



**East Ayrshire**  
COUNCIL

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Organisation  
Sorn Community Council

Reference Number  
CG4767

# grant assessment form

**1 Aims and objectives of the organisation**

To promote the well being and social welfare of the community resident in the Sorn area by ascertaining, co-ordinating and expressing to the local authority, to other public agencies and other interested bodies, the views of the community and by taking such action in the interests of the community as appears to be expedient and practicable.

**2 Purpose of the grant (including breakdown of costs)**

To manage Sorn cabin (19 year lease has been secured)

Core cost include:

|                            |                 |
|----------------------------|-----------------|
| Electricity                | £2820           |
| Annual rent & insurance    | £201.49         |
| Public liability insurance | £216.00         |
| Water & Sewerage charges   | £264.00         |
|                            | <b>£3501.49</b> |

**3a How many people are on the organisation’s Management Committee?** 7

**3b What is the organisation’s total membership?** 7

**3c How many members usually attend the organisation’s meetings or events?** 7

**3d How many members of the organisation would benefit from the grant?** 7

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

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

**(b) benefit the local community.**

The cabin will allow all members of the local community to have a central meeting space and allow activities to take place for all generations within the community.

**All questions on this form must be completed**

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|--|--|---------------------------|-----------------|
| 5  | <b>Total cost of project</b>   |                           | <b>£3501.49</b> |
|  | <b>Amount of grant requested</b>   |                           | <b>£3501.49</b> |
|  | <b>Bank Balance(s)</b>   | <b>Date</b> December 2010 | <b>£1781.97</b> |
|  | Where the group has more than one bank account all balances should be recorded |                           |                 |
|  | <b>Cash in hand</b>  | <b>Date</b>               | <b>£</b>        |
| <b>Value of any other financial assets</b> |  | <b>Date</b>               | <b>£</b>        |
| <b>Name of other funding sources</b>       |  |                           |                 |
| N/A  |  |                           |                 |
| <b>Amount and date of grant</b>            |  |                           |                 |
| <b>£</b>                                   |  | <b>Date</b>               |                 |
|  |  |                           |                 |

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| 6 | <b>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?</b> |
|   | Electricity bills of over £2,500 to be paid. There has been a change of supplier causing this.   |

|                                  |                       |                                      |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 7                                | <b>Recommendation</b> |                                      |
|                                  | <b>Support</b>        | ✓                                    |
|                                  | <b>Refuse</b>         |                                      |
|                                  | <b>Defer</b>          |                                      |
|                                  | <b>Amount</b>         | £3000.00                             |
| <b>Recommended</b>               |                       | <b>FINAL RECOMMENDATION - REFUSE</b> |
| <b>Reason for recommendation</b> |                       |                                      |

To enable the residents of Sorn to continue to utilise this essential community building, in order that the younger and older members of Sorn continue to have a place to meet to carry out their activities. I would recommend that the remainder of the grant requested is raised through fundraising.

**The final recommendation is for refusal since the Cabin was leased to the Community Council to relieve EAC of the cost burden of its operation; it is recommended that the grants budget supports another community facility in Sorn (Sorn Village Hall); and in view of the overall level of demand for grant funding from organisations within Wards 7 and 8 for this current year.**

**Additional Information**

**The Grants Committee on 30 June 2011, agreed to continue consideration of this application to allow further clarification with regard to the following matters, viz:-**

- **the reasons for the seemingly high electricity costs for the building;**  
*The Council's Energy Advice Section have undertaken an inspection of the heating system within Sorn Cabin and report that the system is an off-peak system which stores heat over night and emits it during the day. Hot water is very rarely used as any groups using the Cabin only require to make tea and coffee. The heating system is working properly and is being operated correctly, however, is inefficient due to its very nature. It should be noted that whilst a gas system would provide cheaper running costs, Sorn is not serviced by a gas supply.*
- **potential sources of funding, including external funding, to meet the running costs of the building;**  
*A Community Worker from Community Learning and Development has been allocated to work with the group in an effort to explore other funding possibilities and to look at the overall running costs and the potential for these to be reduced.*
- **the terms of the discussions which had taken place between the Community Council and East Ayrshire Council regarding future support; and**  
*In the course of discussions which had taken place between East Ayrshire Council and the Community Council in progressing the Community Council's interest in running The Cabin, an undertaking was given to provide general support and guidance to the Community Council, and this is being taken forward through the offer of the direct involvement of a Community Worker. It was also made clear that responsibility for securing funding to meet running costs lay with the Community Council and no commitments were given with regard to future funding or sources of funding from EAC.*
- **the possibility of The Cabin being exempt from water & sewerage charges.**  
*This matter is also being taken forward by the Community Worker allocated to work with the Group.*

Management Risk Ranking **L / 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 / 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?**  
 N/A

**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      |     |        |   |
| Central North Local Grants Committee |     |        |   |
| Central South Local Grants Committee |     |        |   |
| Southern Local Grants Committee      | CA  |        |   |
|                                      | DV  |        |   |
| Other areas outwith EA               |     |        |   |
| Method of Division                   |     |        |   |

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