

**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

**IRVINE VALLEY LOCAL COMMITTEE - 10 APRIL 2002**

**COMMUNITY GRANTS TO LOCAL ORGANISATIONS 2002/2003**

**FINANCIAL POSITION**

**Report by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Services**

<b>ANNUAL BUDGET</b>	<b>£26,065.00</b>	
<b>CATEGORY</b>	<b>VALUE OF GRANTS PAID TO DATE</b>	<b>VALUE OF GRANTS SET OUT IN ATTACHED SCHEDULE</b>
Arts and Cultural	-	-
Community Association	-	-
Community Councils	-	-
Community Safety	-	£500.00
Disability	-	£3,958.00
Early Education and Childcare	-	£48.00
Economic Development	-	-
Environmental	-	£1,650.00
Ethnic Minorities	-	-
Health Issues	-	-
Heritage	-	£4,000.00
Leisure Activities	-	-
Older People	-	£250.00
Social Inclusion	-	-
Sport	-	£647.00
Tenants/Residents Groups	-	-
Unemployment	-	-
Women's Issues	-	-
Young People	-	£600.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>£11,653.00</b>
<b>BALANCE</b>	<b>£26,065.00</b>	<b>£14,412.00</b>

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**SUMMARY STATEMENT BY THE DEPUTE CHIEF EXECUTIVE/DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE RESOURCES**

**(A) COMMUNITY SAFETY**

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
<b>Darvel Parish Church of Scotland, Hastings Square, Darvel</b>	Construction costs for new link between Church and Church Hall.	£10,000	£500-£1,000	£2,330.00	£2,427.43 The organisation has been asked to submit an update balance. Still awaited.	Nil	£500.00

**COMMENTS:-** Darvel Parish Church is a "union" of former Darvel Central Church and Irvinebank and Easton Memorial Church. The "union" took place in 1994/95. The existing church building is over 100 years old. The aims and objectives of the organisation are the promotion of Christian worship to Darvel community and beyond. Membership is open to all. The existing role number is 660. Average church attendance is 150. Ages range from toddlers to the oldest member who is 93. The main service/programme provided by the organisation is the promotion of Christian faith through church services, prayer and praise meeting, Boys Brigade, Summer Mission, bible study, Sunday School etc.

The organisation advises that the congregation of the Church, its organisations and other groups of people who currently use the Church buildings would benefit from the new facility which would give increased flexibility of accommodation, provide easy and safe access, particularly for children, and give them protection from inclement weather. Currently children going from the Church to the Church Hall have to leave the Church and make their way via Hastings Square to the main road and down Ranoldcoup Road. At present the Church buildings are used primarily for Church purposes although other groups and parties use it from time to time ie session and board meetings, open prayer meetings, Sunday School, Boys Brigade, choir practice, open coffee mornings, open craft group, open line dancing, young farmers music/drama practice etc. Over the last two years the Church has held a summer mission for primary school children during the last week of the school holidays. This period of mission has attracted considerable numbers of children who would not normally come to Church. On average 75 children attended on a daily basis. The provision of an integrated complex of buildings would be of significant benefit to the Church and all who use it. The Church are currently planning to set up a meeting that will attract the young people of Darvel to attend on a regular basis eg youth club.

The Director of Development Services supports the application recommending an award of £500 subject to matchfunding being in place. This project would benefit the local community by providing a safe access particularly for children who attend the many groups and functions. The project addresses Council Plan 1999-2000 Priority - A Safe Environment.

This project received an award of £50 from the Bessie C Roxburgh Bequest in August 2001.

The Council's External Funding Support Officer is unaware of any alternative funding sources for this project.

This application has been continued by the Local Committee at its meeting on 14 November 2001 due to the financial constraints on the Committee last financial year.

**(B) COMMUNITY SAFETY (CONTD)**

<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 2000/2001</b>	<b>RECOMMENDED GRANT</b>
<b>Irvine Valley Joint Community Council Group, Resource Centre, 11 Cross Street, Galston</b>	Four mountain bikes for use by 'U' Division, Strathclyde Police. Uniforms and maintenance to be paid by Strathclyde Police.	4 @ £300 = £1,200	£1,200	Nil	£6,967.44 & £1,047.55	Nil	Nil

**COMMENTS:-** The organisation has for the past 19 years provided a voluntary transport scheme within the Irvine Valley to nursery schools, social work day care and affiliated user groups e.g. PHAB.

The grant would be used for four mountain bikes for use by Strathclyde Police.

The Director of Community Services does not support this application stating that the application for bikes is to enable better movement of Community Police within the four Valley towns. Although the project intersects with aims within the Community Safety Strategy it is stated that if a real need for the bikes has been identified it is felt that Strathclyde Police should fund their purchase.

The application was continued by the Local Committee at its meeting on 14 November 1991 to allow the Head of Administrative and Legal Services to clarify further the competency of the application. The Head of Administrative and Legal Services has now confirmed that this does not appear to be a competent application. He is not satisfied that the application complies with Conditions 2,7 or 16 of the Community Grants Scheme (listed below). The Head of Administrative and Legal Services further advises that he is not satisfied that the application actually furthers the aims of the Group itself. In all he considers that the application requires to be refused.

**Conditions of Grant**

2. **The main purpose for the provision of grant to voluntary organisations is to provide or maintain cultural, social welfare, recreational or sporting facilities or to promote activities of this nature and to assist community-based projects that, in the view of the Council, are in the interests of local areas or environment.**
7. **Only schemes or projects that are under the complete control of the applicant are eligible for funding. Grant aid will not normally be available for projects that will be controlled by organisations other than the applicant and in respect of which, the applicant is being used only to obtain funding.**
16. **Funding will not normally be available for projects in respect of functions for which the Council or any other authority has a statutory responsibility.**

**(C) 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
<b>St Marnock Youth Club (ENABLE), Howard Park Lodge, Kilmarnock</b>	To part-fund the costs of the group's annual trip for 21 persons to Ireland from 30 March - 6 April 2002 inclusive.	£9,660.00	£5,060.00	£4,600.00	£4,080.00*	K/K Central - £348.00; K/K North - £1,043.00; K/K South - £522.00; Irvine Valley - £1,217.00; and Northern Area - £870.00. <b>Total - £4,000.00.</b>	Kilmarnock Central - £241.00; Kilmarnock North - £482.00; Kilmarnock South - £964.00; Irvine Valley - £1,927.00; and Northern Area - £1,446.00. <b>Total - £5,060.00.</b>

**COMMENTS:-** The application was continued for further information at the last cycle of Local Committees. The Group have met the cost of central repairs to the premises leased from the Council. Homes and Technical Services have agreed, in principle, to reimburse the group for the cost of repairs. Accordingly, the group's contribution to the project has increased from £3,660 to £4,600. The group have two bank accounts with a total balance of £4,533. Members going on the holiday have paid £2,863, leaving a revised balance of £1,670. Including the reimbursement for costs of repair work, the total funds available to the group are £4,080. However, these are ring-fenced for the annual running costs of the Club.

The Youth Club was founded in 1983. Its aim is to improve the lifestyle of physically handicapped persons by bringing them into closer association with able-bodied people to provide educational, social and leisure facilities.

The Assessing Officer has advised that the holiday is for one day extra this year and this accounts for the additional cost compared to last year. The cost includes all specialist transport for the disabled during the week, dinner, bed and breakfast, entrance and activity costs and insurance. Snacks/drinks are paid by participants.

The Assessing Officer (Educational and Social Services) supports the application on the following basis:-

- (i) the application will assist to improve the independent living skills of young adults with learning disabilities; and
- (ii) the expenditure will allow a holiday to take place which will provide a stimulus for the young adults and much needed respite for carers.

**(D) 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
<b>The Runabouts Mother and Toddler Group, Grange Academy (S&amp;R Wing), Beech Avenue, Kilmarnock (42 users)</b>	Portable soft play set - £460; "sizzlin' kitchen" - £50; wooden toddler trucks and bricks - £40; and mat set - £199.	£749.00	£679.00	£70.00	£792.80 including £448 of community grant funding (as at 25 February 2002)	Nil	£679.00 split as follows:- K/K Central - £453.00; Northern Area - £113.00; K/K North - £65.00; and Irvine Valley - £48.00
<p><b>COMMENTS:-</b> The group was founded in 1975 with the aim of providing parents and children with an opportunity to socialise in a comfortable setting. It also allows children to gain social skills and is open to children under the age of 5 accompanied by a parent/guardian.</p> <p>The Assessing Department recommends a cross-boundary award based on user numbers as follows:- Kilmarnock Central Local Committee (28 members) - £453.00; Northern Area Local Committee (7 members) - £113.00; Kilmarnock North Local Committee (4 members) - £65.00; and Irvine Valley Local Committee (3 members) - £48.00.</p> <p>The Assessing Department comments that the grant would allow children to learn social skills with safe equipment. This group has not applied for a grant before and as equipment is now outdated, a grant would allow replacement.</p>							

**(E) 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
<b>East Ayrshire Youth Association (North)</b>	To assist with the costs for the group's programme of events 2001/2002 for young people.	£3,800.00	£3,000.00	£800.00	£1643.66	£3,000.00 (split between 5 Local Committees)	£3,000.00 in total £600.00 per Local Committee

**COMMENTS:-** The Association (formerly Kilmarnock and Loudoun Youth Panel) was formed in 1944 to cater for youth in the community. The Association is affiliated to East Ayrshire Sports Council. Their aims are to promote fellowship and liaisons involving the local Youth Clubs by uniting them in various activities throughout the year. The Association caters for any youth between the ages of 10 - 18 residing in East Ayrshire.

The Assessing Department (Educational and Social Services) recommends that the application be supported on the following basis:- (i) the application addresses the Social Strategy Priority of working with young people to enable them to reach their full potential through achievement, empowerment and health; (ii) the funding would allow young people to meet from different areas and get to know one another through organised activities; and (iii) the Association is run by volunteers with about 50 events over the year including a residential outdoor adventure weekend open to all young people. The application is cross-boundary being split between Northern Area, Irvine Valley, Kilmarnock South, North and Central. The calculation for the cross-boundary element for the application is a straight forward split amongst the five Local Committees concerned as affiliations vary annually.

**(F) SPORT**

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
<b>Kilmarnock Amateur Weightlifters Club, c/o The Gym, Shortlees Primary School, Kilmarnock</b>	To fund let fees, trips and competition entry and equipment.	£4,500.00	£4,050.00	£450.00	£171.97 (as of 7 March 2002)	£180.00	£2,800.00 split Kilmarnock North - £869.00; Kilmarnock Central - £483.00; Kilmarnock South - £869.00; and Irvine Valley - £579.00.

**COMMENTS:-** The Club were formed in 1947. The main aim is teaching the skill of weightlifting and power lifting including general fitness and health training.

The Club operates 6 days per week from their current base. The Club is open to anyone within East Ayrshire and also attracts members outwith the area. The age range is from 11 years of age up to 60+. The Club has a membership of 29 persons. The cross boundary element is based on the number of members from each Local Committee as follows:- Kilmarnock North (9); Kilmarnock Central (5); Kilmarnock South (9); and Irvine Valley (6).

The Assessing Officer (Community Services) recommends that the application be supported on the following basis:-

- (i) the Club have moved to Shortlees Primary School and have been actively recruiting young people of both sexes to the Club. The Club have also had a number of notable success including world, Scottish, British and World Championships. As well as the weight lifting, the Club also has 10 girls taking part in circuit training and another 8-15 young people undertaking fitness training to benefit their karate. The expenditure would support the Club in their increased level of activity and competition success and also directly benefits the community by providing an activity for young people to attend;
- (ii) this Club undertakes good sports development and plays an important role within the community; and
- (iii) amount recommended of £2,800 of which £500 should be allocated towards the equipment. The balance for the equipment should be sought from East Ayrshire Sports Council and the 'Awards for All'.

**(G) 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
<b>Stroke Club Outings Travel Scheme c/o Whiteside, Darvel</b>	Two holidays for members:- (1) Hotel Savoy, Blackpool May 12-18; (2) Hilton Hotel Aviemore September 8-13 - Total £15,525.00 (Coach hire £1,800.00 per holiday) = £3,600.00. Travel and holiday insurance for both holidays = £752.00 (£376 per holiday). Total = £19,877.00.	£19,877.00	£3,000.00	£16,077.00 (Group have received £800 lottery funding)	£1,964.74	£1,500.00	£3,000.00 Irvine Valley - £2,031.00; Kilmarnock North - £97.00; Kilmarnock South - £485.00; and Kilmarnock Central - £387.00.

**COMMENTS:-** Although volunteers had organised holidays for stroke victims for 11 years it was only in 2001 that the Club was constituted. It has also applied for and received charity status. The Club organises 2 holidays a year and several day outings for members. The Club also aims to increase the number of outings as it is felt that this would be of benefit to the members.

The Club is open to anyone with a disability after experiencing a stroke, also partners or carers of stroke victims. There are 50 Club members with the average attendance for holidays and outings being 44. Club members range in age from 46 to 84.

The Assessing Department (Educational and Social Services) comments that there are 31 members from the East Ayrshire area. This is a cross boundary application with 21 members from the Irvine Valley, 1 member from Kilmarnock North, 4 members from Kilmarnock Central and 5 members from Kilmarnock South. It is further stated that the application allows disabled members the opportunity to take part in socially inclusive activities. Also carers are given respite during these breaks. The amount requested is based only on the number of members from East Ayrshire. Separate requests for funding for members residing in North and South Ayrshire have been submitted to these Councils. The grant would help reduce the costs of holidays for disabled members. The high costs of holidays are a barrier to many members having these opportunities. The Group also work hard to fundraise throughout the year in respect of their day outings e.g organise concerts and raffles etc.

**(H) 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
<b>750 Marching On, 33 Sorn Place, Galston</b>	Programme of events/projects to celebrate 750 years of Christian worship in Galston:- (1) Easter Parade; (2) Monks' Walk (May); (3) Open Air Celebration and Picnic (June); (4) St Peter's Medieval Fayre and Historical Walk (August); (5) Songs of Praise (September); and (6) Facelift for Galston Kikyard.	£7,700.00	£4,000.00	£3,700.00	New Organisation. New Bank Account just opened.	—	Assessment awaited from Director of Community Services.
<b>COMMENTS:-</b> The organisation was set up in 2002 to arrange and organise ways of celebrating in 2002, 750 years of Christian Worship in Galston and its association with the Monks of Faille. Th Committee is composed of reps from Galston Parish Church Kirk Session; St Sophia's Roman Catholic Church, Galston CC, Galston Councillors on East Ayrshire Council, reps from Galston Masonic Lodge St Peter, reps from friends of Loudoun Kirk, reps from the Rotary Club of Loudoun and local Historians. A list of the programme of events/projects is enclosed together with the associated costs. The Committee intends to dissolve at the latest by 31 May 2003. Assessment is awaited from the Director of Community Services.							

**(I) 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
<b>Newmilns Ladies Social Club, 10 Greenside, Newmilns</b>	To continue the hosting of an annual dinner and concert for Senior Citizens of Newmilns	£750.00	£250.00	£500.00	£1,178.52	£500.00	£250.00

**COMMENTS:-** The Group has been in operation for over 30 years and aims to hold a concert and dinner for the Senior Citizens of Newmilns in April each year. The event has a good response with people invited returning each year. The Group meet every Monday evening in the Social Club, 10 Greenside, Newmilns and is managed by volunteers. The Club is open to all.

The Assessing Department (Community Services) supports the application which supports the Council's Leisure Strategy. It comments that the project promotes positive social interaction and inclusion for a vulnerable age group. The Assessing Department recommends that the application be supported in the amount of £250, commenting that the event positively serves the local community. The organisation is contributing significantly to the cost of the event in terms of money and voluntary labour. The application offers good value.

**(J) SPORT**

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
<b>Kilmarnock Balmoral Football Club, 10 Stafford Street, Kilmarnock (72 members)</b>	Indoor (wet weather training) - £355; referee fees - £435; training balls and match balls - £136; kit for age 13 squad - £350; and coaching courses - £160.	£1,436.00	£1,116.00	£300.00	£842.59 (as at 13 February 2002)	£665.00 (March 2001)	K/K North - £330.00; K/K Central - £330.00; Northern Area - £92.00; and Irvine Valley - £68.00 <b>Total - £820.00</b>

**COMMENTS:-** The group is a member of West of Scotland Youth League, Scottish Youth Football Association and Boys and Girls Clubs of Scotland and provides football coaching and matches for four age groups, i.e. age 10, age 11, age 12 and age 13, with each group having two coaches.

The Assessing Department (Community Services) recommends a total award of £820, split according to membership between the Kilmarnock Central Local Committee - £330 (29 members); Kilmarnock North Local Committee - £330 (29 members); Northern Area Local Committee - £92 (8 members); and Irvine Valley Local Committee - £68 (6 members). The Assessing Department has advised the group to apply to East Ayrshire Sports Council for an equipment and development grant since funding for the purchase of match balls and training balls and attendance at SFA coaching courses by eight club coaches is eligible for funding from East Ayrshire Sports Council. The Assessing Department comments that an award would allow the group to continue provision of quality football coaching, enabling each person to fulfil his/her full potential.

(K ENVIRONMENT)

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
<b>Darvel Improvement Group (Environment Section), 14 Fleming Street, Darvel</b>	5 new oak planters @ £60 = £300; 15 plastic tubs @ £15 = £225; Compost, fertiliser, water crystals, basket liners - £275; and watering - £350.  All of the above in respect of planting and maintenance of Summer and Winter planting schemes, Summer and Winter plants and bulbs - £850.  Total - £2,000.00	£2,000.00	£2,000.00	Nil	£1,415.54	£1,900.00	£1,650.00

**COMMENTS:-** Darvel Improvement Group, Environmental Section is doing basically the same work and started life as the Environment Section of Darvel and District Community Council. The main purpose of the organisation is to enhance the local environment with a view to making Darvel and the surrounding area a more attractive place to live in for all and thereby encouraging local people to have a pride in their town. The Group wish to purchase new plants and plastic tubs. Also to purchase plants, existing hanging baskets and tubs as well as for new planters and tubs (Summer only). Also requested is compost, water gel and crystals and fertiliser, and the purchase of Winter plants for hanging baskets. The Group also intend to purchase bulbs to plant around local walk and at the east and west entrances to the town, They have also requested watering costs for the baskets, plants and tubs.

The Assessing Department (Community Services) supports the application which they state supports the aims within the Council Plan 1999-2002 forming a safe, stimulating and sustainable environment. The Group will help to enhance the local environment and possibly tourism within the area. A reduction has been made for watering as it is felt that this task should be picked up by the group which has 25-30 members.

JM/ST  
26 March 2002

**AGENDA**