



East Ayrshire
COUNCIL

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Organisation

Muirkirk Enterprise Group

Reference Number
CG4871

grant assessment form

1 Aims and objectives of the organisation

The promotion for the public benefit of rural regeneration in the area of social and economic deprivation of Muirkirk and District.

2 Purpose of the grant (including breakdown of costs)

To support the planning and organisation of the 4th annual John Lapraik Poetry Festival.

Publicity £1000

Catering £2000

Performers' & judges' expenses £1000

Other £4000

Total project costs £8000

3a How many people are on the organisation's Management Committee? 10

3b What is the organisation's total membership? 40

3c How many members usually attend the organisation's meetings or events? 20-30

3d How many members of the organisation would benefit from the grant? 40

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

4 How will the grant :-

(a) develop the organisation; or

The grant would contribute to the poetry festival which MEG has sustained into its 4th year, providing year on year promotion/regeneration for the area, one of the group's main objectives.

(b) benefit the local community.

It is hoped that local businesses will benefit from visitors to the festival.

All questions on this form must be completed

5	Total cost of project		£8000
	Amount of grant requested		£2500
	Bank Balance(s)	Date 18/2/11	£25,190.26
	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 31/10/10	£73,163
Name of other funding sources			
Minerals Trust			
Amount and date of grant			
£		Date	
£3500		Successful bid, no date provided	

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?		
	£17800	Smallburn Access project	
	£500	Chartered Accountancy fees	
	£475	Various insurance	
	£18,775	Total ring-fenced funds	MEG has undertaken to contribute £2,000 to the project.

7	Recommendation		
	Support	√	
	Refuse		
	Defer		
	Amount Recommended	£ 1000	FINAL RECOMMENDATION - £700.00
Reason for recommendation			
This is a worthwhile annual event which promotes arts and culture and attracts visitors to the village.			
Additional Information			
The Committee on 19 May 2011 agreed to continue consideration of this application in order to confirm the requirement for grant funding in this case, having regard to the group's bank balance and funding from other sources.			
<i>The group have received a grant of £3500 for this event from the Minerals Trust and have undertaken to contribute £2000 to the event. The group have a bank balance of around £25,000, of which approximately £19,000 is ring-fenced for running costs and other projects. This leaves a balance of just over £6000, of which the group will be required to put £3800 towards this project if they receive the amount recommended. The remaining £2200 will be used for running costs and as a reserve for repairs and maintenance of properties etc.</i>			
<i>The amount recommended has been reduced due to the large bank balance, and it should also be noted that the amount budgeted for catering is fairly high. Payment of the grant award to be held in abeyance until the group confirm the final costs for the event.</i>			
Management Risk Ranking L√ / M / H		Child Protection Risk Ranking L√ / M / H	
Risk Ranking based on Grant Application and Financial Information used to determine appropriate levels of monitoring and evaluation.		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?		
	N/A		

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

		Nos	Amount	%
Northern Local Grants Committee				
Central North Local Grants Committee				
Central South Local Grants Committee				
Southern Local Grants Committee	Cumnock Area			
	Doon Valley			
Other areas outwith EA				
Method of Division				

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