

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

CUMNOCK AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE - 23 MARCH 2005

COMMUNITY GRANTS 2004/2005: DISBURSEMENT OF BALANCE OF FINANCIAL ALLOCATION

Report by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To advise the Local Committee of committed expenditure on Community Grants for the current, 2004/2005, year; and to invite the Committee to consider how the remaining balance should be disbursed.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 This Committee on 29 April 2004, and subsequently in respect of certain applications, approved Community Grant awards to various organisations for the current, 2004/2005, year. A statement summarising the committed expenditure to date is appended to this report (Appendix I).
- 2.2 Appendix I identifies an uncommitted balance of £769.10 and it is recommended that the Committee agree at this meeting how this balance should be disbursed, in order to enable appropriate arrangements for payments to be made prior to the end of the current financial year. Uncommitted monies cannot be carried forward into the next financial year.

3. CURRENT POSITION

- 3.1 In terms of the arrangements agreed by the Committee for Community Grants for the current year, the uncommitted balance of the available allocation has so far been retained to enable consideration to be given to applications from organisations newly formed during the year or in respect of urgent applications. At the time of writing this report, there are no outstanding applications to be dealt with under either of these headings.

4. OPTIONS

- 4.1 One option would be for the uncommitted balance to be allocated proportionately in respect of those applications which have been approved by the Local Committee during the year. However, the practicalities of this approach in view of the relatively small value of any supplementary awards which would be made and bearing in mind that most of the purposes for which grant awards have been made will have been either fully or mainly completed, mitigates against this option.
- 4.2 An alternative option which was utilised in similar circumstances in respect of the 2004/2005 year, would be to distribute the uncommitted balance to those Older People's organisations who had applied for grant assistance during the current financial year for social and recreational purposes, on the basis of a supplementary grant award, on a per capita basis according to the membership numbers indicated in the original applications. The value of the

supplementary awards to each of the organisations concerned is detailed in Appendix II.

4.3 The option presented in Paragraph 4.2, above, would have a number of benefits, viz:-

- the disbursement between the organisations concerned could be quickly and easily determined;
- all information and details of the organisations concerned are already available to enable the supplementary grant payments to be processed and issued quickly prior to the end of the current financial year; and
- since the supplementary grant awards will not be expended by the organisations concerned until next financial year, this could be borne in mind when the Committee are giving consideration to grant awards to the organisations concerned for 2005/2006.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 Community Grant awards will require to be met from the total financial allocation for 2004/2005, being £50,111.

6. LEGAL/POLICY IMPLICATIONS

6.1 None arising directly from this report.

7. RECOMMENDATIONS

7.1 It is recommended that the Committee:-

- (i) note the financial position in respect of the Community Grants budget for the 2004/2005 year, as set out in the Appendix I to the report; and
- (ii) determine how the uncommitted balance of £769.10 remaining for the current year be expended.

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS - NIL

Any person wishing further information on this report should contact Bill Walkinshaw, Administration Manager, on telephone number 01563 576135.

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APPENDIX I
CUMNOCK AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE
2004/2005 COMMUNITY GRANTS CUMNOCK AREA

**ACTUAL AND COMMITTED EXPENDITURE IN RELATION TO
THE UNDERNOTED CATEGORIES**

CATEGORY	AMOUNT
Arts and Cultural	£ 4,355.00
Community Association	£ 700.00
Community Councils	£ 1,540.00
Community Safety	£ -
Disability	£ 7,441.50
Early Education & Childcare	£ 300.00
Economic Development	£ -
Environmental	£ 2,470.00
Ethnic Minorities	£ -
Health Issues	£ 2,015.00
Heritage	£ 150.00
Leisure Activities	£ 3,500.00
Older People	£ 18,177.00
Social Inclusion	£ 3,907.00
Sport	£ 609.00
Tenants/Residents' Groups	£ -
Unemployment	£ -
Women's Issues	£ 1,450.00
Young People	£ 2,727.40
TOTAL INCLUDING PROPOSED FIGURES	£ 49,341.90
RETURNS	£ -
ANNUAL ESTIMATE	£50,111.00
REMAINING BALANCE	£ 769.10

APPENDIX II

OLDER PEOPLE'S ORGANISATIONS - PER CAPITA CALCULATIONS

<u>REF NO</u>	<u>ORGANISATION</u>	<u>NO OF MEMBERS</u>	<u>SUPPLEMENTARY GRANT</u>
CG 2490	Opportunities in Retirement, Cumnock	69	£10.52
CG 2544	Age Concern, Muirkirk	376	£57.35
CG 2550	Auchinleck Old Folk's Welfare Association	568	£86.64
CG 2536	New Cumnock Age Concern	650	£99.15
CG 2528	Age Concern, Cumnock	1,083	£165.20
CG 2520	Mauchline Old Folk's Welfare Committee	749	£114.25
CG 2510	Catrine Old Folk's Welfare Committee	480	£73.22
CG 2549	Cumnock Landward Age Concern	420	£64.07
CG 2538	Lugar and Logan Age Concern	147	£22.42
CG 2438	Skerrington and Netherthird Senior Citizens Thursday Club	45	£6.86
CG 2489	Auchinleck Senior Citizens (Gents)	30	£4.58
CG 2514	WRVS, Cumnock (Darby and Joan Club)	55	£8.39
CG 2493	The Cabin, Muirkirk	37	£5.64
CG 2352	Ochiltree Old Folk's Welfare Committee	189	£28.83
CG 2553	Sorn Old Folk's Welfare Association	144	£21.96
TOTALS		5,042	£769.08

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