

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

CUMNOCK AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE - 12 SEPTEMBER 2002

COMMUNITY GRANTS 2002/2003: UNCOMMITTED MONIES

Report by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To advise the Committee of monies which have not been committed under the Community Grants budget for the current financial year; and to invite the Committee to consider how the balance of the monies available should be expended.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Having regard to the decisions taken by this Committee on 13 June 2002, a total sum of £47,684.99 has been committed from the allocation available to the Committee for the current financial year for Community Grants, being a total of £53,797.40 (including refunded monies from previous years), leaving a currently unexpended balance of £6,112.41.
- 2.2 The sums referred to in paragraph 2.1 take account of a reduced grant payment of £42 being made to Catrine and District Visual Arts Group, compared to the grant award of £250 approved by the Committee. This is because documentation provided by the Group has indicated that, in the main, the purpose of the grant application submitted to the Local Committee has been funded by Awards for All, with the exception of costs relating to hall lets and affiliation fees. The costs relating to these two items, as set out in the community grant application form submitted amount to £30 for hall lets and £12 for affiliation fees.
- 2.3 The Committee also made decisions on 13 June 2002 relative to four individual applications which required further action prior to the Committee determining whether a grant award should be made during the current financial year. The applications in question, the actions required and the outcomes are detailed in Section 3 below.

3. PROGRESS

- 3.1 Listed hereunder are those applications which required further action as a result of the Committee's decisions on 13 June 2002 that no grant award be made in respect of these applications at that time and that the organisations concerned should seek funding for the purpose of the application from other sources, together with progress made and the current position in each case, namely:-

(a) Mauchline Community Association

The Association applied for grant funding to assist in meeting the cost of tables and chairs for use in the Community Centre. The total cost of the proposal was £3,161.30 and the amount of grant requested was £3,061.30 with the final Officer recommendation being for a grant of £1,500.

Communication with the Association has confirmed that they intend to submit an application for funding for this purpose to Awards for All and it is understood that this will be dealt with in November of this year. This being the case, it is suggested that this Committee should make no provision during this financial year for a grant award in respect of this application since in the event that the Association's application to Awards for all is unsuccessful, it would be appropriate for the Association to make an application for funding from the Local Committee for the next financial year.

It is recommended that the Committee note the Association's intention to make an application for grant funding for the proposed purchase of tables and chairs from Awards for All.

(b) Cumnock Landward Community Association

The Association applied for grant funding to assist with the purchase of additional hardware, software and consumables to allow wider use of 2 computers within the Community Centre.

The Association have been liaising with the Council's External Funding Support Officer, regarding the preparation of an application for funding to Awards for All. The application will cover those aspects featured in the Community Grant application but will develop the Association's proposal by seeking funding for more and a wider range of computer peripherals. This being the case, it is suggested that this Committee should make no provision during this financial year for a grant award in respect of this application since in the event that the Association's application to Awards for all is unsuccessful, it would be appropriate for the Association to make an application for funding from the Local Committee for the next financial year.

It is recommended that the Committee note the Association's intention to make an application for grant funding for 'computer peripherals' from Awards for All.

(c) Jolly Tots Under 5's

Part of the grant application submitted by this Group related to the proposed purchase of a computer and, in respect of this element, the Committee agreed that the Group should seek funding from other sources.

The Group have subsequently advised that they no longer wish to proceed with the purchase of a computer and, accordingly, it will not be necessary for this Committee to make provision for grant funding in respect of this application.

It is recommended that the Committee note that this Group do not intend to proceed with their proposal at this time.

(d) New Cumnock Baptist Church Youth Club

The Youth Club applied for grant funding to assist with the purchase of computer equipment, the total cost of the proposal being £950, the amount of grant requested being £750 and the final Officer recommendation being for a grant award of £350.

The Club have been written to by the Administration Section and the Council's External Funding Support Officer inviting them to make

contact to access assistance in making progress in identifying alternative sources of funding for the proposal. However, as of the date of this report, no response has been received from the Club and it is therefore suggested that this application should now be considered as having lapsed.

It is recommended that the Committee agree that this application be considered as having lapsed.

4. CONSIDERATION

4.1 Should the Committee accept the recommendations relative to the applications referred to in Section 3, above, a total sum of £6112.41 remains uncommitted from the current year's community grants budget.

4.2 In determining how the uncommitted balance may be utilised, the Committee may wish to consider the undernoted opportunities, which are not mutually exclusive, namely:-

(a) Previous Applications

As the Members will recollect, grant awards approved to local organisations at the meeting on 13 June 2002, were, in most cases, less than the recommended amounts, in view of the limitations of the funding available for this purpose compared to the value of the applications received. It may be, therefore, that the Committee would wish to take the opportunity for further consideration to be given to the possibility of additional funding being made available in respect of some or other of those applications. If the Committee are so minded, it is suggested that in order to facilitate progress, it would be appropriate to remit to the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources, in consultation with the Chair, and in the light of advice from the Assessing Departments, to determine in respect of which applications a supplementary grant award should be made and the amount;

(b) Future Applications

The Committee on 13 June 2002, agreed, again in view of the limitations of the funding available for community grant as compared to the value of the applications received, that no part of the financial allocation available to the Committee for community grants at that time would be set aside to deal with further applications which might be received during the year. However, bearing in mind the position with regard to those applications referred to in Paragraph 3.1 above, and that a balance of £6,112.41 remains uncommitted at this time, the Committee may wish to take the opportunity to set aside their previous decision and to make financial provision for any future applications which might be received. Should this be the case, it will be necessary to have regard to the terms of Standing Order 40.

In this connection, the Committee are advised that a cross boundary application has been received from FC Kilmarnock Ladies which includes the Cumnock Area (copy assessment attached as Appendix I). Should the Committee wish to set aside their previous decision as

referred to in the preceding paragraph, it would then be possible to proceed to determine the application from FC Kilmarnock Ladies.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1** A total potential sum of £6,112.41 remains available for disbursement by the Committee as Community Grants for the 2002/2003 financial year.

6. LEGAL/POLICY IMPLICATIONS - Nil.

7. RECOMMENDATION

- 7.1** It is recommended that the Committee consider and determine how the remaining balance of funds available for community grants for the current financial year should be disbursed, having regard to the information set out in this report.

Fiona Lees
Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources

21 August 2002
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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

1. Grant applications and correspondence with local organisations.

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.

grant assessment form

1

Purpose of the group

To provide young women the opportunity to participate in football and compete at the highest level possible within the Scottish Woman's Football Association. The purpose of the group is also to raise the profile of woman's football locally using players as role models for future development of young players.

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Purpose of the grant

FC Kilmarnock Women's Football Club in season 2001-2002 won the Scottish Football Association Cup, the Scottish League Cup and the Scottish Premier League. As Scottish Champions, FC Kilmarnock have been invited to compete in the UEFA woman's championships along with all other European club champions. The event will include 35 European Countries. F.C. Kilmarnock have been drawn away in a qualifying group section with Portugal, Russia and Austria and qualification from this group will put Kilmarnock into top 16 Countries represented in Europe.

The application costs are – Entry Fee to UEFA - £6000

Flights – (24@ £250.00) - £6000

Accommodation - £1920

TOTAL - £13,920

3a

How many people are on the group's Management Committee?

5

3b

What is the group's total membership?

26

3c

How many people in the group would benefit from the grant?

24

3d

How many people usually attend the group?

26

3e

How many people are expected to attend?

26

4

How will the grant develop the group/organisation or benefit the local community?

The grant will directly benefit FC Kilmarnock Woman's Football Club who have won the right to compete in this prestigious event. Competing in this event will also raise the profile of the team locally and Nationally and will promote and encourage participation in and the development of Girls and Woman's Football at a local level. The profile of East Ayrshire will also be raised with participating members coming from the Kilmarnock South, Kilmarnock North, Kilmarnock Central, Irvine Valley and Cumnock Local Committee areas.

5	Total cost of project	£13,920	Recommendation	
	Amount of grant requested	£5,920		Support <input type="checkbox"/> yes
	Bank Balance(s) <small>Date 30 July 2002</small>	£1564.38		Refuse <input type="checkbox"/>
	<small>Where the group has more than one bank account all balances should be recorded</small>			Defer <input type="checkbox"/>
	Cash in hand <small>Date</small>	£		Amount Recommended £ 3,500 *
Name of other funding source			Reason for recommendation	
			*After deductions	
Amount and date of grant			PLEASE SEE ATTACHED SHEET	
£	Date			

7

If latest bank balance exceeds the cost of the project or is substantial, are these funds ring-fenced for the normal activities of the group or can they contribute to the cost of the project?

N/a

8

Does the project represent value for money?

Yes X

No

9

If there are any revenue implications how will they be met in future years?

There will be further expenditure implications should the team progress further in the competition.

Cross boundary grant (if applicable) and division per committee (the calculation should identify the corresponding number of individuals within the respective Local Committee areas who will directly benefit from the grant award)

£1,050 (3)	Cumnock Area	£350 (1)	Kilmarnock Central		Northern Area
	Doon Valley	£1,050 (3)	Kilmarnock South		Other areas outwith East Ayrshire
£700 (2)	Irvine Valley	Method of Division			
£350 (1)	Kilmarnock North	Final recommendation divided by number of players			

Reason for Recommendation

FC Kilmarnock Woman’s Football club have won the right to represent Scotland in the UEFA Woman’s Championship. As stated in section 4, competing in this event will also raise the profile of the team locally and nationally and will promote and encourage participation in and the development of Girls and Woman’s Football at a local level. The profile of East Ayrshire will also be raised.

The team are putting considerable effort in to fundraising to allow them to compete in the event. Fundraising efforts have included preparing sponsorship packs, bag packing, a race night and sponsored run. A host of other fundraising events are planned and the players will also be directly contributing to the cost of competing. Although this organisation are independent from Kilmarnock Football Club, Kilmarnock Football Club are providing considerable amount of in kind support including, strips, equipment and assistance in seeking further sponsorship.

East Ayrshire Sports Council’s funding schemes are unable to fund this type of project.

A positive recommendation of support has been made on the basis that,

- The application supports sporting excellence
- The club have won the right to compete in the competition

A grant of **£3500** has been recommended to support the team’s part in this prestigious event.

It is recommended that there is one specific condition of grant.

- 1) The club ensure that a dissolution clause is included in their constitution.

AGENDA