the Group of the proposed use of the grant sought and submission of an assessment and recommendation relative to the application by the appropriate Department of the Council;
- (ii) Afton Lone Parents Group (Running Costs) - that a grant of £100 be made;
- (iii) Auchinleck Ladies Self Help Group - that a grant of £350 be made;
- (iv) Skerrington and Netherthird Co-operative Women's Guild - that a grant of £150 be made; and
- (v) Ladies Wednesday Group - that a grant of £200 be made.

(m) Young People

- (i) New Cumnock Baptist Church Youth Club - that a grant of £250 be made;
- (ii) 1st Mauchline Scout Group - that a grant of £1,800 be made;
- (iii) The Clifford Ritchie Dance School Parents Committee - that a grant of £243 be made;
- (iv) Afton Lone Parents Group (Summer Playscheme) - that a grant of £520 be made;
- (v) Elle Baton Twirling Troupe - that a grant of £100 be made;
- (vi) 2nd Cumnock Boys Brigade (Operating Expenses) - that a grant of £80 be made;
- (vii) Keir Hardie Hill Tenants and Residents Association (Children's Summer Outing and Christmas Party) - that a grant of £400 be made;
- (viii) 4th Cumnock Brownies - that a grant of £60 be made;
- (ix) 2nd Cumnock Boys Brigade (Summer Outing) - that a grant of £250 be made;
- (x) Mauchline Parish Church Holiday Club - that a grant of £200 be made;
- (xi) Muirkirk Brownies - that a grant of £60 be made;
- (xii) 1st Cumnock Brownie Pack - that a grant of £200 be made;
- (xiii) 3rd Cumnock Brownie Pack - that a grant of £60 be made;
- (xiv) Lugar Scout Group - that (a) a grant of £80 be made; and (b) the Group be advised that the Committee will consider any further application which they might wish to submit in respect of a particular project/event etc;
- (xv) 1st Cumnock Company Boys Brigade - that consideration of this application be continued to the next meeting pending the outcome of the Group's application to the Cumnock and Doon Valley Minerals Trust for funding assistance for the same purpose;
- (xvi) Barshare Junior Youth Club - that a grant of £450 be made;
- (xvii) East Ayrshire Women's Aid (Cumnock) - that a grant of £800 be made;
- (xviii) The Kings Club, Cumnock - in view of further information provided by Community Representative Reverend Duncan Eddie who reported that the Club had utilised all of the community grant awarded to them last year, that a grant award of £450 be made;
- (xix) Ayrshire South Guide Association (Running Costs) - that a grant of £333 be made;

- (xx) Ayrshire South Guide Association (Commissioner's Conference)  
- that a grant of £200 be made; and
  - (xxi) Ochiltree Community Association Youth Project - that a grant of £250 be made.
- (vii) to note that the total expenditure committed in respect of the applications referred to in (vi) above amounted to £29,865 which compared to the available remaining balance of £29,274 and agreed that the amount committed over and above the available balance, being £591, be met from the "top slice" referred to in (ii) above; and
- (viii) it was agreed that a report by the Officials concerned be submitted to an early meeting of the Committee to enable consideration to be given to the arrangements for the disbursement of grants to Older People's Groups during the 2000/2001 financial year.

The meeting terminated at 1705 hours.