

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

IRVINE VALLEY LOCAL COMMITTEE - 21 SEPTEMBER 2000

COMMUNITY GRANTS TO LOCAL ORGANISATIONS 2000/2001

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

(A) CONSERVATION/HISTORY

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
Barr Castle Millennium Heritage Museum Society 12 Barr Street Galston	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rewire the castle - £1,850; • Fit central heating - £5,500; • Buy Display Cabinets - £1,500; • Buy special lighting and humidity monitors - £1,150. 	£10,000.00	£10,000.00	Nil	£830.99	-	£2,000.00

COMMENTS:- The Museum Heritage Society is a sub-group of the Lodge St Peter 331 Galston and was established in 1999. The castle is an 11th/12th century Norman Keep with links with Sir William Wallace, Robert the Bruce, John Knox and George Wishart. The aims of the group are to turn the castle into a museum and heritage centre for the people of Galston and surrounding areas, for visitors and all schools. The Society is managed by a Committee of volunteers who meet once a month, and also socially to fundraise for the museum. Last year at an open doors day over 400 people saw through the castle.

The Assessing Department (Community Services) comments that the Social Strategy/Local Committee priorities being addressed by this application are increasing educational and leisure opportunities, conservation of built heritage and promotion of tourism.

The expenditure would enable locals and visitors to view the building, the lodge collections and items of local history. The expenditure would further the Museum Committee's aim to open the castle more regularly and provide better conditions for visitors and objects. The Assessing Department view this as a sound project with strong management and good benefits to the Irvine Valley, which could develop over future years.

It is recommended that any grant made be conditional on the organisation obtaining necessary permissions for the works, e.g. planning permission and building warrants.

(B) 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
Darvel and District Community Council, c/o 129 East Main Street, Darvel	Purchase of additional Christmas lights - £950; and Cost of erection, removal and power - £250.	£1,200.00	£1,100.00	£100.00	£142.59	£1,000.000 (Christmas lights) N.B Environmental Action Group received grant this year for hanging baskets project - £1,500.00	£1,100.00

COMMENTS:- The Community Council last year received a grant award of £1,000.00 for the same purpose and now wish to enhance these decorations.

The Assessing Department (Community Services) comments that as well as promoting social cohesion, the project also supports rural regeneration, creating a festive atmosphere within Darvel. Much of the work is undertaken by volunteers from within the community and greatly enhances any provision from the Council. As Christmas lights are expensive, it is the Assessing Department's view that the Community Council is taking a sensible approach of building up their stock gradually.

The Director of Community Services recommends an award of £1,100.00. It is recommended that any grant be subject to evidence of satisfactory insurance for the project and that the Director of Development Services (Roads Division) be consulted on the siting of the lights as the Council has approved conditions with regard to the use of streetlight columns for Christmas lights.

(B) COMMUNITY COUNCILS (CON'T)

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
Darvel and District Community Council (Environmental Action Group) c/o 129 East Main Street Darvel	Maintenance costs (watering/tending) of hanging baskets installed already by Environmental Action Group.	£250.00	£200.00	£50.00	£142.59	£1,000.00 (Christmas lights). N.B. Environmental Action Group received grant this financial year for hanging baskets project - £1,500.00.	Nil

COMMENTS:- The Assessing Department (Community Services) comments that the Environmental Action Group were awarded a grant for the same project earlier this year. As part of its original application the Group agreed to maintain the baskets as part of their contribution to the original project. Accordingly, the Assessing Department recommends that this application be refused.

(B) COMMUNITY COUNCILS (CON'T)

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Darvel and District Community Council c/o 129 East Main Street Darvel	Purchase of computer, printer, scanner and 5yr maintenance/repair plan for base, monitor, printer etc.	£1,160.00	£1,110.00	£50.00	£142.59	£1,000.00 (Christmas lights). N.B. Environmental Action Group received grant this financial year for hanging baskets project - £1,500.00.	£1,110.00

COMMENTS:- The Assessing Department (Community Education) comments that the acquisition of this grant will strengthen the capacity of the Community Council to become more efficient in carrying out its business for the benefit of the community. By strengthening the efficiency of the group this will also enhance the performance of the Decentralisation Scheme. It is noted that the group hope to develop their IT skills in a practical situation. Although the equipment will be primarily used by the Group requests for access by the wider community will also be considered. The Darvel IT Suite will be opening soon and could be a possible venue for training. The computer will be located in the Secretary's house. The Group are aware that appropriate insurance must be obtained. In conclusion this is a local group wishing to increase their efficiency in working within their local community. This is a very positive attitude which should be encouraged and supported.

(C) 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	GRANT AWARDED
St Marnock Playscheme (Enable), c/o Lodge House, Howard Park, Kilmarnock	To provide financial assistance towards the operation of a playscheme for children with learning difficulties.	£200.00	£200.00	-	£6.28	-	See Comments

COMMENTS:- The St Marnock Playscheme was founded in 1982 and any person with learning difficulties can join the organisation. The application was received on 21 July 2000 for the playscheme which operated from 24 July to 2 August 2000. Due to the timescales involved, the application was dealt with under delegated powers by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources in consultation with the appropriate Local Committee Chairs. An award of grant was made on the receipt of a satisfactory assessment report (details of which are provided below) and the method of division was on the basis of the number of young people attending the playscheme from the Local Committee area as follows:- Irvine Valley (1) - £22.00; Northern Area (1) - £22.00; Kilmarnock North (6) - £134.00; and Kilmarnock South (1) - £22.00.

The Director of Educational and Social Services recommended an award of grant on the basis that the special needs children attending this playscheme would benefit from the funding as they are excluded from other mainstream activities. In addition, the usual organisers of this playscheme opted out at a late stage and parents and volunteers have stepped in to organise the playscheme at short notice.

The Committee is requested to note the award.

(D) MUSIC

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
Loudoun Musical Society	Hire of scenery for show which the organisation produce annually and hold in the Palace Theatre. This year's production is "Hello Dolly" and is being staged from 25-30 September.	£2,500.00 for scenery alone. The full cost of producing the show is £23,000.00	£1,500.00	£1,000.00 towards scenery alone. £21,500 towards total project.	£7,869.21	Nil	£1,130.00

COMMENTS:- Loudoun Musical Society was founded in 1976, initially staging its shows in Darvel. The Society moved to the Palace Theatre in 1987 because of better facilities. The Society aims to provide a hobby for its members, provide pleasure to the community in seeing a live show and entertainment for the local community at Guilds, local churches, WRI where they provide a concert. Any person over the age of 16 who can sing and has some form of stage movement can join the organisation which has approximately 75 members. The Society is managed by a voluntary committee of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and 8 committee members.

The Assessing Department (Community Services) has commented that the project complements the leisure strategy aims of working in partnership, improving quality of life, providing equality of access and opportunity and delivering value for money.

The annual show provides leisure opportunity/entertainment for the whole area while developing individual skills and talents of group members. The long established society has annually enriched the leisure programme. This is a cross boundary grant application between Irvine Valley, Kilmarnock Central, Kilmarnock North and the Northern Area, with a division based on the current membership, i.e. £1,500 divided by 81 members = £18.52 per member:- Irvine Valley - £648.00 (35 members); Kilmarnock Central - £315 (17 members); Kilmarnock North - £93 (5 members); and Northern Area £74 (4 members). 20 members are from outwith East Ayrshire = £370 and results in a recommended award of £1,130.00

(E) SPORT

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
Loudoun Lions Mini Rugby Club c/o 9 Burnawn Place Galston	Purchase of equipment e.g training vests, rugby balls, marker cones, post padding, corner flags and poles, body armour and rugby strips.	£2,230.00	£1,600.00	£630.00 (for rugby strips)	£2,699.00	Nil	£1,600.00

COMMENTS:- Loudoun Lions Mini Rugby Club was founded in 1998 with links to other West of Scotland Mini Teams and is an SRU approved Club. It aims to encourage the promotion and practice of mini-rugby in the Irvine Valley. The average attendance in 1998/99 was 10 and in 1999/2000 was 30 and aims for 50 members in the 2000/2001 session. The organisation is managed by a committee of volunteers and holds Saturday morning coaching sessions at Loudoun Academy, as well as playing games against other clubs in the West of Scotland.

The Assessing Department (Community Services) has commented that the application addresses the social strategy of reducing social exclusion by addressing issues of poverty, deprivation and unemployment where they are to be found, and by enabling each person to reach their full potential. The expenditure is essential to the development of the Club and would benefit many generations of young people in the future. The Club has excellent potential if given some financial support.

(E) SPORT (CON'T)

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 Boys and Girls Football Club c/o 1 Lomond Avenue Hurlford	Purchase of storage container, goal nets and posts.	£1,900.00	£1,900.00	Nil	£566.84	Nil	Assessment awaited from the Director of Community Services.
<p>COMMENTS:- The Club was founded in 1975 and is affiliated to Central Ayrshire Youth League and the Scottish Football Association. The Club aims to promote and develop football for the youth of Hurlford and District. The Club presently has 140 members ages ranging from 6-13 and are in teams according to age. The Club is managed by volunteers with one manager from each of the teams on the Committee. The Club meets on Mondays/Tuesdays/Thursdays/Saturdays and Sundays at Riccarton Park or County Hall, Hurlford.</p> <p>The Assessing Department (Community Services)</p>							

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Newmilns Vesuvius Under 18 15 Paterson Terrace Darvel	Junior goal posts and net kit	£300.00	£250.00	£50.00	£304.97	N/A	£250.00

COMMENTS:- The Club is newly founded and is affiliated to the Scottish Football Association and West of Scotland Boys Club. The Club aims to run a year with one team then try and start an under 8's 7 a side adding a new team each year until they have a team at each age group all playing out of the Newmilns/Darvel/Galston area. At the moment any boy born in 1982/83 can join. The average attendance is 16-22, and when more teams are added it is hoped the attendance will increase. The Club is managed by volunteers and train weekly and play one/twice a week.

The Assessing Department (Community Services) support the application stating that the organisation aims to provide young people with the opportunity to become involved in sport which can lead to improvements in health and assist in the development of valuable social skills. The expenditure will enable the club to purchase equipment which can be utilised for years to come thereby benefiting younger generations. The team provides an opportunity for all 17/18 year old boys living in the local community to come together and the grant would also help develop a new club.

(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
P.A.L.S. Out of School Club Steering Committee c/o 109 Mauchline Road Hurlford	Start-up/running costs:- Postage: £50 Photocopying: £50 Posters/Stationery: £80 Telephone calls: £100	£280.00	£250.00	£30.00	New organisation	-	£250.00

COMMENTS:- The first meeting to form a steering group was held on 12 April 2000. An interim constitution was adopted and office bearers elected. The steering group was formed to look into the possibility of establishing an after school group within Hurlford Primary School. Any primary school age child in the Hurlford/Crookedholm area will be able to enrol for out-of school care. The restriction at the moment is that the group can only foresee 16 children being able to attend at any one time due to registration numbers allowed. The steering group is made up of 6 volunteers and meets weekly.

The Assessing Department (Community Education) state that the project will conform with Government Scottish Parliamentary and East Ayrshire Council Department of Education Strategies relating to "wrap around childcare". It will address the needs of parents who wish to return to work and/or further education by providing a safe, secure and educational environment for their children whilst they are at work or such other activity. The expenditure will assist in "pump-priming" the steering group whilst they await further funding from the Scottish Parliament. Without this initial sum of money, the group would be unlikely to be able to continue to develop voluntary childcare facilities in their community.

7 September 2000

AGENDA

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