

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

CUMNOCK AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE - 1 FEBRUARY 2001

COMMUNITY GRANTS 2000/2001 - REFUNDED MONIES

Report by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To enable the Committee to consider and determine how monies which have been refunded to the community grants budget for the 2000/2001 financial year should be expended.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 This Committee on 24 January 2001 agreed as follows, namely:-

- (i) to note that a sum of £1,883.42 had been refunded to the Committee's community grants budget for 2000/2001 by the Cumnock Community Radio Group which had recently dissolved;
- (ii) that, in principle, consideration be given to reallocating the refunded monies to six other organisations who had submitted applications for grant funding during the current financial year after closing date of 31 March 2000; and
- (iii) that the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources submit a further report on the six applications concerned to this meeting.

3. PRESENT POSITION

- 3.1 As indicated above, a sum of £1,883.42 is available at this time for disbursement by the Local Committee as community grants in respect of the monies refunded by the Cumnock Community Radio Group.
- 3.2 In addition to this, as the result of a reduction in membership numbers compared to last financial year, the amount of grant to be paid to Sorn Old Folk's Welfare Association and Lugar and Logan Age Concern this financial year is less than had been set aside by the Committee in May last year. The balance in this respect from the two organisations amounts to £108.75 and this can be added to the monies now available for disbursement by the Committee. A total sum of £1,992.17 is, therefore, now available for disbursement.

4. PROPOSALS

- 4.1** Attached at Appendix I is a schedule providing details of the six applications referred to in Paragraph 2.1(iii) above, together with the assessments and recommendations relative to each application made by the appropriate Service Department. It is suggested that the Committee consider and deal with the applications concerned.
- 4.2** The amount of grant awarded to each of the organisations concerned is a matter for determination by the Local Committee, however, as an example and based upon the grant amounts recommended by the Assessing Officers, the total disbursement would amount to £1,250, leaving a balance of £742.17 uncommitted.
- 4.3** The Members will also recollect that the Committee at its meeting on 25 May 2000, agreed that a nominal grant be made to nine Older People's Groups who had made application for community grant funding this year (the organisations concerned are listed in Appendix II, together with membership numbers, the purpose for which grant was sought, the amount of grant sought and the recommended grant in each case). The amount of the nominal grant was to be determined by an equal split of the then remaining balance available from the current year's allocation for community grants when all other grant payments had been taken into account. The nominal grant amounted to £71.43.
- 4.4** It is proposed that any uncommitted balance of monies remaining for community grants, after the six outstanding applications have been dealt with, being, say, £742.17 be disbursed equally amongst each of the nine Older People's Organisations in question up to a maximum amount not exceeding the recommended grant. This would mean that Auchinleck Parish Church Seniors Section would receive an additional grant of £78.57 giving a total grant of £150 for the year, while the eight other organisations would receive additional grant of £82.95, giving them a total award for the year of £154.38.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1** A total sum of £1,992.17 is available for disbursement by the Committee as community grants for the 2000/2001 financial year.

6. LEGAL/POLICY IMPLICATIONS - Nil.

7. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 7.1** It is recommended that in respect of the monies now available for disbursement, the Committee:-
- (i) determine the six applications for community grant detailed in Appendix I; and

- (ii) agree that any balance of funds remaining following determination of the applications referred to in (i) above, be disbursed equally amongst the nine organisations referred to in Appendix II.

Fiona Lees
Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources

26 January 2001

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

1. Community Grant Application Files.

Any person wishing to inspect the background papers relative to this report should contact Stuart Nelson, Administrative Officer, on telephone number (01563) 576151. Any person wishing further information on this report should contact Bill Walkinshaw, Administration Manager on telephone number (01563) 576135.

Implementation Officer: Stuart Nelson, Administrative Officer.

APPENDIX I

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COMMUNITY GRANTS

SUMMARY STATEMENT BY THE DEPUTE CHIEF EXECUTIVE/DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE RESOURCES

<u>ORGANISATION</u>	MAIN PURPOSE OF GRANT	TOTAL COST OF PROJECT	AMOUNT OF GRANT APPLIED FOR	<u>GROUP'S CONTRIBUTION</u>	LATEST BANK BALANCE	GRANT AWARDED 1999/2000	RECOMMENDED GRANT
Cumnock and Doon Valley Poverty Action Group	Conferences, accommodation, catering, postage/production of literature, speakers and follow-up meetings; production of literature/general costs for street stalls; and production of regular newsletter/bulletin.	£1,520.00	£1,520.00	Nil	£249.00	Nil	Defer - See Comments

COMMENTS:- The Assessing Department (Educational and Social Services) indicate that this application would address issues associated with poverty/low pay and social isolation, by providing a practical response to poverty issues, and, in general terms, is worthy of support. However, it is recommended that consideration of this application be deferred to a future meeting to enable the Social Inclusion Team to liaise with the Group with a view to examining possible links with/to the activities of the Coalfield Communities Federation. This is a cross-boundary application covering the Cumnock Area and Doon Valley Local Committee areas.

<u>ORGANISATION</u>	MAIN PURPOSE OF GRANT	TOTAL COST OF PROJECT	AMOUNT OF GRANT APPLIED FOR	<u>GROUP'S CONTRIBUTIO</u> <u>N</u>	LATEST BANK BALANCE	GRANT AWARDED 1999/2000	RECOMMENDED GRANT
Cumnock Floral Art Club	Letting fees; consumable materials and flowers; and demonstrators' fees.	£710.00	£400.00	£310.00	£4.62	N/A	£400.00

COMMENTS:- The Assessing Department (Community Services) indicate that the grant award will support the activities of the Group by contributing towards the cost incurred by the group so far and for the remainder of this financial year. The Group have recently attracted new members by relocating to the Barrhill Centre which is accessible to the elderly and disabled people and hope to continue to expand membership.

The Group have sought grant funding amounting to less than 60% of their annual expenditure - the balance of costs are being accounted for through fundraising by the Group.

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Netherthird Community Dance Group	Transport for term; accommodation expenses (dance festivals); and costumes.	£3,000.00	£1,500.00	£1,500.00	£1,010.44	N/A	£250.00

COMMENTS:- The Assessing Department (Educational and Social Services) indicate that the application would assist with enabling individuals to reach their full potential and complement the aims of inspiring young people as set out in the Council Plan. The expenditure will support a well organised group which is open to all young people in the community.

At the time of submission of this application, the group's details regarding costs, as set out above, were accurate. However, due to the Dance Group missing the deadline for submitting an application and consequently being informed that their application would not be considered, the Group significantly scaled down their activities due to lack of finance.

The Group have attended a number of competitions since April and are hoping to attend one further dance festival before the end of the financial year (an event in mid March). For this reason, a small grant of £250 is recommended which will help towards the costs.

The Group indicate that most of the money currently held within their bank account is committed in respect of hall hire and general running costs.

Bright Sparks Toddler Playscheme	To assist in meeting the cost of a Summer Playscheme.	£400.00	£200.00	£200.00	Not available	N/A	£100.00
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COMMENTS:- The Assessing Department (Educational and Social Services) indicate that the application addresses issues associated with unemployed parents, single parents, children, low income families.

The Playscheme allowed the Group to offer children a stimulating range of activities covering the various age groups. A grant of £100.00 is recommended based on the activities undertaken by the organisation and subject to sight of the Group's most recent bank statement.

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Muirkirk Community Association	To assist in meeting the cost of Muirkirk Gala Day 2000.	£4,500.00	£300.00	£4,200.00	£970.08	£300.00	£300.00

COMMENTS:- The Assessing Department (Community Services) indicate that the nature of the application associates with the Council's Leisure Strategy, supports the principles of Social Inclusion and contributes to inspiring young people in terms of the Council Plan. The Gala Day last year was a quality event in which large sections of the community participated. The event ran at a deficit and grant assistance would provide financial support to what was an excellent event.

Muirkirk Elderly Forum	To assist in meeting the cost of phone/stamps; and transport costs.	£200.00	£200.00	Nil	£177.56	£200.00	£200.00
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COMMENTS:- The Assessing Department (Educational and Social Services) indicate that the application addresses priorities associated with social inclusion and social isolation of the elderly. The function of the Forum is to obtain and distribute relevant information to elderly groups within the local area and a grant award as recommended would assist in meeting the costs incurred by the Forum this financial year. This Forum is one of the most active elderly groups in the area.

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AGENDA