

**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

**CUMNOCK AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 26 JUNE 1996 AT  
1530 HOURS IN THE FORMER COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CUMNOCK TOWN HALL,  
GLAISNOCK STREET, CUMNOCK**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Eric Ross, Jim Kelly, David Sneller, Jimmy Boyd, George Smith and Eric Jackson; and Community Representatives: Reverend W Buchan, Mr A Currie, Mr M Kerr, Mr R Mathers, Mr P Neely, Mrs M Shankland and Mr I Smith.

**ATTENDING:** David Hewett, Senior Policy Advisor - Strategy/Partnership; Paul Todd, Principal Officer - Environmental Health and Waste Management; Bill Longdon, Senior Community Worker (Social Work) and Stuart Nelson, Administrative Officer.

**APOLOGIES:** Councillor Jimmy Carmichael and Mr W Crawford.

**CHAIR:** Councillor Eric Ross, Chair.

**GRANTS TO LOCAL ORGANISATIONS**

1. There were submitted (a) applications received from local organisations for grant assistance in terms of the Community Grants Scheme and the Playscheme Grants Scheme, together with Assessment Forms prepared by the appropriate Service Departments, where available; (b) a statement dated 25 June 1996 prepared by the Director of Support Services, summarising the pertinent information relative to the applications received; and (c) a statement dated 26 June 1996 prepared by the Director of Support Services outlining the approximate financial position in respect of applications for grant received as of 26 June 1996 (all circulated).

It was agreed as follows, namely:

(a) **Old People's Organisations**

- (i) that non project specific grants be made to the undernoted old people's organisations, on a per capita basis at the rate of £3 per person, according to the registered membership of each organisation concerned, namely:-

Sorn Old Folk's Welfare Association;  
Mauchline Old People's Welfare Association;  
New Cumnock Age Concern;  
Cumnock Landward Age Concern;  
Auchinleck Old Folk's Welfare Association;  
Catrine Old Folk's Welfare Association;  
Muirkirk Age Concern;  
Cumnock Age Concern; and  
Logan, Lugar and District Age Concern

- (ii) that consideration be given to awarding further grant payments to those organisations referred to in (i) above, during the Autumn of this year, in the light of the overall funding available for Community Grants at that time and also having regard to the level of funds held by the

organisations and their use of the initial grant award, a report on this matter to be prepared by the Director of Support Services for submission to an appropriate future meeting of this Local Committee; and

- (iii) that grants be made to the undernoted organisations, in the amounts specified and for the purposes indicated in the respective applications, namely:-

The Cabin, Muirkirk - £300;  
 Muirkirk Elderly Forum - £250;  
 Auchinleck Senior Citizen's Ladies Club - £300;  
 Auchinleck Senior Citizen's Club - Gents Section - £300; and  
 Cumnock and Doon Valley Caring Action Group - £325.

(b) **Disabled/Handicapped Person's Organisations**

That grants be made to the undernoted organisations in the amounts specified and for the purposes indicated in the respective applications, namely:-

**Declaration of Interest**

Mr Peter Neely declared a non-pecuniary interest in the undernoted application for grant and withdrew from the meeting during consideration of same.

Cumnock and Doon Valley Access Panel - £200;

Mr Peter Neely rejoined the meeting at this point.

Cumnock and Doon Valley Deaf Club - £230; and  
 Cumnock and District Blind Club - £400.

(c) **Young People's Organisations**

- (i) that, for the current financial year non project specific grants be made to young people's uniformed organisations according to membership numbers as follows, namely:- less than 20 members - £60; 20-40 members - £70; and more than 40 members - £80;

- (ii) that, in terms of (i) above, the undernoted grants be made to the following organisations, namely:-

2nd Cumnock Boy's Brigade - £80;  
 1st Catrine Brownies - £60;  
 1st Auchinleck Brownies - £70;  
 4th Cumnock Brownies - £60;  
 1st Muirkirk Boy's Brigade - £80;  
 Muirkirk Brownies - £60;  
 Amicus (Muirkirk) - £70;  
 2nd Mauchline Brownies - £70;  
 3rd Cumnock Brownie Pack - £60;  
 1st Mauchline Rainbow Guides - £70;  
 65th Ayrshire Lugar Scouts - £80; and  
 2nd Cumnock Rainbow Guides - £60.

- (iii) that it be remitted to the Director of Support Services after consultation with the Chairperson and the local Member concerned, to approve applications for grant from young people's uniformed organisations received during the remainder of the current financial year in terms of (i) above and subject to funding being available;
- (iv) that grants also be made to the undernoted organisations in the amounts specified and for the purposes indicated in the respective applications, namely:-  
 Catrine Out-of-School Group - £600 (provision of service during the summer holiday period);  
 Mauchline Youth Committee - £360; and  
 Cumnock Congregational Church Senior Youth Club - £500;

Declaration of Interest

Mr Bob Mathers declared a non-pecuniary interest in the undernoted application for grant and withdrew from the meeting during consideration of same.

Cumnock and Doon Valley Youth Panel - £1,000;

Mr Bob Mathers rejoined the meeting at this point.

The King's Club - £350;

- (v) that the application for grant submitted by the Catrine Out-of-School Group in respect of running costs for the current financial year be refused but that the group be advised to make an approach to the Director of Education in respect of the possible waiving of letting charges for the accommodation used by the group at Catrine Nursery School;
- (vi) that consideration of the applications submitted by New Cumnock Parish Church Youth Club and New Cumnock Baptist Church Youth Group be continued to the next meeting, pending clarification of the organisations' proposed client groups;
- (vii) that consideration of the application submitted by 1st Mauchline Scout Group in respect of repairs to their Scout Hall be continued to the next meeting pending clarification of the exact nature and means of carrying out the proposed works.

(d) **Recreational/Leisure Organisations**

- (i) that grants be made to the undernoted organisations in the amounts specified and for the purposes indicated in the respective applications, namely:-  
 Muirkirk Gardening Club - £300;  
 Southwest Scotland Begonia Society - £100;  
 New Cumnock Historical Society - £50;  
 Mauchline Horticultural and Agricultural Society - £150;  
 New Cumnock Gardening Club - £150; and  
 Catrine Drama Group - £400;

- (ii) that the application for grant submitted by Muirkirk Community Association in respect of the costs of staging this year's Cairn Table Race be refused, but that the Community Services Department be asked to investigate the possibility of sponsorship of this event in future years by the Council;
- (iii) that consideration of the application submitted by the Land O' Burns Budgerigar Society be continued to the next meeting pending clarification of the geographical coverage of the society;
- (iv) that consideration of the application for grant submitted by Catrine Angling Club in respect of river improvements be continued pending consultation with the Scottish Environment Protection Agency;
- (v) that consideration of the application for grant submitted by Muirkirk Angling Association be continued to the next meeting pending assessment by the appropriate Department; and
- (vi) that consideration of the application for grant submitted by Catrine Ladies Group be continued to the next meeting pending the submission of further information on the proposed activities of the group.

(e) **Miscellaneous Organisations**

- (i) that, for the current financial year, applications for grant received from appropriate organisations in respect of Gala Day activities be each awarded £300;
- (ii) that, in terms of (i) above grants of £300 be made to each of Muirkirk Community Association, Cumnock Gala Day Committee, Auchinleck Leisure Club/Gala Committee and Mauchline Community Association in respect of the staging of Gala Days in their respective communities;
- (iii) that grants also be made to the undernoted organisations in the amounts specified and for the purposes indicated in the respective applications, namely:-
  - Keir Hardie Hill Tenants' Association - £350;
  - Cumnock and Doon Valley Gift Furniture Scheme - £600;
  - Cumnock and District Widows' Association - £200
  - Catrine - A Safer Community - £240;
  - Auchinleck Self Help Group - £480; and
  - Skerrington and Netherthird Co-operative Women's Guild - £150;
- (iv) that the application for grant submitted by Kilmarnock Folk Club be refused; and
- (v) that consideration of the application for grant submitted by Safer New Cumnock be continued to the next meeting pending clarification of the views of the Local Community Council in respect of the proposed project.

(f) **Playschemes**

- (i) that a grant of £500 be made to the Hillside School Parents' Committee Summer Playscheme; and

- (ii) that the application for grant submitted by New Cumnock Parish Church Holiday Club be refused since two other Summer Playschemes in New Cumnock had previously been awarded grant assistance.

(g) **Community Council Grants**

Declaration of Interest

Mr Ian Smith declared a non-pecuniary interest in this item and withdrew from the meeting during consideration of same.

The Committee:

- (i) noted:
  - (a) that of the separate budget provision of £13,510 set aside for grants for Community Councils, a sum of £4,859 was available for disbursement in the Cumnock Area Local Committee area; and
  - (b) that a sum of £614 was used to "top-up" the funds held by each Community Council in the area to £300, where bank balances were less than that amount at 31 December 1995 and leaving a balance of £4,245 to be used for individual Community Council Projects to be considered on their merits by this Local Committee;
- (ii) agreed that grants be made to the undernoted Community Councils in the amounts and for the purposes indicated, namely:-
  - Muirkirk Community Council (rebuilding of Cairn Table Cairn) - £75;
  - Muirkirk Community Council (rebuilding of MacAdam Cairn) - £75; and
  - Mauchline Community Council (provision of hanging baskets) - £312;
- (iii) agreed that consideration of the application for grant submitted by Muirkirk Community Council in respect of the cleaning of the water pool at Tibbie's Brig be continued to the next meeting pending consultation with the Scottish Environment Protection Agency.

Mr Ian Smith rejoined the meeting at this point.

**PRE-FIVES TRANSPORT**

2. Arising from discussion, it was agreed that a joint report be prepared by the Director of Support Services and the Director of Education and submitted to the next meeting of this Local Committee on the Council's policy in respect of the provision of transport for children attending Pre-Five Education, and on the possibility of Community Grant funding being made available to local organisations to facilitate the provision of such services.

The meeting terminated at 1725 hours.