

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE – 6TH FEBRUARY 2002

REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE – DALMELLINGTON BAND

Report by Director of Community Services

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To allow the Committee to consider a request from the Dalmellington Band towards the production of a CD of popular works.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Dalmellington Band have benefited from a Council grant for several years, however their recent success in being placed third in the 2000 Scottish Championships has led to invitations to national contests and consequently increased expenditure that the band has not previously had to face.
- 2.2 The band is self-supporting financially and has no major sponsor. As a means of raising income in coming years the band has decided to produce a CD of popular concert choices for re-sale. The full costs of production will be around £3,500 and the band need to raise around £2,500 to market the CD. The band hopes that the CD will sell well in future years and generate a regular income stream.
- 2.3 The band President has expressed concerns that members may leave if they are required are faced with increased individual financial demands, and he is keen to stress that the band is a source of pride for both Dalmellington and East Ayrshire.

3. CONSIDERATION

- 3.1 The grants to band fund for 2001/02 has a sum of £1,700 remaining if the grant recommended elsewhere on this meetings agenda is awarded. The Dalmellington Senior Band and the Dalmellington Junior Band have both received £400 grants in the current financial year and the band also received a cross-boundary Local Committee grant of £900 towards the cost of travelling to Switzerland to compete in an international event.
- 3.2 As this project is not part of the day-to-day running costs that the grants to bands fund generally caters it may be appropriate to consider this request as a separate issue, one off application.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 Financial support, up to £1,700 could be met from the remaining Grants to Bands budget.

5. LEGAL AUTHORITY/IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 Nil.

6. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 Nil.

7. CONCLUSIONS

- 7.1 Whilst the Dalmellington Band have already received financial support from the Committee in 2001/02 the project to record and sell a CD to assist in fundraising is a new proposal and the Committee may wish to consider additional funding on a one-off basis.

8. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 8.1 It is recommended that the Committee consider the award of £1,700 to the Dalmellington Band utilising the remained of the Grants to Bands budget for 2001/02 and arrive at an appropriate decision.

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21st January 2002

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

1. Letter from Dalmellington Band dated 15th January 2002.

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AGENDA