

**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

**IRVINE VALLEY LOCAL COMMITTEE - 30 MAY 2001**

**COMMUNITY GRANTS TO LOCAL ORGANISATIONS 2001/2002**

**FINANCIAL POSITION**

**Report by Director of Corporate Resources/Depute Chief Executive**

<b>ANNUAL BUDGET</b>	<b>£25,217.00</b>	
<b>CATEGORY</b>	<b>VALUE OF GRANTS PAID TO DATE</b>	<b>VALUE OF GRANTS SET OUT IN ATTACHED SCHEDULE</b>
Arts & Cultural	-	-
Community Association	-	-
Community Councils	£4,750.00	£1,200.00
Community Safety	-	-
Disability	-	-
Early Education & Childcare	-	-
Economic Development	£900.00	-
Environment	£1,900.00	£4,040.00
Ethnic Minorities	-	-
Health Issues	-	-
Heritage	-	-
Leisure Activities	£1,200.00	£2,652.00
Older People	£1,000.00	-
Social Inclusion	-	-
Sport	-	-
Tenants/Residents Groups	-	-
Unemployment	-	-
Women's Issues	-	-
Young People	£1,196.58	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£10,946.58</b>	<b>£7,892.00</b>
<b>BALANCE</b>	<b>£14,270.42</b>	<b>£6,378.42</b>

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

**(A) 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 2000/2001</b>	<b>RECOMMENDED GRANT</b>
<b>Newmilns &amp; Greenholm Community Council, 12 West Church Street, Newmilns</b>	Hanging Baskets - £400; Renovation of ceremonial chairs - £1,050.00. Total - £1,450.00	£1,450.00	£1,200.00	£250.00	£531.08	£700.00	Assessment awaited from Director of Community Services

**COMMENTS:-** The Community Council was formed in 1975 and provides an elected body to represent the views of the community. There are up to 17 elected members with average attendance 14. Membership is open to all persons resident in the community.

The application includes (1) the purchase of plants to fill existing hanging basket; and (2) renovation of ceremonial chairs including re-upholstering and repolishing.

**(B) 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
Darvel & District Community Council Environmental Action Group, c/o 158 West Main Street, Darvel	Feasibility Study on a property situated in Mairs Road, Darvel to utilise as community crafts/music and coffee shop facility	£5,000.00	£2,200.00	£300.00 (have applied to Scottish Enterprise Ayrshire for £2,500.00)	£2,249.91	£1,500.00	£2,200.00

**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 in the lesser Town Hall, Darvel.

The Assessing Department, Community Services supports the application recommending an award of £2,200 as the study would provide a way forward for the Group in the development of the building and the services it can provide for local people and visitors alike. The feasibility study is for a project which seeks to improve the local environment and add to the areas tourism infrastructure.

**(B) ENVIRONMENT (cont)**

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<b>Galston Community Council, 61 Castleview Avenue, Galston</b>	(1) Supply and erect 16 double basket brackets - £560.00; (2) supply and erect 20 self-watering hanging baskets complete with bedding plants - £1,000.00; and (3) 16 maintenance visits by company to maintain 20 hanging baskets - £280.00  Total - £1,840.00	£1,840.00	£1,840.00	Nil	-	(Christmas lights - £1,500.00) and (906.81 - part payment computer)	Assessment awaited from Director of Community Services

**COMMENTS:-** The aim of the Community Council is to enhance the quality of life for the people of Galston by representing them and their problems to the Council. Anyone 18 years plus years of age residing in the catchment area and on the voter's roll can join the Community Council which meets every second Tuesday in the month in Galston Council Chambers/

**(C) LEISURE**

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<b>Henderson Church Cyber Café, London Road, Kilmarnock (35 members)</b>	Microsoft open licence for 15 PC's, training material and internet and network server PC.	£5,907.00	£5,157.00	£750.00	£101.03 (plus £200 cash in hand as at 14 March 2001)	Nil	Nil

**COMMENTS:-** The group was founded in February 2001 with the aim of promoting computer skills and introducing people to the internet. At present, the group is targeting the over 50 age group and has an average attendance of 25. The café is open to anyone over 50 years old and has access for people with a disability.

This is a cross-boundary application covering the Kilmarnock Central (23 members, 66%), Kilmarnock North (10 members, 29%) and Irvine Valley (2 members, 5%) Local Committees.

The Assessing Department (Community Services) recommends refusal of the application for the following reasons, viz:-

- (i) the project currently caters only for the over-50s which is not in line with the Council's Equal Opportunities Strategy;
- (ii) the group has asked for money to provide software licences for 15 PCs, 5 of which are the subject of an application to Scottish Enterprise Ayrshire which has yet to be approved;
- (iii) it is doubtful if the proposed project would have any great impact on the local Kilmarnock and District community, particularly when the Dick Institute learning centre is fully operational; and
- (iv) although the Council's public library service does not have statutory responsibility to provide public PC and internet access, the new opportunities fund is currently funding the people's network throughout the UK (East Ayrshire is to receive £363,000) to provide learning centres with free PC/internet access not public libraries. It is proposed to install 20 high specification public access PCs with free internet in the Dick Institute. With this service on the horizon, it would not make economic sense for the Council to subsidise the Henderson Church Cyber Café which is less than 100 metres from the Dick Institute and which will impose charges on its customers.

Please note that the group may be eligible to receive other external sources of funding for the project in question.

(C) LEISURE (cont)

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<b>Newmilns &amp; Greenholm Senior Citizens Cabin, 1 West Campbell Street, Newmilns</b>	(1) meals and hire of hall for concert - £345; (2) entertainment and gratuities for above; and (3) transport for outing (summer trip) - £300.  Total - £795	£795.00	£595.00	£200.00	£4,984.18 as at 15 May 2001 (includes £500 grant from East Ayrshire Council referred to here)	Nil	£500.00 (see comments)

**COMMENTS:-** The organisation was founded in 1932 and aims to provide leisure and recreational activities for persons of either gender who are incapacitated or over the age of 60. There are over 80 member. Average attendance is 20.

Due to the timescales involved, the application was dealt with under delegated power by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources in consultation with the Local Committee Chair and Vice-Chair. An award of £500 was made on the receipt of a satisfactory assessment report (details of which are provided below).

The Assessment Department, Community Services supports the application which addresses community care and social inclusion issues. The expenditure will allow the Group to continue to provide social activities for the vulnerable elderly that attend the Group and where possible the wider community. The Assessing Officer recommends a grant of £500 (the Group have requested £595) and comments that the Group although ringfencing money for repairs could still contribute slightly more than £200.

The Committee is requested to note the award of £500 which was dealt with under delegated power and consider whether they wish to award the further £95 the Group has requested.

**(C) LEISURE (cont)**

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<b>Newmilns &amp; Greenholm Community Council, 12 West Church Street, Newmilns</b>	Gala expenses 2001 - Carriage - £360; printing brochures - £1,220.00 dresses etc for Queen & attendants - £100.00; transport - £110.00; marquee hire - £80.00 pavilion hire - £28.00; lifting grass from park - £54.00.  Total - £1,952.00	£1,952.00	£1,652.00	£300.00	£531.08	£700.00	Assessment awaited from Director of Community Services

**COMMENTS:-** The assessment is awaited from the Director of Community Services.

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<b>Darvel Old Folk's Trip Committee, 33 East Donington Street, Darvel</b>	Hire of buses - £750; High Teas - £1,150; Teas, chocolates etc - £300.  Total - £2,200	£2,200.00	£1,000.00	£1,200.00	£1,792.86		Assessment awaited from Director of Community Services

**COMMENTS:-** The Group provides an annual outing for senior residents of Darvel (aged 70 and over) since 1909. Residents unable to attend the trip are visited in their home by Committee members with a gift of tea and chocolates. Any resident of Darvel who is 70 or over is eligible to

join the organisation which is managed by a voluntary committee of 10.

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**AGENDA**