

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

CUMNOCK AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE - 7 SEPTEMBER 2006

COMMUNITY GRANT: CUMNOCK LANDWARD AGE CONCERN - SECOND APPLICATION (CG 3413)

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

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1** To advise of, and enable the Local Committee to deal with, a second application for Community Grant funding received from Cumnock Landward Age Concern for the 2006/2007 year (CG 3413).

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1** This Committee on 26 April 2006 agreed to make a grant award of £900.00 to Cumnock Landward Age Concern in respect of application CG 3297, to assist in meeting the cost of the organisation's September trip (bus hire - estimated cost £600.00 and meal - £600.00); Christmas gifts - £800.00 and Christmas party - £400.00, a total estimated expenditure at that time of £2,400.00.

3. REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDING

- 3.1** The Group, since submission of the original application have confirmed the total cost of their proposed activities for the current year and these are now stated as Summer outing (bus hire - £945.00 and meal - £1,275.00), Christmas gifts - £800.00 and Christmas party - £400.00, giving a total cost of £3,420.00 which compares with the original estimated cost as provided within the previous grant application of £2,400.00.
- 3.2** The Group have submitted this second application on the basis of the significantly increased costs of their activities beyond those estimated. The Group also contend that they have been adversely and disproportionately affected by the Local Committee's decision to move away from allocating grants to older people's organisations at a per capita rate, to the merit assessment mechanism for the first time this year. The Group indicate that the reduced level of funding available to them for this year is likely to have an impact on their ability to undertake activities during the current year, and request that the Committee consider favourably their second application for Community Grant funding, on a one-off basis.
- 3.3** An assessment report on the second application submitted by Cumnock Landward Age Concern (CG 3413) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services is provided as an appendix to this report.

4. DISCUSSION

- 4.1** An analysis of the grant awards made to Older People's organisations this year, compared to 2005/2006, indicates that for the current year, Cumnock Landward Age Concern received an award amounting to 70% (£900.00) of

last year's grant (£1,285.05) which contrasts with all other similar groups who were awarded approximately the same amounts and in some cases considerably more.

- 4.2** The Local Committee should also be aware that the Group have submitted an application for grant to the Cumnock and Doon Valley Minerals Trust for a sum of £5,000 in respect of the same purposes as the Community Grant applications. It is understood that this application will be dealt with by the Minerals Trust at their meeting to be held on 25 August 2006, and the outcome of this will be reported to the Local Committee meeting.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1** A balance of £1,496.25 remains from the current year's allocation for Community Grants, and any grant awarded in respect of the second application from Cumnock Landward Age Concern would require to be met from this balance.

6. LEGAL/POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1** The disbursement of Community Grants to locally based organisations accords with the main themes of the East Ayrshire Community Plan.
- 6.2** There are no legal implications arising directly from this report.

7. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 7.1** It is recommended that the Committee consider the second application for Community Grant funding from Cumnock Landward Age Concern, having regard to the terms of this report and further information to be presented to the Committee verbally regarding the outcome of the organisation's application for funding to Cumnock and Doon Valley Minerals Trust.

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17 July 2006

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

1. Community Grant Application File - Cumnock Landward Age Concern (CG 3413).

Any person wishing to inspect the background papers relative to this report should contact Stuart Nelson, Administrative Officer on Tel No (01563) 576151. Any person wishing further information on this report should contact Bill Walkinshaw, Administration Manager on Tel No (01563) 576135.

Implementation Officer: Stuart Nelson, Administrative Officer.



grant assessment form

1	Purpose of the group	
	To improve the social life of the older people of the community by organising trips, visits and concerts etc helping them to feel more part of the community.	
2	Purpose of the grant	
	The grant will be used for the benefit of the older people living in the landward area, with the aim to reduce social isolation and provide the opportunity for the elderly people of the community to interact particularly those with mobility problems. Outing to Greenock - £945.00 Hotel Meal - £1,275, Christmas Gifts - £800.00, Concert - £400.00. Total - £3,420.00	
3a	How many people are on the group's Management Committee?	4
3b	What is the group's total membership?	14
3c	How many people in the group would benefit from the grant?	400
3d	How many people usually attend the group?	10 - 14
3e	How many people are expected to attend?	200
4	How will the grant develop the group/organisation or benefit the local community?	
	By reducing social isolation within the community.	

5	Total cost of project		£3,420	6	Recommendation	
	Amount of grant requested		£1,500		Support	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Bank Balance(s)	31 May 2006	£1,058.81		Refuse	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Where the group has more than one bank account all balances should be recorded				Defer	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Cash in hand	31 May 2006	£NIL		Amount Recommended	£1,000
	Name of other funding source				Reason for recommendation	
	Cumnock Area Local Committee				This grant will benefit the older people	
	Cumnock and Doon Valley Minerals Trust				in the Cumnock Landward area	
	Amount and date of grant				by giving them the opportunity to	
	CALC - £900.00		Approved 26 April 2006, but still to be paid.		participate in a programme of trips	
CDVMT - £5000		To be determined on 25 August 2006	and outings and improve their			
			community involvement.			

7 **If latest bank balance 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?**
 To help towards cost of outings programmed.

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

9 **If there are any revenue implications how will they be met in future years?**
 N/A

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)**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Cumnock Area	<input type="checkbox"/>	Kilmarnock Central	<input type="checkbox"/>	Northern Area
<input type="checkbox"/>	Doon Valley	<input type="checkbox"/>	Kilmarnock South	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other areas outwith East Ayrshire
<input type="checkbox"/>	Irvine Valley	Method of Division			
<input type="checkbox"/>	Kilmarnock North				