

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

IRVINE VALLEY LOCAL COMMITTEE - 4 APRIL 2001

COMMUNITY GRANTS TO LOCAL ORGANISATIONS 2001/2002

FINANCIAL POSITION

Report by Director of Corporate Resources/Depute Chief Executive

ANNUAL BUDGET	£25,217.00	
CATEGORY	VALUE OF GRANTS PAID TO DATE	VALUE OF GRANTS SET OUT IN ATTACHED SCHEDULE
Arts & Cultural	-	-
Community Association	-	-
Community Councils	£4,750.00	£2,000.00
Community Safety	-	-
Disability	-	-
Early Education & Childcare	-	-
Economic Development	£900.00	-
Environment	-	-
Ethnic Minorities	-	-
Health Issues	-	-
Heritage	-	-
Leisure Activities	-	£750.00
Older People	-	£500.00
Social Inclusion	-	-
Sport	-	-
Tenants/Residents Groups	-	-
Unemployment	-	-
Women's Issues	-	-
Young People	£1,196.58	-
TOTAL	£6,846.58	£3,250.00
BALANCE	£18,370.42	£15,120.42

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SUMMARY STATEMENT BY THE DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE RESOURCES

(A) OLDER PEOPLE

ORGANISATION	MAIN PURPOSE OF GRANT	TOTAL COST OF PROJECT	AMOUNT OF GRANT APPLIED FOR	GROUP'S CONTRIBUTION	LATEST BANK BALANCE	GRANT AWARDED 2001/2002	RECOMMENDED GRANT
Darvel Lunch Club and Transport Group, Town Hall, East Main Street, Darvel	Hall lets - £150.00 Transport Group Telephone expenses - £80.00 Tea/Coffee, biscuits and incidental expenses - £100.00 Christmas dinner - £30.00 (donations are also made by lunch club helpers) Total - £360.00 per year for the next two years.	£360.00 per year for the next two years	£500.00	£200.00	£233.73 (December 2000)	Nil	£500.00

COMMENTS:- Lunch Club and Transport Group were founded as a link group in 1988. Initially included other functions but these ceased and only the Lunch Club and transport facility remains. In 1996 a Public Trust Distribution gave the Group £908.93 and this since then has kept the group afloat. Currently 9 senior citizens attend the Lunch Club every Tuesday. The Transport Group is used by anyone who has difficulty attending hospital appointments etc. Approximately 2/3 trips are undertaken by voluntary drivers weekly.

The Assessing Department, Educational and Social Services, support the application, recommending an award of £500.00 which would allow the Group to continue to provide a service for another 2 years. The Assessing Officer adds that the Group continue to advertise in an attempt to increase membership and provide a lifeline for the more vulnerable in our society. The application addresses Social Inclusion issues as well as Community Care. The grant expenditure represents good value for money as it will last for two years.

(B) COMMUNITY COUNCILS

ORGANISATION	MAIN PURPOSE OF GRANT	TOTAL COST OF PROJECT	AMOUNT OF GRANT APPLIED FOR	GROUP'S CONTRIBUTION	LATEST BANK BALANCE	GRANT AWARDED 2001/2002	RECOMMENDED GRANT
Darvel and District Community Council Environmental Action Group, c/o 14 Flemming Street, Darvel	Provide compost and fill existing baskets - £1,000.00 Buy new tubs and baskets and fill same - £650.00 Water above twice weekly during season (combination of manual and automatic) - £350.00. Total - £2,000.00	£2,000.00	£1,900.00	£100.00	£2,249.91 (Community Council - January 2001)	£1,500.00 - Hanging Baskets	£2,000.00

COMMENTS:- Established in November 1999, the group is affiliated to Darvel and District Community Council and aims to improve the local environment. Average attendance is 17, ages ranging from mid-twenties to mid-sixties. The main service/programme provided by the organisation includes improving community spirit, enhancing visual impact and improving quality of life. The group meets monthly, except December, on the second last Tuesday in the Lesser Town Hall, Darvel.

The Assessing Department, Community Services, supports the application recommending an award of £2,000.00 to help develop horticultural skills within the group. The scheme started in 2000 and with help, through grants, can blossom to greater things. The scheme has been extended and additional baskets, tubs and compost are required. The Assessing Officer adds that the project intersect with the leisure strategy and environment strategy. As well as developing the horticultural skills within the group, the project will contribute to Darvel looking more attractive in the summer months. This year the Group have included the cost of watering in the application, which expenditure is supported by the Assessing Officer.

(C) LEISURE ACTIVITIES

ORGANISATION	MAIN PURPOSE OF GRANT	TOTAL COST OF PROJECT	AMOUNT OF GRANT APPLIED FOR	GROUP'S CONTRIBUTION	LATEST BANK BALANCE	GRANT AWARDED 2001/2002	RECOMMENDED GRANT
Galston Hatchery, c/0 11 Fetlar Drive, Wardneuk, Kilmarnock	Water pump and pipe work - £300.00 Hire of excavation machinery - £100.00 Sea Trout eggs - £400.00 Total - £800.00	£800.00	£700.00	£100.00	£171.02 (January 2001)	Nil (£500.00 awarded 2000)	£400.00

COMMENTS:- The group was founded in 1997 , is affiliated to the River Irvine Angling Improvement Association and SNA and aims to improve and conserve the wild stock of salmon, sea trout and brown trout within the River Irvine system. Membership is open to anyone who wishes to help with the conservation and improvement of the wild fish stock within the River Irvine system. The main service/programme provided by the organisation includes the rearing of wild salmon, sea trout and brown trout to re-introduce to the burns and river system of the River Irvine from Loudoun Hill to the estuary. The Group meets at Galston Hatchery on Saturday mornings. The group states that all angling clubs on the River Irvine would benefit from the grant.

The Assessing Department, Community Services, supports the work to upgrade the water pump and pipework at the Hatchery, recommending an award of £400.00. This would help with the overall expenditure of the project so that the Club can continue as a social and recreational activity. This is a major project. The group are undertaking to upgrade the pipeline to the Hatchery which provides an outdoor leisure facility for adults, youngsters and disabled groups. The Assessing Officer adds that any money in the bank is used to off-set the day-to-day running costs of the Club and the Club will raise funds for the purchase of stock. The Project intersects with the leisure strategy and the Club provides a well organised facility which promotes social and recreational activity.

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Newmilns Ladies Social Club, 10 Greenside, Newmilns	Concert and dinner for Senior Citizens.	£850.00	£350.00	£500.00	£655.62 January 2001)	Nil (£300.00 awarded 99/2000)	Assessment awaited from Director of Community Services.

COMMENTS:- The Group has been in operation for over 30 years and aims to hold a concert and dinner for senior citizens of Newmilns in April and a Christmas party for children under 8 including disco, refreshments and a gift from Father Christmas. The group currently has nine members, ages ranging from 32 to 65 years who aim to collect money to fund the Concert and Children's Party. The group meet on Monday evenings in the Social Club, 10 Greenside, Newmilns.

An urgent assessment has been requested from the Director of Community Services.

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AGENDA