

**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

**IRVINE VALLEY LOCAL COMMITTEE - 19 APRIL 2000**

**COMMUNITY GRANTS TO LOCAL ORGANISATIONS 2000/2001**

**FINANCIAL POSITION**

**Report by the Director of Corporate Services**

<b>ANNUAL BUDGET</b>	<b>£24,482.00</b>	
<b>CATEGORY</b>	<b>VALUE OF GRANTS PAID TO DATE</b>	<b>VALUE OF GRANTS SET OUT IN ATTACHED SCHEDULE</b>
Accident/Crime Prevention	-	-
Conservation/History	-	-
Community Councils	-	£1,500.00
Disability	-	-
Ethnic Minorities	-	-
Health Issues	-	-
Information and Advice	-	-
Leisure Activities	-	-
Music	-	-
Older People	-	£1,500.00
Poverty and Disadvantage	-	-
Pre-Fives	-	£1,200.00
Sport	-	-
Tenants/Residents Groups	-	-
Unemployment	-	-
Voluntary Organisation Support (Community Associations)	-	-
Women (including Lone Parents)	-	-
Young People	-	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>NIL</b>	<b>£4,200.00</b>
<b>BALANCE</b>	<b>£24,482.00</b>	<b>£20,282.00</b>

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**SUMMARY STATEMENT BY THE DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES**

**COMMUNITY COUNCILS**

<b>ORGANISATION</b>	<b>MAIN PURPOSE OF GRANT</b>	<b>TOTAL COST OF PROJECT</b>	<b>AMOUNT OF GRANT APPLIED FOR</b>	<b>GROUP'S CONTRIBUTION</b>	<b>LATEST BANK BALANCE</b>	<b>GRANT AWARDED 1999/00</b>	<b>RECOMMEND GRANT</b>
<b>Darvel Environmental Action Group</b>	Hanging baskets project. Hanging Basket Units for Main Street, Darvel - £1,000; Plants, compost and plant food for 50 hanging baskets - £500. Total cost - £1,500.	£1,500.00	£1,500.00	Nil (but the Group will receive free tri-fixings for the baskets). Furthermore the Town's shopkeepers have agreed to replenish the stock of the baskets annually. The Group will also undertake maintenance/ watering of the baskets throughout the season.	*£1,263.21 (See Comments below)	Nil	£1,500.00

**COMMENTS:-** The Darvel Environmental Group is an Ad-Hoc Committee affiliated directly to Darvel and District Community Council. It was formed in November 1999 with a view to developing, enhancing and taking positive action on environmental issues affecting the town. The objective is to regenerate community via the different projects the group intend to pursue.

Any member of the public can join the group. The only pre-requisites asked for are enthusiasm and a willingness to work as a team player. The group currently has a project underway via Darvel Primary School in the form of a pupil competition to design a logo for the group and write a short story on "their environment".

The group is committed to enhancing and developing Darvel's environment. They wish to address issues which can benefit the town and residents and bring a sense of civic/community pride. Darvel Town and the peripheral area would benefit from this project.

The organisation is a voluntary group. At present there are 6 members and they hope to develop a junior environmental section and a growth in membership over the next 12 month course.

The group meets monthly. \*The above bank balance is relative to Darvel and District Community Council of which the Environmental Action Group is an Ad-Hoc Committee.

The Director of Community Services supports the application and has recommended an award of £1,500 for a local venture. The grant will enable the Group to develop and further scheme would follow. It is recommended that any grant be subject to evidence of satisfactory insurance for the project and that the Director of Development Services (Roads Division) be consulted on the siting of the baskets.

**OLDER PEOPLE**

ORGANISATION	MAIN PURPOSE OF GRANT	TOTAL COST OF PROJECT	AMOUNT OF GRANT APPLIED FOR	GROUP'S CONTRIBUTION	LATEST BANK BALANCE	GRANT AWARDED 1999/00	RECOMMEND GRANT
<b>Iston and Old People's Welfare</b>	Insurance - £800; Subsidise Summer trip - £1,800; Running costs - £1,700; Meeting expenses - £200; Total cost - £4,500	£4,500.00	£4,000.00	£500.00	£4,250.07	Nil (£1,501.18 awarded 1998/99)	£1,500.00

**COMMENTS:-** The Group was established in 1947 to help the old people of Galston. Anyone over the age of 60 can join the organisation who meet every week day and runs various activities, i.e. Whist etc.

The organisation covers the geographical area of Galston and outlying areas and is managed by a Committee of volunteers. The group meet at Iston Old People's Welfare Room.

The Director of Social Work supports the application which addresses Social Inclusion by allowing club members to continue to meet. The expenditure will allow the club to continue to provide a social meeting place and activities. The Director of Social Work recommends a grant of £500 as the group have adequate funding to meet this year's expenditure, and recommends that the grant be used to cover some of the running costs.

**PRE-FIVES**

ORGANISATION	MAIN PURPOSE OF GRANT	TOTAL COST OF PROJECT	AMOUNT OF GRANT APPLIED FOR	GROUP'S CONTRIBUTION	LATEST BANK BALANCE	GRANT AWARDED 1999/00	RECOMMEND GRANT
Hurlford and Crookedholm playgroup	Storage equipment - £800; Flooring/room dividers - £500; A range of pop-up play equipment - £200; Total cost - £1,500.	£1,500.00	£1,200.00	£300.00	£463.78	Nil	£1,200.00

**COMMENTS:-** The group promotes the aim of the SPPA through providing safe and satisfying group play in which parents take part where appropriate and by encouraging charitable activities through which parents may help the children. The group registered with SPPA in December 2002 and currently provides pre-five activities in accordance with the SPPA to 20 three year olds from Hurlford and Crookedholm, Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9.30 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. The group is managed by a Committee consisting of parents, childminders and carers and has 2 paid staff members.

The Director of Education (Pre-Fives) supports the application which addresses the priority of children and families, recommending an award of £200 for safety mats which would improve health and safety issues within the group and equipment which would allow play opportunities to be extended. This group are keen to update equipment as recommended at inspection (Children's Act 1989).

After submitting a profile of education, this group have received accreditation from HMI to provide the 3 to 5 curriculum. As a result an application has now been made to obtain partnership with East Ayrshire Council. Should this application be successful, the group will receive funding allow for 3 playgroup places to children in their third year.

The group have submitted brochures verifying the cost of each item listed in the grant application. The brochures are available from Pre-Fives services.

**SPORT**

ORGANISATION	MAIN PURPOSE OF GRANT	TOTAL COST OF PROJECT	AMOUNT OF GRANT APPLIED FOR	GROUP'S CONTRIBUTION	LATEST BANK BALANCE	GRANT AWARDED 1999/2000	RECOMMEND GRANT
Dean Thistle Youth Football Club	To provide funding support to enable various teams from Dean Thistle Boy's Club to compete in a European Football Tournament	£13,680.00	£2,000.00	£11,680.00	£9.49 £400 (Treasurer's Account)	-	See comments and Appendix

**COMMENTS:-** The Dean Thistle Youth Football Club was founded in 1993 and is affiliated to the Scottish Youth Football Association through the East of Scotland Youth Football League. The Club aims to encourage the development of youth football with participation from age groups 9 years and to participate in the Scottish Youth Football Association 7 "A" Side Development Programme. The Club's current membership is approximately 75 and the Club utilises facilities at Dean Park, Kilmarnock.

Various teams from the Dean Thistle Boy's Club are intending to travel to Den Bosch, Holland on 24 April 2000 to compete for the Brabant Cup in a European Football Tournament. The Club will be represented in the following age groups; under 13, under 16 and under 18 with a total of 50 players. The Club have been raising funds for the last eight months and aim to send 50 players and 22 adults (comprising coaches/managers/parents). Of the 72, 61 members reside within East Ayrshire Council. The cross-boundary split is as follows:- Kilmarnock North (1) £1,280; Kilmarnock South (7) £230; Kilmarnock Central (4) £130; Irvine Valley (8) £260; and Northern Area (3) £100.

The Director of Community Services recommends that the application be refused on the following basis:- (i) the expenditure would only allow a few children to attend a trip to Holland; (ii) this expenditure would not benefit the local community; (iii) the application does not address the issues set out under "Sports Development" in the Leisure Strategy, in that the children would benefit as much from participating in a tournament in Scotland; and (iv) an award of this nature would have a very limited impact on the local community.

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**AGENDA**