

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

DOON VALLEY LOCAL COMMITTEE - 11 SEPTEMBER 2001

COMMUNITY GRANTS TO LOCAL ORGANISATIONS 2000/2001

UPDATED FINANCIAL POSITION

Report by Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources

ANNUAL BUDGET	£23,522	
CATEGORY	VALUE OF GRANTS PAID TO DATE	VALUE OF GRANTS SET OUT IN ATTACHED SCHEDULE
Arts & Cultural	-	£685.70
Community Association	-	-
Community Councils	-	-
Community Safety	-	-
Disability	£6,010	£1,600.00
Early Education & Childcare	£750	£300.00
Economic Development	-	-
Environmental	-	-
Ethnic Minorities	-	-
Health Issues	-	-
Heritage	-	£1,572.21
Leisure Activities	£300	£2,740.00
Older People	£4,336	£1,841.00
Social Inclusion	-	-
Sport	-	-
Tenants/Residents Groups	-	-
Unemployment	-	-
Women's Issues	£513.33	-
Young People	-	£1,090
TOTAL	£11,909.33	£9,828.91
Return of unspent award	£250*	-
BALANCE	£11,862.67	£2,033.76

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* £250 returned grant from Dalmellington Book Town Initiative

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SUMMARY STATEMENT BY THE DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE RESOURCES

(A) ARTS AND CULTURAL

ORGANISATION	MAIN PURPOSE OF GRANT	TOTAL COST OF PROJECT	AMOUNT OF GRANT APPLIED FOR	GROUP'S CONTRIBUTION	LATEST BANK BALANCE	GRANT AWARDED 2000/2001	RECOMMENDED GRANT
Dalmellington Band	Assistance with the cost of a trip to Switzerland to participate in a Music Festival.	£10,000.00	£1,500.00	£8,500.00	£786.90 (February 2001) (update to be advised)	N/A	Cumnock Area - £214.30; and Doon Valley - £685.70 Total - £900.00

COMMENTS:- The Assessing Department (Community Services has recommended support of this project. It is explained that the Band applied for a grant under Community Services "Awards to Bands Scheme". This Scheme entitles Band to a £400 grant towards yearly running costs. The Band have been invited to attend a Music Festival in Switzerland which involves 12 top bands from various countries. A Band from Switzerland will be visiting Dalmellington in September 2001. As this is a special application, the Local Committee are requested to consider a community grant payment. The cross-boundary split is based on the proportion of membership attending the event who live in the respective Local Committee areas.

The application from Dalmellington Band was continued from the meeting on 22 May 2001 to investigate alternative avenues for Council funding.

Core funding is given to a range of groups for instance, Bands, Avonlea Youth Centre and Bellsbank Adventure Playground.

In certain circumstances these core funded groups apply for funding over and above this core funding for special projects/events which have an impact on/for the surrounding locality.

In this event previous practice applies that these applications for grant go to the relevant Local Committee for determination unless they are cross boundary grants over 5 Local Committee areas in which case they would then go to the Service Committee for determination.

(B) DISABILITY

ORGANISATION	MAIN PURPOSE OF GRANT	TOTAL COST OF PROJECT	AMOUNT OF GRANT APPLIED FOR	GROUP'S CONTRIBUTION	LATEST BANK BALANCE	GRANT AWARDED 2000/2001	RECOMMENDED GRANT
Dalmellington Self Help Group	Let fees, outings (day trips), crafts and Christmas party.	£750.00	£700.00	£50.00	£14.28	N/A	£700.00

COMMENTS:- The Group was founded in 1990 and has a membership of 10. The group's aim is to give support to members to allow them to gain more self esteem and live as normal a life as possible within the community.

The Assessing Department (Educational and Social Services) has recommended continued support of this group. The grant would allow the group to continue to meet and take part in a varied programme of activities that enables them to gain confidence and meet other people. The group fundraise throughout the year to enable them to contribute to their ongoing programme. This is a well established group who provide a valuable resource within the Dalmellington area.

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Phabs R Us	Members transport to meeting - £936; Transportation for trips - £972; Craft work - £600; and Hall lets - £108.	£2,616.00	£2,416.00	£200.00	£682.31 (30 March 2001) (update to be advised)	Cumnock Area - £1,040 Doon Valley - £260. Total - £1,300	Cumnock Area - £1,500; and Doon Valley - £900 Total - £2,400

COMMENTS:- The Assessing Department (Educational and Social Services) recommends support of this application which addresses priorities associated with disabilities.

A grant award as recommended would allow the group to facilitate a meeting space and activities for individuals and their families who have a disability. The group tries to fully integrate families and those with a physical disability alongside the able bodied.

The recommended grant is split between the Cumnock Area Local Committee as 70 : 30 which reflects the residency of members of the club between the respective Local Committee areas (12 members from the Doon Area). The difference between the amount of grant awarded last year and the amount recommended this year is due to additional costs associated with transportation for trips (an additional £492) and craft work items (£600).

(C) EARLY EDUCATION AND CHILDCARE

ORGANISATION	MAIN PURPOSE OF GRANT	TOTAL COST OF PROJECT	AMOUNT OF GRANT APPLIED FOR	GROUP'S CONTRIBUTION	LATEST BANK BALANCE	GRANT AWARDED 2000/2001	RECOMMENDED GRANT
Drongan Nursery School Parents Association	Safety surface - £20,000; Fencing - £5,000; Planters - £3,000; and Outdoor toys - £2,000.	£30,000.00	£300.00 (start-up grant)	£29,700.00	£716.24	Nil	£300.00

COMMENTS:- The Assessing Department (Educational and Social Services) recommends support of the application which would address priorities for lone parents, unemployment and rural deprivation. The grant award would give the group money to buy resources required to do their fundraising and travelling expenses of speakers who would come to assist with fundraising. The group has been established to promote, pursue and provide support for the benefit and welfare of the children at the nursery. Their goal is to deliver a safe secure and interesting outdoor play area for the Nursery children.

The start-up grant would cover outlay for petty expenses such as stationery, postage, computer ink and travelling expenses.

(D) HERITAGE

ORGANISATION	MAIN PURPOSE OF GRANT	TOTAL COST OF PROJECT	AMOUNT OF GRANT APPLIED FOR	GROUP'S CONTRIBUTION	LATEST BANK BALANCE	GRANT AWARDED 2000/2001	RECOMMENDED GRANT
Ayrshire Railway Preservation Group	Insurance, buffet costs, sales costs, coal and publicity.	£6,037.65	£1,864.34	£4,173.31	£159.16 (current a/c) £6,463.29 (high interest a/c)	Nil	£1,572.21

COMMENTS:- The Trust was founded in 1974 by a small group of local enthusiasts determined to keep steam traction alive and to keep part of Ayrshire's rich railway heritage. In 1980 the derelict Minnirey Colliery was leased from the NCB and developed by the group as a museum/steam centre. By 2000 the group was attracting 3,374 visitors to 13 Steam days at the centre. The grant, if approved, would be utilised by the group for publicity costs for the Steam Days.

The Assessing Department (Development Services) recommends support of the application which is consistent with the Doon Valley Tourist Development Strategy prepared for the Doon Valley Rural Partnership which includes Ayrshire Railway Preservation Group's site at Minnivery as one of the key nodes of visitor activity in the Doon Valley. Attracting visitors to the Doon Valley will increase expenditure in the local economy, thereby supporting both the Economic Strategy and the aims of social inclusion. Publicity for the Steam Days will encourage attendance by members of the public which will in turn:-

- Enable the group to remain active;
- Provide a leisure opportunity for local residents; and
- Increase expenditure in the local economy by visitors from outwith the local area,

(E) LEISURE

ORGANISATION	MAIN PURPOSE OF GRANT	TOTAL COST OF PROJECT	AMOUNT OF GRANT APPLIED FOR	GROUP'S CONTRIBUTION	LATEST BANK BALANCE	GRANT AWARDED 2000/2001	RECOMMENDED GRANT
Patna Activity Group	Games equipment and kitchen equipment.	£650.00	£500.00	£150.00	£506.06	N/A	£350.00

COMMENTS:- The group was established in April 2000 to promote social, recreational and educational activities for the not so fit and those who care for the residents in the Patna area. The group presently has 25 members.

The Assessing Department (Educational and Social Services) have recommended support of the group. This is a relatively new group offering social/recreational meeting space for people within the Doon Valley. A lesser amount of £350 has been recommended as the Assessing Officer has estimated that the cost of the games equipment and kitchen equipment is likely to be in the region of £371.

ORGANISATION	MAIN PURPOSE OF GRANT	TOTAL COST OF PROJECT	AMOUNT OF GRANT APPLIED FOR	GROUP'S CONTRIBUTION	LATEST BANK BALANCE	GRANT AWARDED 2000/2001	RECOMMENDED GRANT
Drongan Miners Welfare Bowling Club	New fan and window décor for Committee Room, new lawnmower, outside lights and new downpipes.	£2,400.00	£2,000.00	£400.00	£7,423.37 (debit)	Nil	£800.00

COMMENTS:- The club was founded in 1960 and has a current membership of 160.

The Assessing Department (Community Services) has recommended support of the group which supports the aims within the leisure strategy and promotes positive social interaction within the community. At this stage, the assessment does not include the element of costs associated with the lawnmower as quotes are still awaited from the group.

The Assessing Department therefore recommends a grant of £800 subject to the confirmation that a satisfactory Constitution is in place.

(E) LEISURE (Cont...)

ORGANISATION	MAIN PURPOSE OF GRANT	TOTAL COST OF PROJECT	AMOUNT OF GRANT APPLIED FOR	GROUP'S CONTRIBUTION	LATEST BANK BALANCE	GRANT AWARDED 2000/2001	RECOMMENDED GRANT
Drongan Miners Welfare Bowling Club	Re-decoration within the Clubhouse and new PA System.	£1,500.00	£1,500.00	Nil	£7,423.37 (debit)	Nil	£1,000.00

COMMENTS:- The club was founded in 1960 and has a current membership of 160.

The Assessing Department (Community Services) have recommended support of the application which supports aims within the Leisure Strategy and promotes positive social interaction. The Department states this is a worthwhile project but that the group should be encouraged to make a contribution towards it. This application is also subject to confirmation that a satisfactory constitution is in place.

ORGANISATION	MAIN PURPOSE OF GRANT	TOTAL COST OF PROJECT	AMOUNT OF GRANT APPLIED FOR	GROUP'S CONTRIBUTION	LATEST BANK BALANCE	GRANT AWARDED 2000/2001	RECOMMENDED GRANT
Univox Radio Group	Admin costs, postage, telephone, transport, printing/ photocopying, PO Box and mail services	£500.00	£440.00	£60.00	£16.00	Nil	£340

COMMENTS:- This is a new group set up in March 2001. The group currently has a membership of 10 all residing in the Doon Valley area.

This is a start up grant for the new group who hope to provide social and recreational interests and raise funds for local charities.

A grant of £340 has been recommended by the Assessing Department (Community Services) as it is their opinion that the group could look to initially fundraise to contribute more to the overall project costs. It is also recommended that the grant should not be released until the following conditions have been met:-

(a) the group's constitution states that membership is open to those who are at least 18 years old. During the assessment the group confirmed that they would allow membership to those under 18 years. This requires to be amended on their constitution; (b) the group's constitution states that there are two types of membership, ordinary and founder. The constitution states that "Founder members are ordinary members that lent money to the club during its initial stages. Founder members are non-elected members and are able to vote on all committee votes even after they have been repaid by the Club". This is viewed as an unacceptable clause within the constitution as potentially un-elected founder members could control the decision making within the club with no opportunity for member to 'un-elect' them.; and (c) it is recommended that prior to the grant being released, that the group liaise with a Support to the Communities Officer (Community Education) to satisfactorily resolve the above issues.

(E) LEISURE (Cont...)

ORGANISATION	MAIN PURPOSE OF GRANT	TOTAL COST OF PROJECT	AMOUNT OF GRANT APPLIED FOR	GROUP'S CONTRIBUTION	LATEST BANK BALANCE	GRANT AWARDED 2000/2001	RECOMMENDED GRANT
Dalmellington Amateur Gardening Club	Prize money, meals and judges expenses, hall lets and trophy insurance.	£850.00	£250.00	£600.00	£945.53	£450.00	£250

COMMENTS:- The group was founded in 1969 to promote horticulture in the area, with the aim of improving the appearance of the town.

The Assessing Department (Community Services) has recommended support of this project as being a worthwhile event which would benefit the local community. The group intersects with the aims of the leisure strategy and environmental strategy. The event, held on 25 August 2001 is well supported in the community and stimulates the interest in horticulture.

(F) OLDER PEOPLE

ORGANISATION	MAIN PURPOSE OF GRANT	TOTAL COST OF PROJECT	AMOUNT OF GRANT APPLIED FOR	GROUP'S CONTRIBUTION	LATEST BANK BALANCE	GRANT AWARDED 2000/2001	RECOMMENDED GRANT
Bellsbank Street Wardens	Gift vouchers from the Co-op for the elderly at Christmas.	£885.00	£885.00	Nil	£54.35	£665.00 (based on an amount of £3.50 per capita of registered membership, the group having a total registered membership of 190)	£885.00

COMMENTS:- The group was established in 1978 to help OAP's in the Bellsbank area, There are currently 177 people on the register.

The Assessing Department (Educational and Social Services) recommends support of this community based group which provides a service to senior citizens within the area. The group provide gift vouchers for the elderly at Christmas. The recommendation is based on £5 per member.

(F) OLDER PEOPLE (Cont...)

ORGANISATION	MAIN PURPOSE OF GRANT	TOTAL COST OF PROJECT	AMOUNT OF GRANT APPLIED FOR	GROUP'S CONTRIBUTION	LATEST BANK BALANCE	GRANT AWARDED 2000/2001	RECOMMENDED GRANT
Dalrymple and District Old People's Welfare Committee	244 Christmas parcels and 11 hospital gifts, bingo books and raffle tickets and hall lets.	£3,600.00	£1,000.00	£2,600.00	£1,068.46	£868.00	£800.00

COMMENTS:- The organisation was founded in 1963 to promote the general welfare of the people aged 65 years and over in the Dalrymple area.

The Assessing Department (Educational and Social Services) have recommended support of the application which will enable the group to provide social functions and gifts at Christmas. The Assessing Department will also be assisting the group with changes required to their Constitution.

ORGANISATION	MAIN PURPOSE OF GRANT	TOTAL COST OF PROJECT	AMOUNT OF GRANT APPLIED FOR	GROUP'S CONTRIBUTION	LATEST BANK BALANCE	GRANT AWARDED 2000/2001	RECOMMENDED GRANT
Good Companions Club	Outings, bus and meal.	£400.00	£350.00	£50.00	£749.13	£300.00	£156 based on the per capita rate of £4 per member

COMMENTS:- The group is open to all residents aged 50 and over residing in the Dalrymple area. The group currently has 39 members. The group was founded in 1979 and their main aim is to provide social and educational opportunities for the inhabitants of the Dalrymple area.

The Assessing Department (Educational and Social Services) have recommended continued support of the group. Approval of the grant would enable the group to organise a day trip for members which will give them the opportunity to experience a new environment. This is an active group who are largely self-sustaining and worthy of Community Grant funding.

As the Groups income and expenditure statement for the last year has still to be submitted by the Group, the grant should be conditional upon satisfactory receipt of this.

(G) YOUNG PEOPLE

ORGANISATION	MAIN PURPOSE OF GRANT	TOTAL COST OF PROJECT	AMOUNT OF GRANT APPLIED FOR	GROUP'S CONTRIBUTION	LATEST BANK BALANCE	GRANT AWARDED 2000/2001	RECOMMENDED GRANT
Bellsbank Adventure Playground - Summer Playscheme	Outings to Loudoun Castle and M&D's Theme Park. Hire of transport for both outings, arts and crafts materials, disco, medals and trophies.	£1,090.00	£1,090.00	Nil	£38,284.63	£1,050.00	£1,090.00

COMMENTS:- The summer playscheme has ran for over 6 years from the Adventure Playground. The playscheme caters for 48 children aged 5-12 years. The playscheme is open to any child and does not have any set regulations for entry.

The Assessing Department (Educational and Social Services) has recommended continued support of this group. The group are well established and would provide a valuable resource for young people within the Doon Valley Area.

The grant will allow the group to provide additional facilities during the summer that would not otherwise be possible.

The activities planned will give the young people the opportunity to experience new places and activities not normally available within their area.

The Group has advised that most of the funds they currently have are earmarked for forthcoming projects throughout the year, including the setting up of a cyber café, staff salaries and maintenance of the Playground.

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AGENDA