

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

CUMNOCK AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE - 27 MARCH 2003

COMMUNITY GRANT: CATRINE, SORN AND DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

Report by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1** To invite the Committee to consider how to proceed in respect of Community Grant funding awarded to Catrine, Sorn and District Local History Group, in the light of the period of time which has now passed since approval of the application.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1** This Committee on 10 May 2000, agreed to make a Community Grant award to Catrine, Sorn and District Local History Group, in the sum of £650.00 to assist in meeting the cost of (a) reproduction of the Catrine Chronicle 1906-1908; and (b) expenses relating to research on the history of G Reid & Son, Builders, Catrine. A letter of approval was subsequently issued on 5 June 2000 with one of the conditions of grant being that the grant monies should be expended within a period of 12 months from the date of approval.
- 2.2** Subsequently, on 20 June 2001, this Committee considered a request from the Group to be allowed an additional period of time within which to complete the projects and agreed to allow an additional period of time until 30 November 2001 to allow completion and for the grant monies to be expended.

3. PRESENT POSITION/DISCUSSION

- 3.1** Recent correspondence between the Group and the Administration Section has confirmed that work relating to the research on the history of G Reid & Son, has been completed (to a value of £100) and will be recorded on CD Rom format. This work represents a distinct element of the grant application and has been followed through to completion, and the allocated grant monies expended, in accordance with the grant application.
- 3.2** The Group have also undertaken the work required to make the necessary preparations for reprinting of the Catrine Chronicle 1906-1908 at a value of £325.00, but the reprinting work (value £500 approx, of which £225 has been allocated from the grant award) has not yet been undertaken. However, the Secretary to the Group is confident that this work can be carried out and the remaining grant monies expended within the near future and, in the light of this, it is suggested that the Committee should allow the Group a further limited period of time, i.e. until 30 June 2003, to undertake the relevant works.

This approach would allow the Group a further reasonable opportunity to complete a worthwhile project.

- 3.3** Notwithstanding the terms of Paragraph 3.2, above, the Group would also be advised that should they fail to complete this project by 30 June 2003, a further report will be submitted to this Committee to enable consideration to be given to the possibility of requiring part of the grant award to be repaid.

4. FINANCIAL/LEGAL/POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1** There are no new legal or policy implications arising from this report.
- 4.2** There would be financial implications arising from the report should the Committee wish to seek repayment from the Trust of any part of the Community Grant awarded.

5. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 5.1** It is recommended, having regard to the terms of the report, that the Committee agree:-
- (i) to allow the Group a further period of time, until 30 June 2003 to have the work involved in reprinting of the Catrine Chronicle 1906-1908 carried out and the grant monies expended; and
 - (ii) that the Group be advised that should they fail to meet the requirements of (i) above, a further report will be submitted to this Committee to enable consideration to be given to the possibility of requiring repayment of part of the grant award.

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Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources

24 February 2003

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

1. Community Grant application from, and correspondence with, Catrine Voes Trust.

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.

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