

grant assessment form

1 Aims and objectives of the organisation

The objects of the Society are the advancement of agriculture, the improvement of stock and the promotion of these arts with which the rearing of cattle and husbandry in general are connected

2 Purpose of the grant (including breakdown of costs)

Hire of the showfield for the event £350
The hire of 4 marquees for the event £922.37

Total £1272.39

3a How many people are on the organisation's Management Committee? 6

3b What is the organisation's total membership? 51

3c How many members usually attend the organisation's meetings or events? ALL

3d How many members of the organisation would benefit from the grant? ALL

3e How many members of the community would benefit from the grant? ALL

**4 How will the grant :-
(a) develop the organisation; or**

This will improve groups standing within community and promote group to a wider community

(b) benefit the local community.

This will provide a worthwhile event within the community and improve social interaction between the group and visitors to area

5	Total cost of project		£6887.50
	Amount of grant requested		£1272.37
	Bank Balance(s)	Date 28/03/08 and 21/7/08	£8800.78 and £8221.92
	Where the group has more than one bank account all balances should be recorded		
	Cash in hand	Date	£ N/A
Value of any other financial assets		Date	£
Name of other funding sources			

Amount and date of grant	
£	Date
	N/A

6 **If latest balance (including other financial assets) exceeds the cost of the project or is substantial, are these funds ring-fenced for the normal activities of the group or can they contribute to the cost of the project?**
 Funds in bank account are ringfenced for group's contribution to show costs and running costs.

7 **Recommendation**

Support	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Refuse	<input type="checkbox"/>
Defer	<input type="checkbox"/>
Amount	£1272.37
Recommended	
Reason for recommendation	
I recommend this grant as it will allow the group to stage a local community based event which has been successful for many years and improves social interaction within communities It is also educational for all who attend.	
Management Risk Ranking L <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> / M / H Risk Ranking based on Grant Application and Financial Information used to determine appropriate levels of monitoring and evaluation.	Child Protection Risk Ranking L <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> / M / H Applications with a HIGH ranking are not recommended for support

8 **If there are any revenue implications how will they be met in future years?**
 Future costs for next show to be met by fundraising and future grant applications

9 **Does the project represent value for money?** Yes No

10 **Cross boundary grant (if applicable) and division per committee (the calculation should identify the corresponding number of individuals within the respective Local Committee areas who will directly benefit from the grant award)**

	Nos	Amount	%
Northern Local Grants Committee	36	£890.66	70
Central North Local Grants Committee	5	£127.24 (approved 13 May 2008)	10
Central South Local Grants Committee	4	£101.79 (approved 14 May 2008)	8
Southern Local Grants Committee			
Other areas outwith EA	6	£152.68	12
Method of Division			

All questions on this form must be completed

Kilmaurs Farmers Society (CG3953)

The initial recommendation from the Assessing Department in May was to award a total amount of £1272.37. The application was cross-boundary and Central North and Central South Local Grants Committees approved their share, totalling £229.03. The Northern Local Grants Committee's share was £890.66.

The Grants Committee in May had concerns regarding the high bank balance shown by the Group (£8800.78) and agreed to award £890.66, in principle, subject to the group providing an up-to-date bank statement to ascertain if the group required to utilise the ringfenced monies for the show, to the satisfaction of the Assessing Department.

The group has now submitted their May, June and July bank statements which show a balance of £8221.92.

The group provided a covering letter with their July bank statement advising that the Society has always attempted to hold a sufficient reserve of funds to cover any unanticipated costs in connection with the show particularly if the show requires to be cancelled due to weather conditions or, as happened a few years ago, due to an outbreak of foot and mouth disease.

In recent years, the ladies committee of the Society had also held social evenings in an attempt to raise some additional funds to assist with the running of the annual show.

The Assessing Department is of the view that this is a well run group worthy of council support but appreciates that they have a large bank balance and, on paper, did not need to utilise any of their balance in the running of the show.

The options for the Grants Committee are to:-

- (1) Approve an award of £890.66 based on the first assessment in May;
- (2) Approve a lesser amount, to be agreed by the Grants Committee; or
- (3) To refuse the application on the grounds that the group had sufficient funds available to hold the show.