



North Ayrshire Council
Comhairle Siorrachd Àir a Tuath

Cunninghame House,
Irvine.

24 June 2015

North Coast Area Committee

You are requested to attend a Special Meeting of the above mentioned Committee of North Ayrshire Council to be held in Irvine & Kilwinning Committee Room, Cunninghame House, Irvine on **THURSDAY 25 JUNE 2015** at **9.30 a.m.** to consider the undernoted business.

Yours faithfully

Elma Murray

Chief Executive

1. Declarations of Interest

Members are requested to give notice of any declaration of interest in respect of items of business on the agenda.

2. Local Youth Action Fund: Application for Financial Assistance

Submit report by the Executive Director (Economy and Communities) on an application received in respect of the Local Youth Action Fund from Ayrshire Opera Experience (copy enclosed).

North Coast Area Committee

Sederunt:

Alex Gallagher (Chair)
Alan Hill
Tom Marshall
Grace McLean

Chair:

Attending:

Apologies:

Meeting Ended:

NORTH AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

Agenda Item 2

25 June 2015

North Coast Area Committee

Subject: **Local Youth Action Fund: Application for Financial Assistance 2015/16**

Purpose: To advise the Committee of an application received in respect of the Local Youth Action Fund.

Recommendation: That the Committee considers and determines the application as outlined in Appendix 2.

1. Introduction

1.1 The Local Youth Action Fund for the North Coast and Cumbrae Area Committee has a balance of £2,650 available for disbursement.

2. Current Position

2.1 An application has been received within a number of categories of the Local Youth Action Fund. Details of this application is summarised in Appendix 2 to this report.

3. Proposals

3.1 It is proposed that the Committee considers this application as outlined in Appendix 2 to this report.

4. Implications

Financial Implications

4.1 Award will be met from the available balance.

Human Resource Implications.

4.2 There are no human resource implications.

Legal Implications

4.3 There are no legal implications.

Equality Implications

4.4 There are no equality implications.

Environmental and Sustainability Implications

- 4.5 There are no environmental and sustainability implications.

Implications for Key Priorities

- 4.6 The following single outcome agreements are being addressed:

Children's health and wellbeing is improved through breaking the cycle of poverty, inequality and poor outcomes:

Children and young people are safe, healthy, active, aspiring and achieving.

5. Consultations

- 5.1 Consultation has taken place between the applicant body and an appropriate officer of the Council.

6. Conclusion

- 6.1 Awards from the Local Youth Action Fund are made to groups supporting young people aged 12 - 25 years of age.



KAREN YEOMANS
Executive Director (Economy and Communities)

Reference : JMCH/BA

For further information please contact Jim McHarg, Senior Manager,
Participation and Empowerment on 01294 324424.

Background Papers

None

Local Youth Action Fund 2015/16

North Coast , Cumbrae Area Committee

Amount Allocated 2013/14: £5,072

Amount Allocated 2014/15: £5,072

Amount Allocated 2015/16: £4,650

Group/Organisation	Ref No LYAF	Town	Purpose of Grant	Award	Balance
Largs Events	1	Largs	Kite display/activities	£2,000	£2,650.00

Local Youth Action Fund 2015/16				
Applications from Organisations seeking Financial Assistance - North Coast and Cumbrae Area Committee Meeting 25 June 2015				
Organisation	Purpose of Grant	Amount Requested	Amount Recommended	Comments
<p>Ayrshire Opera Experience</p> <p>Meeting place: Local primary and secondary schools, Largs</p> <p>Numbers attending: 225 approx.</p> <p>Balance in bank: £4,553.95 (venue hire and opera course for Largs schools project)</p> <p>Past awards: 2014/15 awarded £892 towards this project (advised to reapply in the new financial year for the balance)</p>	<p>To create a Scots language opera/music theatre piece aimed at and part created by pupils in Largs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Rehearsals - £584 ● Composition - £250 ● Performance fees - £500 <p>Total cost of project - £2,226 (already received £892 towards this from financial year 2014/15).</p>	£1,334	£1,300	<p>The pupils will work on a project to create a Scots language story and opera libretto that will then be set to music and performed by Ayrshire Opera Experience (AOE) in a special schools performance as part of the 2015/16 Largs Viking Festival in August/September. All the local schools will be invited to take part in this project.</p> <p>North Ayrshire's Children's Literacies and Arts Section will provide opportunities for the musicians, composer and singers to observe and be involved in the script development process, gaining a sense of characters, story, colours, style and developing the sound world.</p> <p>Work requires to commence as soon as possible to allow the various partners and writers to be involved; ready to commence with the young people at the start of the new session.</p> <p>The group should put the balance of £34 towards this project.</p>

APPENDIX 3 - Officer's Assessments



Community Development Grants Scheme Assessment Form

1. Reporting Officer: Bernadette Anderson
2. Department: Connected Communities
Telephone No.: 01294 608041

SECTION 1 - Details of Group/Organisation

3. Name of Group/Organisation: Ayrshire Opera Experience
4. Date of Officer's Visit: 24 June 2015 (telephone)
5. Are you satisfied that the details contained in the Grant Application are accurate? - Yes

If NO give reasons

6. Is the proposal a realistic undertaking of the group? - Yes

If NO explain why

7. Does the group carry appropriate insurance for the project? - Yes
8. Does group attendance concur with the application? - Yes
9. Does your organisation cater for children under the age of 16 years for more than 2 hours and more than 6 times per year? - Yes

If YES, is it registered with the Care Commission under the Regulation of Care (Scotland) Act 2001? - No

If NO explain why

The group do not offer care, therefore there is no requirement for them to be registered.

10. Does the expenditure meet the Community Development Grant Funding Criteria? - Yes

SECTION 2 - Criteria for Assessment

11. In which way does this application address Council priorities?

Children's health and wellbeing is improved through breaking the cycle of poverty, inequality and poor outcomes:

Children and young people are safe, healthy, active, aspiring and achieving.

12. How will the expenditure develop the group/organisation and benefit the local community?

The idea is to create a Scots language opera/music theatre piece aimed at and part created by around 60 school pupils in Largs. Using the North Ayrshire Council owned picture 'Waur's Oor Wullie' inspired by the Largs Viking Festival as a stimulus, the pupils will work on a project to create a Scots language story and opera libretto that will be set to music and performed by Ayrshire Opera Experience in a special schools performance as part of the 2015 Largs Viking Festival in August/September. All pupils from Largs will be invited to the performance.

13. How does the application show innovation or development?

The aim of the project is to create a piece of art that gives young people and a wider audience the chance to experience an art form that they may not otherwise engage with. This would provide a unique and innovative way of promoting and teaching Scots language. The final outcome would be a theatrical engaging performance of the opera.

14. Overall assessment?

Ayrshire Opera Experience is a new arts organisation dedicated to creating opportunities for communities to get involved in opera and arts. They are the first group to have had an opera translated into Scots language and performed in Ayrshire. This new project is important for the company to continue to progress and grow. They are committed to producing high quality arts projects in Ayrshire, working with talented local artists and providing a platform and additional training to local young people.

SECTION 3 - Details of Proposed Expenditure

15. Amount Requested: £1,334

16. Group Contribution: £0

SECTION 4 - Recommendation

17. Support Application: Yes

18. Defer Application?

19. Amount recommended: **£1,300**
Give reasons

I believe the group should contribute some of their own funding towards this project of £34.

The recommended amount will enable this project to commence. The setting up and booking of various artists is an important element of this project and requires to be completed as soon as possible to enable it to commence.

It proves to be an exciting opportunity for the young people and will benefit the local community when they attend the performance during the Viking Festival.

Signature: Bernadette Anderson

Date: 24 June 2015