

**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

**IRVINE VALLEY LOCAL COMMITTEE - 15 NOVEMBER 2000**

**COMMUNITY GRANTS TO LOCAL ORGANISATIONS 2000/2001**

**FINANCIAL POSITION**

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

<b>ANNUAL BUDGET</b>	<b>£24,895.83*</b>	
<b>CATEGORY</b>	<b>VALUE OF GRANTS PAID TO DATE</b>	<b>VALUE OF GRANTS SET OUT IN ATTACHED SCHEDULE</b>
Arts & Cultural	-	£400.00
Community Association	-	-
Community Councils	£3,710.00	£400.00
Community Safety	-	-
Disability	£344.00	£589.00
Early Education & Childcare	£1,200.00	-
Economic Development	-	-
Environment	-	-
Ethnic Minorities	-	-
Health Issues	-	-
Heritage	£2,650.00	-
Leisure Activities	£1,178.00	-
Older People	£3,500.00	£750.00
Social Inclusion	--	-
Sport	£4,290.00	-
Tenants/Residents Groups	-	-
Unemployment	-	-
Women's Issues	£240.00	-
Young People	£280.00	£600.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£17,392.00</b>	<b>£2,739.00</b>
<b>BALANCE</b>	<b>£7,503.83</b>	<b>£4,764.83</b>

\* Original allocation £24,482.00

+413.83 returned by Irvine Valley Activity Group (disbanded)  
24,895.83

13 November 2000

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

**(A) ARTS AND CULTURAL**

ORGANISATION	MAIN PURPOSE OF GRANT	TOTAL COST OF PROJECT	AMOUNT OF GRANT APPLIED FOR	GROUP'S CONTRIBUTION	LATEST BANK BALANCE	GRANT AWARDED 1999/00	RECOMMENDED GRANT
Kilmarnock Folk Club, The Hunting Lodge, Glencairn Square, Kilmarnock (open membership, average attendance - 35)	Artist fees and expenses (£3,150), crew fees and expenses (£500) and advertising/administration (£350)	£4,000.00	£2,000.00	£2,000.00	£77.92	£2,000.00 (Community Services)	£2,000 split according to anticipated usage:-  Irvine Valley - £400  Northern Area - £400  Kilmarnock North - £400  Kilmarnock Central - £400  Kilmarnock South - £400

**COMMENTS:-** The Folk Club is run on a voluntary basis with the purpose of furthering the promotion of traditional music, song and dance in the community. The Club has been in existence for 29 years and in October 2000 will present a programme consisting of school ceilidhs, a ceilidh dance, singers' workshop, singaround, musical sessions and a celebrity concert. A Community Grant would allow the Club to keep admission charges down and access as wide as possible. Further details of the Club's programme of events will be reported at the meeting.

The Assessing Department (Community Services) recommends approval in the amount of £2,000 to be split between five of the seven Local Committees as follows according to anticipated attendance based on previous experience.

The Assessing Department comments that the organisation provides a free school ceilidh for primary school pupils in Kilmarnock, as well as good value on tickets to see excellent traditional musicians locally. This fits well with the Council's Social Inclusion Policy.

**(B) DISABILITY**

ORGANISATION	MAIN PURPOSE OF GRANT	TOTAL COST OF PROJECT	AMOUNT OF GRANT APPLIED FOR	GROUP'S CONTRIBUTION	LATEST BANK BALANCE	GRANT AWARDED 1999/2000	RECOMMENDED GRANT
<b>Cessnock Club, C/o Wayside, Sornhill, By Galston</b>	Transport costs (3 Social Work buses for 2 hours each at £9 per hour - £54 per night x 26 nights)	£1,404.00	£1,404.00	Nil	£836.70	£1,000.00 (Transport) Social Work Committee - £800 (social events) Local Committees	K/K South - £267 K/K Central - £98 K/K North - £225 Irvine Valley - £589 Northern - £225 <b>Total - £1,404.00</b>

**COMMENTS:-** The Club started 26 years ago with the help of Social Work and parents of mentally and physically disabled adults. The aim of the Club, which is run by parents and volunteers, is to give members a social night out once a fortnight. Membership, currently 51 with an average attendance of 45, is open to any person normally eligible for admission to an ATC, ages ranging from 18 to 60 years. For many members, the Club provides their only entertainment, in the form of a variety of events through the year.

Cross-boundary application covering Kilmarnock South, Central and North, Irvine Valley and Northern Area Local Committees.

Assessing Department (Educational and Social Services) support the application recommending an award of £1,404, split between the five Local Committees, according to current membership from each area ie. Kilmarnock South - 8 members, Kilmarnock Central - 3 members, Kilmarnock North - 7 members, Irvine Valley - 18 members and Northern Area - 7 members. The organisation addresses the special needs of individuals providing social and recreational activities and respite for parents and carers. The funding would ensure that individuals from a wide area can be transported to the Group, therefore enabling them to participate. Funding of £800 was allocated by the Local Committees in March 2000 specifically for social activities - this money is accounted for. This funding for transport is essential to the Group's operation.

**(C) COMMUNITY COUNCILS**

ORGANISATION	MAIN PURPOSE OF GRANT	TOTAL COST OF PROJECT	AMOUNT OF GRANT APPLIED FOR	GROUP'S CONTRIBUTION	LATEST BANK BALANCE	GRANT AWARDED 1999/2000	RECOMMENDED GRANT
Hurlford & Crookedholm Community Council, Community Centre, Cessnock Road, Hurlford	(1) Wheelchair repairs to 2 chairs currently stored and estimate for call-out and repair charges for coming year - £177.48; (2) annual insurance costs for all 4 wheelchairs - £237	£414.48	£400.00	£14.48	£397.21	Nil	£400.00

**COMMENTS:-** The aim of the Community Council is to voice opinions and concerns of the local community. Anyone who resides in Hurlford and Crookedholm, can join the Community Council which is managed by an annually elected committee. Meetings are held monthly. Users of the electric wheelchairs would benefit from the grant.

The Assessing Department (Educational and Social Services) state that the group currently has two chairs being used in the community at no cost to the users and hope to double this service after repairs to two further chairs which are in storage. The grant would therefore assist isolated people living in the community thus reducing social isolation, and would be part of the Council's Social Inclusion Strategy. Once restored the wheelchairs will be offered to local people on long or short term loan. This is done by advertising in the towns, the local newspaper and the Kilmarnock Standard.

**(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 1999/00	RECOMMENDED GRANT
Hurlford & Crookedholm Playgroup	Christmas outing for parents and children £220; Christmas presents for 20 children £200; Christmas party (entertainment & food) £100; and Christmas decorations/presents for Playleader £80	£600.00	£520.00	£80.00	£3,691	Nil	Nil

**COMMENTS:-** Founded in 1985 at the present site 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 (currently 15 children with 5 more due to start before Christmas) is open to any child aged 3 years. At present, the average attendance is 15 per session. The group is in partnership with East Ayrshire Council and can accept children from any area. Managed by Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer, Vice-Treasurer and 7 parent members, the Group employs one full-time and two part-time Playleaders and meets in Lesser County Hall, Monday to Friday from 9.15am until 11.45am.

The Assessing Department (Educational and Social Services) states that the grant would assist with Christmas expenses but recommends refusal as the group currently receives pre-school education grant.

**(E) OLDER PEOPLE**

ORGANISATION	MAIN PURPOSE OF GRANT	TOTAL COST OF PROJECT	AMOUNT OF GRANT APPLIED FOR	GROUP'S CONTRIBUTION	LATEST BANK BALANCE	GRANT AWARDED 1999/2000	RECOMMENDED GRANT
<b>Age Concern, Community Centre, Hurlford</b>	Christmas Party for all senior citizens and a donation to all housebound in the district, regardless of whether they are members;  Christmas Party - £822;  Waitresses and Caretakers - £290;  Christmas Drinks and extras - £200.24	£1,312.24 (estimate based on last year's prices)	£750.00	£562.24 (based on estimate of total cost of project)	£3,595.57	£600.00	£250.00

**COMMENTS:-** This Club came into being in 1974, is affiliated to Age Concern, Scotland and has represented Hurlford senior citizens at local, national and European levels in many different forms. Membership (currently approx. 129 members with an average attendance of 95) is open to any person, over the age of 55years, residing in Hurlford or Crookedholm.

The organisation which is managed by a Committee consisting of Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer, Secretary and 10 others, provides a service to senior citizens in Hurlford & Crookedholm who wish to participate or need any assistance the Group can offer. The grant would help provide a Christmas Party for senior citizens and a donation to all housebound in Hurlford & Crookedholm, regardless of whether they are members of the group.

The Assessing Department (Educational and Social Services) supports the application which addresses the priority of elderly activity, recommending an award of £250.00 to provide a Christmas event for the elderly including £10 gift to housebound and participants. However, the group have shown annual surpluses of approx. £4,000 for the last 2 years. The recommended £250.00 would enable the Group to provide a Christmas treat for the housebound.

(E) OLDER PEOPLE (Cont...)

ORGANISATION	MAIN PURPOSE OF GRANT	TOTAL COST OF PROJECT	AMOUNT OF GRANT APPLIED FOR	GROUP'S CONTRIBUTION	LATEST BANK BALANCE	GRANT AWARDED 1999/2000	RECOMMENDED GRANT
Irvine Valley Elderly Forum, C/o 14 Mauchline Road, Hurlford	Postage, typing (£200), hall let and transport costs (£200), educational outings (£200)	£600.00	£500.00	£100.00	£3.13DR	Nil	£500.00

**COMMENTS:-** The Forum has been established for approximately 2 years. The Group regularly attend East Ayrshire Elderly Forum and liaison meeting with the Council. The aim of the Group, which is managed by Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and Committee and supported by Social Services, is to unite pensioners in local and national campaigns to achieve better services and conditions.

The Assessing Department (Educational and Social Services) supports the application which promotes issues for the elderly. This grant would enable the group, which is now established, to be self-sufficient and independent of departmental budgets. Most of the group's admin and running costs have been covered by Social Services and Community Support Sections of Educational and Social Services, but the group will now be expected to provide its own mailing, transport and admin costs.

The Elderly Forum is a key group in representing elderly people and in taking up their issues. This grant would enable them to continue on a firm basis.

**(F) YOUNG PEOPLE**

ORGANISATION	MAIN PURPOSE OF GRANT	TOTAL COST OF PROJECT	AMOUNT OF GRANT APPLIED FOR	GROUP'S CONTRIBUTION	LATEST BANK BALANCE	GRANT AWARDED 1999/2000	RECOMMENDED GRANT
East Ayrshire Youth Association (North) c/o Community Education Service The Foregate, Kilmarnock	To assist with the costs for the Group's programme of events for 2000/2001 for young people.	£3,600.00	£3,000.00	£600.00	£1,794.45	£3,000 split between 5 Local Committees (1997/98)	£600 per Local Committee.

**COMMENTS:-** The Association (formerly Kilmarnock and Loudoun District Youth Panel) was founded in 1944 to cater for youth in the community. The Association aims to promote fellowship and liaison involving local Youth Clubs by uniting them in various activities through the year. The Association caters for any youths between the ages of 10-18 years of age residing in East Ayrshire.

The Assessing Department (Educational and Social Services) recommends that the application be supported on the following basis, viz:- (i) the application addresses the social strategy priorities of working with young people to enable each to reach their full potential through achievement, empowerment and health; (ii) the funding would assist the Group to organise over thirty large events for young people with over thirty organisations who are affiliated to the Group; and (iii) the Group has provided a voluntary youth service in the Kilmarnock, Irvine Valley and Northern Area for over fifty years. There are thirty Groups affiliated to the Association and the application is cross-boundary being split between Kilmarnock South, North, Central, Irvine Valley and the Northern Area Local Committees. The calculation for the cross-boundary element for the application is a straight forward split amongst the five Local Committees concerned.

1 November 2000

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**AGENDA**