

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

SPECIAL COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE – 21ST MARCH 2002

GRANTS TO VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS SCHEME BELLSBANK ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND

Report by Director of Community Services

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to consider an application for financial assistance from Bellsbank Adventure Playground which has been submitted for financial year 2002/2003.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The group this year are requesting £23,000 towards running costs including staffing, insurance training, capital costs, equipment and play material, a total project cost of £67,740.42. A full assessment has been carried out by appropriate officers.
- 2.2 The Bellsbank Adventure Playground Project fills an important gap in local provision. The Project provides a high quality, low cost service for the young people in the Doon Valley area. The project is enthusiastically supported in the local communities, and has been financially supported by the Council since 1996.
- 2.3 The organisation continues to develop new activities and provision within the community. They recently introduced drama, dance and structured arts in to their programme and have extended youth provision to weekends. Through funding from the Childcare Partnership, they now provide full day care. Bellsbank Adventure Playground are looking to develop a satellite project to extend youth and out of school provision within the community.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 A budget of £30,000 is available for the Grants to Voluntary Organisations Scheme in financial year 2002/2003.

4. LEGAL AUTHORITY/IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 Not Applicable

5. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 All grants to the Voluntary Organisations Scheme are assessed utilising key criteria, which relate to the Council's Leisure Strategy, the Council Plan and other core strategies and policies.

6. CONCLUSIONS

6.1 In financial year 2001/2002, the budget for Grants to Voluntary Organisations was £30,000 and a grant of £22,951 to Bellsbank Adventure Playground was approved. It is suggested that as the budget for Grants to Voluntary Organisations for financial year 2002/2003 remains at £30,000, that the grant to Bellsbank Adventure Playground for financial year 2002/2003 remains at £22,951.

7. RECOMMENDATIONS

7.1 It is recommended that the Committee:-

- (i) approve a grant of £22,951 to Bellsbank Adventure Playground for financial year 2002/2003; and
- (ii) otherwise note the contents of this report.

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Director of Community Services

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13th March 2002

LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

1. Application form for financial assistance from Bellsbank Adventure Playground.
2. Officer's assessment.

Any person wishing to inspect the background papers listed above should telephone (01563) 576264 and ask for John Griffiths, Head of Leisure Services.

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AGENDA