

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

DOON VALLEY LOCAL COMMITTEE – 2 NOVEMBER 2004

LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANTS SCHEME 2004/2005 - STAIR COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Report by Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1** The purpose of the report is to advise the Local Committee of a request from Stair Community Association to utilise part of a community grant award to fund a proposal to create permanent displays to highlight the success of a recent community heritage project that had originally been supported with community grant funding.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1** The Doon Valley Local Committee at its meeting held on 9 September 2003 (Item 1B, Page 242, 03/07) approved a community grant application from Stair Community Association for £2,221 to part fund a seven month community heritage project. The community Grant was used to purchase publicity material, exhibition material, speakers fees and project co-ordinator costs to create a series of talks, craft workshops, reminiscence and local history sessions, resulting in a stone carving, an exhibition and a reminiscence video.
- 2.2** Subsequently the group have submitted a financial assistance progress report advising that a balance of £300 remains unspent and requesting authority to spend the balance to create permanent displays to highlight the success of the project. The group intend to restore a wooden cupboard within the centre to create a display unit with shelving and glass doors to display restored items and artefacts such as old school books, ink wells, etc.
- 2.3** As members will be aware, the Conditions of Grant associated with the award state that "if the costs actually incurred on any project are less than the amount approved the remainder of the grant must be returned to the Council".

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1** If the Committee take the decision that the monies should be returned to the Local Committee budget then the amount of £300 will be included in the Local Committee budget for this financial year.

4. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1** The community grant operates within the policy guidelines as detailed in the Council's procedure document – Accounts Policy Bulletin 27 – External

Funding (January 2004), issued in accordance with the Code of Guidance on Funding External Bodies and Following the Public Pound.

5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS - NIL

6. CONCLUSION

6.1 The proposal by the group to utilise the £300 to create permanent displays of restored items and old artefacts for public display could be considered an appropriate use of the remaining funds originally allocated to a community heritage project.

7. RECOMMENDATIONS

7.1 The Committee is asked to consider the following options:

- (a) agree that the group be allowed to use the balance of £300 from the award approved in September 2003 to create permanent displays to reflect the success of the project; or
- (b) to request that the group return the balance of £300 to the Local Committee.

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

1. Application form from Stair Community Association.
2. Progress report from Stair Community Association

Any person wishing to inspect the background papers relative to this report should contact Lynn Chapman, Trainee Administrative Officer on 01563 576283. Any person wishing further information on this report should contact Bill Walkinshaw, Administration Manager on Tel No (01563) 576135.

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