

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

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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	VALUE OF GRANTS SET OUT IN ATTACHED SCHEDULE
Arts and Cultural	£725.00	-
Community Association	-	-
Community Councils	£5,950.00	-
Community Safety	-	£1,700.00
Disability	-	£889.00
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	£3,600.00	£450.00
Social Inclusion	-	-
Sport	£350.00	£2,056.00
Tenants/Residents Groups	-	£500.00
Unemployment	-	-
Women's Issues	-	-
Young People	£2,696.58	-
TOTAL	£23,325.87	£5,925.50
BALANCE	£1,891.13	-£4,034.37

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

(A) 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
Newmilns Bowling Club, 20 Nelson Street, Newmilns	Laying kerbing, tarring paths and providing wheelchair access to clubhouse for social members.	£4,160.00	£3,000.00	£1,600.00	£17,366.94	Nil	£2,000.00

COMMENTS:- The Assessing Department (Community Services) states that the application would benefit the local community by providing wheelchair access for social members to the clubhouse, and by generally improving the facility. It is stated that this is a worthwhile project, however, some of the work is arguably unnecessary. The Assessing Officer will provide further details at the meeting.

The Club was founded in 1862 and is affiliated to the Scottish Bowling Association and the Ayrshire Bowling Association. Membership is 125, age 10 years and upwards. It is run by a Management Committee with no paid staff.

This application was considered by the Committee at its meeting on 19 September and was continued for further investigation as to possible alternatives to the ramp proposed. The Club was then asked to consider a "Portaramp" access ramp and were asked to confirm whether any of the ramps shown would be of use to the Club as an alternative to their original proposal. The Club have now considered this proposal and it is their opinion that a permanent ramp would be more suited to their needs. They further comment that as the existing paths require to be brought up to an acceptable level of safety, a permanent ramp could easily be incorporated at a minimal cost.

(B) 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
Darvel Parish Church of Scotland, Hastings Square, Darvel	Construction costs for new link between Church and Church Hall.	£10,000	£500-£1,000	£2,330.00	£2,427.43	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.

(B) COMMUNITY SAFETY (cont)

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
Irvine Valley Joint Community Council Group, Resource Centre, 11 Cross Street, Galston	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 eg 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.

(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
Archway PHAB Club, S & R Wing, Grange Academy, Beech Road, Kilmarnock	In order to function the Group requires funding for transport and hall lets.	£1,800.00	£1,700.00	£100.00	£123.00	£1,500.00	£1,700.00 Irvine Valley - £309.00; Northern Area - £103.00; Kilmarnock North - £309.00; Kilmarnock Central - £206.00; and Kilmarnock South - £773.00.

COMMENTS:- The Contact PHAB Club was founded in 1973 to give people with disabilities and non-disabled an opportunity to meet weekly for social and recreation purposes during evenings. The main aim is to integrate people with various disabilities back into the community on a level par with able-bodied members of the community. The Group is open to anyone over the age of 18 years. The Group currently has 33 members. This application is cross boundary and the division is based on the number of members residing within the Local Committee area as shown:- Irvine Valley (6); Northern Area (2); Kilmarnock North (6); Kilmarnock Central (4); and Kilmarnock South (15).

The Assessing Officer (Educational and Social Services) recommends that the award of grant be made on the following basis:-

- (i) the award of the application will reduce social exclusion by giving members of the community an opportunity to interact and become involved in the local community; and
- (ii) it is considered that the award of expenditure is necessary in order for the group to function and to provide opportunity for community participation.

(C) DISABILITY (CONT)

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
Cessnock Club, c/o Wayside, Sornhill, By Galston, KA4 8NF	Transport hire for the period from August 2001 to June 2002, ie 3 buses, each 2 hours x £9 per hour x 25 club nights	£1,350.00	£1,350.00	Nil	£1,332.93	(March 2000) £800.00 for outings (November 2000) £404.00 for transport/ outings	£1,350.00 Kilmarnock South - £216.00; Kilmarnock North - £135.00; Northern Area - £337.50; Irvine Valley - £580.50; and Kilmarnock Central - £81.00.

COMMENTS:-The Cessnock Club started 25 years ago with the help of Social Work and parents for mentally and physically handicapped adults over the age of 18 years. The aims of the Clue are to give members a social night out once a fortnight. A number of members are in care. For many of the members the Club provides their only entertainment. The Club is run by parents and volunteers.

Any person normally eligible for admission to an adult training centre can join the Club which currently has 51 members, with average attendance of 45 members, ages ranging from 18-60 years.

The Club provides fortnightly social evenings, discos, barbecue, Christmas party, pantomime, etc, and is managed by a Chairperson, Secretary/Treasurer and 4 volunteers. The group usually meets in Hurlford Adult Training Centre once a fortnight.

This application is cross boundary and the division is based on the number of members residing within Local Committee areas as shown:- Kilmarnock South 8 members (16%); Kilmarnock North 5 members (10%); Northern Area 12 members (25%); Irvine Valley 21 members (43%); and Kilmarnock Central 3 members (6%).

The Assessing Officer (Educational and Social Services) supports the application recommending that the award of grant be made on the following basis:- (i) the application addresses support to people with learning disabilities; (ii) this expenditure would enable the group to continue to transport its widespread membership to take part in its programme of activities; (iii) this application only refers to transport costs, all other costs are financed from fundraising or support from community based organisations; and (iv) other money raised by the group is committed to its programme.

(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 and Crookedholm Playgroup, Lesser County Hall, Blair Road, Hurlford	Christmas presents for 21 children £210; Cost of coach for trip to Santa's Grotto - £230; and Cost of entrance to Santa's Grotto - £100.	£540.00	£460.00	£80.00	£5,284.92	£220.00 Also £270.00 awarded August 2001. The Group points out that since then there is a new Committee and new children.	£330.00

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 12 children, attending 5 sessions per week and is open to any child aged 3-4 years. Another 9 children are due to start before Christmas. The group is managed by Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer, Vice-Treasurer and 6 parent members.

The Group employs three full-time and one part-time Playleader and meets in Lesser County Hall, Monday to Friday, from 9.15am until 11.45am.

The Assessing Department (Educational and Social Services) recommends a grant of £330 being the cost of admission fees and the cost of the bus. They do not recommend supporting the children's gifts. The trip is to Nursery Direct at Stair and will take place in December. 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.

(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 2000/2001	RECOMMENDED GRANT
Newmilns & Greenholm Friendship Club, c/o 92 Bonnyton Road, Kilmarnock	Entertainment - £300; Coach Hire and Dining Out 3/4 times a year - £1,500; Theatre Tickets - £200; Total - £2,000	£2,000	£1,000	£1,000	£410.68	Nil	£450

COMMENTS:- The Club was founded in 1983 to give members somewhere to meet, chat and make new friends. The Club is open to all females over the age of 21. There are 45 members with average attendance of 38. The organisation serves the Irvine Valley area and is managed by a President, Secretary, Treasurer and four committee Members. The Club meets every Wednesday afternoon at the No 51 Kilwinning Club, Newmilns (no affiliation involved).

The Assessing Department (Educational and Social Services) supports the application recommending an award of £450 on the basis that similar groups with similar programmes have received awards in this region. The majority of the group are over 70 and therefore the application addresses support to the elderly. The grant would allow the group to maintain their programme of activities. It is further commented that the Group is exploring alternatives for transport and trip destinations to suit disabled and frailer members.

(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
Annanhill Junior Golf Club, Irvine Road, Kilmarnock (32 users)	Running costs, including cups, trophies, engraving, golf balls and equipment, catering and competitions.	£1,400	£600	£800	£17.55 (as at 27 April 2001)	£600.00 in January 2001 (Kilmarnock Central - £322; Northern Area - £117; Kilmarnock North - £161)	£600:- Kilmarnock Central - £431; Northern Area - £113; Irvine Valley - £56

COMMENTS:- The junior section was founded in 1989 to provide golfing competitions for junior golfers. The organisation is open to any junior male/female between the ages of 12 and 17.

The Department of Community Services (Assessing Department) recommends an award of £600, split according to membership as follows:- Kilmarnock Central Local Committee - £431 (23 Members), Northern Area Local Committee - £113 (6 members) and Irvine Valley Local Committee - £56 (3 members). The Assessing Department comments that the application would allow young people the opportunity to learn and enjoy golf, which is a sport many young people are excluded from. The Club should be encouraged as it attempts to address this exclusion.

(G) TENANTS/RESIDENTS GROUPS

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
John Morton Crescent Tenants/Residents Association, 36 John Morton Crescent, Darvel	Christmas gifts for children - £300; Christmas hampers for elderly - £200; Decorate John Morton Crescent; and Running costs - £100.00 Total - £600.00.	£600.00	£500.00	£100.00 + every member giving time	£224.05	Nil	£100.00

COMMENTS:- The Tenants/Residents Association was founded on 24 August 2000. Its aims are to safeguard and promote the interests of tenants in the area on matters concerning Housing, Environment of the area and the social and community life of the area. Membership is open to all tenants/residents of John Morton Crescent.

The organisation is managed by a Chairperson and Vice, Treasurer and Secretary and four other members. It meets once a month in Chairperson's house and holds a public meeting every three months in the Town Hall.

The Assessing Department (Educational and Social Services) supports the application recommending a grant of £100 towards decorating the street and trees with lights for Christmas as the Group are seeking to mount an event, which will bring the community together while also promoting the tenants/residents organisation. The Assessing Officer comments that the Group have not spent their start-up grant and that the Christmas presents and hampers may be more appropriately provided by other organisations.

The Association does not have insurance for this project. The purchase of insurance will be another financial outlay.

It is recommended that any grant award be conditional upon the Group obtaining adequate Third Party insurance for the project and that the Director of Development Services (Roads Division) be consulted regarding the siting of the lights.