

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

IRVINE VALLEY LOCAL COMMITTEE - 6 FEBRUARY 2002

COMMUNITY GRANTS TO LOCAL ORGANISATIONS 2001/2002

FINANCIAL POSITION

Report by Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To advise the Local Committee of the financial position in respect of the Community Grant applications received this financial year in terms of the Community Grants Scheme.
- 1.2 To present options for dealing with the outstanding Community Grant applications received since the last meeting.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Irvine Valley Local Committee for the financial year 2001/2002 received a budget of £25,217 which following the last meeting of the Committee on 14 November 2001 was expended in full. Appendix I provides details of the amounts of grants paid in the various categories.

3. DELEGATED APPLICATION APPROVED

- 3.1 Following the last meeting of the Committee in November 2001 an amount of £165.63 was returned to the Council by John Morton Crescent Tenants and Residents Association as they were unable to carry out their proposed project.
- 3.2 As the amount of money returned to the Local Committee was relatively small it was felt that the fairest way of distributing this was to award it to the next application in line according to date received. This application was from Kilmarnock Portland Boys Club and accordingly, following receipt of satisfactory reports, this application was dealt with under delegated powers by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources following consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Local Committee (details of the application are contained with Appendix II).

4. CURRENT SITUATION

- 4.1 As the Committee is aware the budget for this year has been fully expended. However since the last meeting a number of applications have been received and the Committee is required to take a decision on how to deal with these.
- 4.2 These grants are outlined below with full details appearing on the appropriate schedules detailed under Appendix II.

5. APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

5.1

<u>Name of Organisation</u>	<u>Cross Boundary ✓/x</u>	<u>Recommended Grant</u>
St Marnock Youth Club (ENABLE)	✓	£2,285.00
The Runabouts Mother and Toddler Group	✓	£48.00
Kilmarnock Family Support Group	✓	£313.00
East Ayrshire Youth Association (North)	✓	£600.00
Newmilns and Galston Band		Assessment Awaited. Group seeking £1,400.00

6. OPTIONS FOR DEALING WITH THE OUTSTANDING APPLICATIONS

6.1 The Committee is presented with the undernoted options for dealing with the outstanding applications:-

- (a) the Local Committee may decide that they would not wish to support an application in any case; or
- (b) the Local Committee could continue an application to the next financial year i.e. for consideration at the next meeting of the Local Committee on 10 April; or
- (c) the Local Committee may wish to advise a Group which has applied that the Irvine Valley Local Committee budget has been expended and invite them to reapply next financial year.

7. RECOMMENDATIONS

7.1 It is recommended that the Committee:-

- (i) note the position with regard to the budget position this financial year;
- (ii) decide how it wishes to deal with the applications detailed under Appendix II in terms of the options outlined in Paragraph 6.1; and
- (iii) otherwise, note the contents of the report.

Fiona Lees
Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources
21 January 2002
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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS - NIL

Any person wishing further information on this report should contact Bill Walkinshaw, Administration Manager on (01563) 576135.

Implementation Officer: Jennifer Morrison, Administrative Officer.

APPENDIX I

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FINANCIAL POSITION

Report by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Services

ANNUAL BUDGET	£25,217.00
CATEGORY	VALUE OF GRANTS PAID TO DATE
Arts and Cultural	£725.00
Community Association	-
Community Councils	£5,950.00
Community Safety	-
Disability	£889.50
Early Education and Childcare	£330.00
Economic Development	£900.00
Environmental	£3,900.00
Ethnic Minorities	-
Health Issues	-
Heritage	£500.00
Leisure Activities	£4,704.29
Older People	£4,050.00
Social Inclusion	-
Sport	£406.00
Tenants/Residents Groups	£165.63
Unemployment	-
Women's Issues	-
Young People	£2,696.58
<u>TOTAL</u>	£25,217.00
<u>BALANCE</u>	Nil

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APPENDIX II

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

<u>ORGANISATION</u>	MAIN PURPOSE OF GRANT	TOTAL COST OF PROJECT	AMOUNT OF GRANT APPLIED FOR	<u>GROUP'S CONTRIBUTION</u>	LATEST BANK BALANCE	GRANT AWARDED 2000/2001	RECOMMENDED GRANT
Kilmarnock Portland Boys Club, Wallace View, Kilmarnock (50 members)	Running costs (referee, pitch and lets - £2,500), strips and training bibs (£2,220) and club ties (£830).	£5,550.00	£4,150.00	£1,400.00	£1,115.80	Nil	£2,500.00 £165.63 awarded under delegated powers for Irvine Valley portion. See main report for details.

COMMENTS:- The Club was founded in 1980 and is affiliated to the Central Ayrshire Football Association, West of Scotland Youth Football League and Scottish Youth Football Association. The objective of the Club is to provide opportunities for youngsters to play football under the laws and regulations of the game as adopted by the Scottish Youth Football Association.

The Assessing Department (Community Services) recommends an award of £2,500, split according to membership between five of the seven Local Committees as follows:- Irvine Valley - £200 (4/50 member); Northern Area - £200 (4/50 members); Kilmarnock North - £250 (5/50 members); Kilmarnock Central - £1,500 (30/50 members); and Kilmarnock South - £350 (7/50 members). The Assessing Department comments that the funds would assist the group in providing young people with an opportunity to participate in football. However, it is recognised that the Club is requesting a large sum of money and, accordingly, it is suggested that they may be required to undertake further fundraising to purchase strips. The Assessing Department would also intend to forward information relating to Awards for All and East Ayrshire Sports Council Funding to the Group.

The Irvine Valley Local Committee has fully spent its Community Grant budget for the current financial year, however, as a result of a community group returning grant monies amounting to £165.63, it has been agreed, in consultation with the Chair, to approve a delegated award to this value to meet, in part, the Irvine Valley Local Committee's pro-rata share of the cross-boundary grant application.

(A) ARTS AND CULTURAL

<u>ORGANISATION</u>	<u>MAIN PURPOSE OF GRANT</u>	<u>TOTAL COST OF PROJECT</u>	<u>AMOUNT OF GRANT APPLIED FOR</u>	<u>GROUP'S CONTRIBUTION</u>	<u>LATEST BANK BALANCE</u>	<u>GRANT AWARDED 2000/2001</u>	<u>RECOMMENDED GRANT</u>
Newmilns and Galston Band, Bowling Green Lane, Galston	Purchase and installation of central heating system for Band Hall - £1,300.00. Purchase of insulation for roof - £800.00.	£2,100.00	£1,400.00	£700.00	£803.54	Nil	Assessment awaited from Director of Community Services.

COMMENTS:- The Band is an amalgamation of 2 Bands, both of which date back to the 19th Century. They are members of the Scottish Amateur Brass Bands Association. The Band aims to achieve the highest possible standards in brass and percussion playing; to provide a means of teaching anyone who wishes to learn and to entertain the public in concerts as well as in contests.

Membership is open to anyone regardless of age, gender or race. Average attendance is between 18 and 25 and the Band has around 30 members. The youngest person is 15 and the oldest in his 70's.

It is stated that the Hall currently has no heating which makes winter practices very uncomfortable and affects Band members ability to play. The Group own the Band Hall and there are no agreements relating to it.

Assessment is awaited from the Director of Community Services. The organisation has also been asked to supply 2 quotes for the proposed works.

(B) DISABILITY

<u>ORGANISATION</u>	<u>MAIN PURPOSE OF GRANT</u>	<u>TOTAL COST OF PROJECT</u>	<u>AMOUNT OF GRANT APPLIED FOR</u>	<u>GROUP'S CONTRIBUTION</u>	<u>LATEST BANK BALANCE</u>	<u>GRANT AWARDED 2000/2001</u>	<u>RECOMMENDED GRANT</u>
<u>St Marnock Youth Club (ENABLE), Howard Park Lodge, Kilmarnock</u>	To part-fund the costs of the group's annual trip. Travel, accommodation etc for 21 persons in Ireland from 30 March - 6 April 2002 inclusive.	£9,660.00	£6,000.00	£3,660.00	Deposit A/C - £2,081.09; and Current A/C - £420.54. Both balances as at 15 November 2001.	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. Total - £4,000.00.	Kilmarnock Central - £286.00; Kilmarnock North - £573.00; Kilmarnock South - £1,142.00; Irvine Valley - £2,285.00; and Northern Area - £1,714.00. Total - £6,000.00.

COMMENTS:- This grant application is cross-boundary covering the Kilmarnock Central (1 person), Kilmarnock North (2 persons), Kilmarnock South (4 persons), Irvine Valley (8 persons) and Northern Area (6 persons) Local Committees. The Group have confirmed that the amount of grant requested should be £6,000.00. The Group have met the cost of building repairs and have had to reduce their contribution to £3,660.00.

The Youth Club was founded in 1983. It's 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. The numbers are for youth club members. The application for last year included the adults accompanying the Group.

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

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

(C) EARLY EDUCATION AND CHILDCARE

<u>ORGANISATION</u>	<u>MAIN PURPOSE OF GRANT</u>	<u>TOTAL COST OF PROJECT</u>	<u>AMOUNT OF GRANT APPLIED FOR</u>	<u>GROUP'S CONTRIBUTION</u>	<u>LATEST BANK BALANCE</u>	<u>GRANT AWARDED 2000/2001</u>	<u>RECOMMENDED GRANT</u>
The Runabouts Mother and Toddler Group, Grange Academy (S&R Wing), Beech Avenue, Kilmarnock (42 users)	Portable soft play set - £460; "sizzlin' kitchen" - £50; wooden toddler trucks and bricks - £40; and mat set - £199.	£749.00	£679.00	£70.00	£115.01 (24 August 2001)	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.

COMMENTS:- 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.

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.

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.

(D) SOCIAL INCLUSION

<u>ORGANISATION</u>	<u>MAIN PURPOSE OF GRANT</u>	<u>TOTAL COST OF PROJECT</u>	<u>AMOUNT OF GRANT APPLIED FOR</u>	<u>GROUP'S CONTRIBUTION</u>	<u>LATEST BANK BALANCE</u>	<u>GRANT AWARDED 2000/2001</u>	<u>RECOMMENDED GRANT</u>
Kilmarnock Family Support Group, c/o Support Group, 49/55 Campbeltown Drive, Kilmarnock	Administration/ operation, training, publicity/information and programming.	£2,200.00	£2,200.00	Nil	£970.86	N/A	£2,200.00 Irvine Valley - £313.00; K/K Central - £472.00; Northern Area - £472.00; and K/K North - £943.00.

COMMENTS:- The Kilmarnock Family Support Group has been in operation since 1997 and exists to provide families of individuals who use drugs with support and information. The Group is open to any family member who finds themselves in this situation and who would benefit from attending the Group. Membership is not restricted to a geographical area (to assist with confidentiality). However, participants are predominantly from the Kilmarnock area.

The application is for annual running costs and the group would like to use the funds to publicise their activities and increase their membership. The Group have ring-fenced the remaining money in their bank account to cover the cost of a planned programme of activities and to purchase further equipment.

The application is cross-boundary and has been split according to the number of members who attend from Local Committee areas as follows:- Irvine Valley (2 members); Kilmarnock Central (3 members); Northern Area (3 members) and Kilmarnock North (6 members).

The Assessing Department (Educational and Social Services) recommends that the application be supported on the following basis:-

- (i) the application addresses social inclusion, criminal justice, community care and children and family issues;
- (ii) the award of grant will allow the group to develop and expand offering support throughout the area; and
- (iii) the group also plan to undertake counselling courses and to offer a full programme of training including stress management for members.

(E) YOUNG PEOPLE

<u>ORGANISATION</u>	<u>MAIN PURPOSE OF GRANT</u>	<u>TOTAL COST OF PROJECT</u>	<u>AMOUNT OF GRANT APPLIED FOR</u>	<u>GROUP'S CONTRIBUTION</u>	<u>LATEST BANK BALANCE</u>	<u>GRANT AWARDED 2000/2001</u>	<u>RECOMMENDED GRANT</u>
<u>East Ayrshire Youth Association(North)</u>	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	£1874.21 (although the Group has advised that a further £1,000 has been spent on a youth training course since this statement)	£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.

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21 January 2002

AGENDA