

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

SPECIAL IRVINE VALLEY LOCAL COMMITTEE – 17 AUGUST 2001

COMMUNITY GRANTS TO LOCAL ORGANISATIONS 2001/2002

FINANCIAL POSITION

Report by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Services

ANNUAL BUDGET	£25,217.00	
CATEGORY	VALUE OF GRANTS PAID TO DATE	VALUE OF GRANTS SET OUT IN ATTACHED SCHEDULE
Arts and Cultural	-	-
Community Association	-	-
Community Councils	£5,950.00	-
Community Safety	-	-
Disability	-	£1,161.29
Early Education and Childcare	-	£272.00
Economic Development	£900.00	-
Environmental	£3,400.00	-
Ethnic Minorities	-	-
Health Issues	-	-
Heritage	-	-
Leisure Activities	£3,271.00	-
Older People	£1,000.00	-
Social Inclusion	-	-
Sport	-	-
Tenants/Residents Groups	-	-
Unemployment	-	-
Women's Issues	-	-
Young People	£1,696.58	-
TOTAL	£16,217.58	£1,433.29
BALANCE	£8,999.42	£7,566.13

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

A) 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
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Stroke Club Outings Travel Scheme, Whiteside, Darvel	Bus Hire -	£11,290.00	£1,500.00	£9,800.00	£495.00	Nil	£1,500.00
	£1,800.00;						IV - £1,161.29
	PO Ferry -						K/K (Central) -
	£990.00; &						£145.16
Accommodation -							K/K (South) -
£8,500.00 -							£145.16
£11,290.00.							K/KI (North) -
							£48.39

COMMENTS:- Although only recently a constituted group, the volunteers have been working together for 10 years to plan and provide holidays and outings for members who have physical disabilities due to strokes. The Group believe that to be able to continue to provide this service, it is necessary to receive financial assistance. The Group fund raises to make a contribution to the holidays which offer respite to carers. The Group have never before received financial assistance. Financially, members contribute greatly to the cost of their own holiday.

With 48 members currently, including volunteer carers, the average attendance for holidays and outings is 40, with ages ranging from 45-82 years. Any person with a physical disability following chest, heart and stroke problems can join the organisation which provides recreational activities and holidays for members in a safe and secure environment, companionship, prevents isolation and offers respite for carers.

The organisation is managed by a Chairperson, Vice-Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and 4 Committee Members.

The Group usually meets twice a year on holiday, six times a year on day outings and two at home days at Whiteside, Darvel, for which there is no charge.

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 24 members from the Irvine Valley, 3 from Kilmarnock Central, 3 from Kilmarnock South and 1 from Kilmarnock North. It is further stated that this group tackles issues of social exclusion and the impact that disability can have on social opportunities. The funding would enable the group to reduce the cost of the holiday making it more affordable to the members. Attached as Appendix I is additional information provided by the Assessing Department for the Committee's information.

APPENDIX I

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

1. This group has functioned through self-funding over the past 10 years. No other group of this type, to the group's knowledge functions in Scotland. Due to continued success in the attraction of members and development of activities this group have found it necessary for the first time to apply for grant assistance.
2. Activities are developed by a committee who consult with all members regarding decisions.
3. The group was established to respond to the needs of individuals who have suffered from strokes, heart or chest conditions. It was recognised that many individuals were unable to have a holiday, as there are very limited and often only expensive options open to them.
4. It is the aim of the group to keep costs to a minimum to enable participation, however, they indicate that often the more affordable accommodation is unsuitable to wheelchair users and a bus must be hired which has this access.
5. Four volunteers go on the trip to assist people, particularly those without a partner, throughout the course of the holiday. Those volunteers pay the same holiday costs as the members.
6. The group have members from a range of geographical areas.

The £1,500 grant would be utilised to reduce the costs of members from the East Ayrshire area. This would therefore reduce the holiday costs of each of the 31 members, including volunteers, by approximately £48.38.
7. The group have subsequently applied to the Lottery Charities Board to part-fund the travel costs of the next two trips to the sum of £2,000, the outcome of this application is yet unknown.

(B) 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
Hurlford and Crookedholm Playgroup, Lesser County Hall, Blair Road, Hurlford	Summer Trip for 24 Children. Admission for 24 Children and 24 Adults - £288 (Loudoun Castle Park) Bus - £80 Gifts for Children - £48 Total - £416	£416.00	£351.00	£65.00	£10,703.39	£220.00	£272.00

COMMENTS:- Founded in 1985 and affiliated to Scottish Pre-school Association in partnership with East Ayrshire Council, the aims of the organisation are to provide a safe and secure environment for the children to learn pre-school activities and to interact with other children. Membership is currently 24 children, attending 5 sessions per week and is open to any child aged 3-4 years. The group is managed by a Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer, Vice-Treasurer and 6 parent members.

The Group employs 3 full-time and one part-time play leaders and meets in Lesser County Hall, Monday to Friday from 9.15-11.45 am.

The Assessing Department (Community Services) recommended a grant of £272 being 2/3 of the cost of the admission fees and the cost of the bus. They do not recommend supporting the children's gifts. The trip was to Loudoun Castle and took place on 11 June. It should be noted the Group's large bank balance is for the actual running of the playgroup. Funding through the Council (pre-school education grant) can only be spent on staff training, wages, equipment and lets.

APPENDIX 2

Summary of Community Grant Applications which will be submitted to the next meeting of Irvine Valley Local Committee on 19 September 2001.

Organisation	Main Purpose of Grant	Recommended Grant
Age Concern, Hurlford	Christmas Purvey	£400.00
Kilmarnock Folk Club	Artists and Sound Crew and fees/expenses advertising/administration	£500.00
Galston United	Referees/Community Bus costs/Equipment	£441.30
Loudoun Musical Society	Hire of Scenery for this year's production	£540.00

There is an outstanding application for Community Grant from Darvel and District Community Council (Environmental Action Group) which may be re-submitted to the September Committee following its consideration at the Bessie Roxburgh Bequest on 24 August.

Further applications have been lodged, with supplementary information awaited from the applicants as undernoted:-

		Amount Requested
Galston and District Old People's Welfare	(1) Repairs (2) Annual Trip	£3,000.00
Darvel Parish Church	Construction costs for new link between Church and Hall	Unspecified (total project estimate £10,000)

J Morrison
9 August 2001

AGENDA