

**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

**IRVINE VALLEY LOCAL COMMITTEE – 19 SEPTEMBER 2001**

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

**FINANCIAL POSITION**

**Report by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Services**

<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 and Cultural	-	£925.00
Community Association	-	-
Community Councils	£5,950.00	-
Community Safety	-	-
Disability	-	-
Early Education and Childcare	-	-
Economic Development	£900.00	-
Environmental	£3,400.00	£500.00
Ethnic Minorities	-	-
Health Issues	-	-
Heritage	-	£1,500.00
Leisure Activities	£4,704.29	-
Older People	£1,000.00	£3,400.00
Social Inclusion	-	-
Sport	-	£2,441.30
Tenants/Residents Groups	-	-
Unemployment	-	-
Women's Issues	-	-
Young People	£1,696.58	£1,900.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£17,650.87</b>	<b>£10,666.30</b>
<b>BALANCE</b>	<b>£7,566.13</b>	<b>- £3,100.17</b>

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

**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
<b>Darvel &amp; District Community Council Environmental Action Group c/o 158 West Main Street, Darvel</b>	Feasibility Study over a property situated in Mairs Road, Darvel to utilise as community crafts/music and coffee shop facility	Originally stated at £5,000.00 but further discussions with the Assessing Department have revealed that £7,000.00 is a more realistic estimate	£500.00	£300.00 (have applied to Scottish Enterprise Ayrshire for £3,000.00) Also £250.00 recommended from Bessie Roxburgh Advisory Committee.  The Group has also applied to the Council for £3,000 under the external matchfunding scheme.	(Up-to-date bank statement awaited)  £7,684.00  Note - this balance includes £6,650 of community grant funding.	£1,500.00	£500.00

**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 ranges 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 Local Committee at its meeting on 31 May agreed that whilst expressing support for the application, that it be continued to a future meeting in order that alternative avenues for the project be explored, in particular the Bessie C Roxburgh Bequest.

The Bessie Roxburgh Advisory Committee met on 24 August and have recommended an award of £250 to the Group. Further, the Assessing Department (Community Services) has re-assessed the application following the above decisions and has recommended an award of £500.00, stating that there is an opportunity for the group to apply for other funds. The Group is now working with Officers of the Council to try and secure external funding for the study. The study will clarify whether the proposal to develop the hall should go forward. This will provide the Group with grounds to approach funds for Capital and has the potential to be of major benefit to the community.

## 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 2000/2001	RECOMMENDED GRANT
<b>Loudoun Musical Society, c/o 8 Darnleyhill Walk, Newmilns</b>	Hire of scenery for show which the organisation produce annually and hold in the Palace Theatre.  This year's production is "Fiddler on the Roof" and is being staged from 1-6 October 2001.	£2,600.00 for scenery alone. The full cost of producing the show is £22,500	£2,000.00	£600 towards scenery alone. £20,500 towards total project.  The Group has raised over £1,000 recently through bag-packing at Asda and a quiz night.	£11,485.00  This amount includes approximately £2,500 collected for ticket money. The Group also advise that their bills for the production start coming in in September.	£1,130.00 in total  (£648 - Irvine Valley "portion")	Total - £1,140.00 £525.00 - Irvine Valley; £75.00 - Kilmarnock North; £450.00 - Kilmarnock Central; £60.00 - Kilmarnock South; and £30.00 - Northern Area.

**COMMENTS:-** Loudoun Musical Society was founded in 1976, initially staging its first shows in Darvel. The Society moved to the Palace Theatre in 1987 for the use of better facilities. The Society aims to provide a hobby for its members, provide pleasure to the community in seeing a live show, fulfil requests from Guilds, Churches, WRI etc, to provide concerts on a voluntary basis, and encourage young people to participate. Any person over the age of 16 who undertakes a successful singing audition 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 this well supported group provides entertainment for over 2,500 people per year in East Ayrshire. They are locally based and very active in organising their activities. The grant would continue the development of the group by enabling more members to work with a professional musical director and producers, as well as a full live band of professional musicians. This group has a high level of members under 45 years old, which is a healthy sign.

This is a cross boundary application, with 35% of members from the Irvine Valley, 5% from Kilmarnock North, 30% from Kilmarnock Central, 4% from Kilmarnock South, 2% from Northern Area and 24% from outwith East Ayrshire. A total award of £1,500 is recommended as this group have the potential to raise more funds through ticket sales and fundraising. Taking into account the % membership from outwith East Ayrshire results in a total recommended award of £1,140.

## SPORT

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<b>Galston United AFC, Barrmill Stadium, Galston</b>	Referee for home games and match balls - £640.00; Buses for away cup ties - £450.00; Community bus - £200.00; and Medical equipment, training nets and strips - £570.00.	£1,860.00	£600.00	£1,260.00	£684.85	Nil	£547.20 Irvine Valley - £441.30; Cumnock Area - £35.30; Kilmarnock South - £35.30; Kilmarnock Central - £17.65; and Northern Area - £17.65.

**COMMENTS:-** Founded in 1972 and affiliated to Ayrshire Amateurs and South Ayrshire Football Association, the organisation is open to all amateur football players aged 16 and upwards. The organisation consists of 20 players, 14 Committee members, also a Manager, Assistant Manager, Trainer and Assistant and 2 groundsmen. The group meets in Barrmill Stadium, Galston.

This is a cross-boundary application covering the Irvine Valley (25 members - 73.5%), Cumnock Area (2 members - 5.8%), Kilmarnock South (2 member - 5.8%), Northern Area (1 member - 2.9%) and Kilmarnock Central (1 member - 2.9%) Local Committees. There are 3 members from outwith the district (8.8%).

The Assessing Department (Community Services) supports the application as the Club displays good sports development structure, is well organised and has raised a substantial amount of money already.

The Assessing Department recommends an award of £547.20 to take into account the 3 members who live outwith the district, and the Cross-Boundary breakdown results in a proposed award of £441.30 from Irvine Valley, £35.30 from both Cumnock Area and Kilmarnock South and £17.65 from both Northern Area and Kilmarnock Central Local Committees.

It should be noted however that the Cumnock Area's Community Grant budget has been expended this year.

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<b>Kilmarnock Folk Club, The Hunting Lodge, Glencairn Square, Kilmarnock (open membership average attendance - 35)</b>	Artists fees and expenses (£3,150), sound crew fees and expenses (£500) and advertising/administration (£350).	£4,000.00	£2,000.00	£2,000.00	£12.81 (as at 30 April 2001)	£400.00	£2,000.00 split according to anticipated usage:- Kilmarnock South - £400.00; Kilmarnock Central - £400.00; Kilmarnock North - £400.00; Irvine Valley - £400.00; and Northern Area - £400.00.

**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 2001 will present a programme of consisting of School ceilidhs, a ceilidh dance, singer's workshop, sing-a-round, musical sessions and a celebrity concert. A community grant would allow the Club to keep admission charges down and access as wide as possible.

The Assessing Department (Community Services) recommends approval of the application in full on the basis:-

- (i) the application addresses the Council's Social Inclusion priorities by aiding arts and cultural development through the provision of a community lead arts programme and by encouraging wider participation in the arts;
- (ii) that assistance will provide for community access to high quality traditional musicians at low costs;
- (iii) an educational skills project of this nature is directly investing in next generation audiences for local musicians and for the group; and
- (iv) voluntary members are highly committed to the promotion of traditional music throughout East Ayrshire and the group demonstrates the commitment to objectives laid out in their supporting documentation and these are in parallel with national arts strategies, social inclusion priorities and East Ayrshire Council's strategies.

## 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
<b>Age Concern, Community Centre, Hurlford</b>	<p>Christmas purvey for approximately 135 members and guests - £810.</p> <p>Donation to all housebound senior citizens and waitresses, caretakers - £290.</p> <p>Gifts to members - £550</p> <p>Total £2,050</p>	£2,050.00	£1,050.00	£1,000.00	<p>2 accounts</p> <p>(1) £2,615.00</p> <p>(2) £799.00*</p> <p>* However £600 to be deducted for annual trip</p>	£750.00	£400.00

**COMMENTS:-** This Club was formed in 1974 and is affiliated to Age Concern, Scotland, and has represented Hurlford Senior Citizens at local, national and European levels in a variety of different forms. Membership is approximately 130 with an average attendance of 90 a week. The organisation is open to any person over 55 years who lives in Hurlford or Crookedholm and any carers who attend to members.

The Group meet on Wednesdays in the Community Centre, Hurlford and are managed by a committee of Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson, Treasurer, Secretary and 10 others.

The grant would help to provide a Christmas Party for senior citizens, and a donation to the housebound regardless of whether they are members of the Group.

The Assessing Department (Educational and Social Services) states that the application addresses support to elderly persons. The project benefits the local community by providing a Christmas Party with £10 as a present and £5 and a small gift to housebound. The Group has approximately £4,000 surplus which is for refurbishing chairs, purchasing a new TV and as a reserve for refurbishing the kitchen and kitchen equipment. The Assessing Department has recommended £400 stating that the group has a large surplus and can maintain their normal programme from regular income. It is recommended that it be a condition of any grant awarded that it be used towards the Christmas purvey costs only.

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Galston District People's Welfare, Cross Street, Galston & Old 19 Street,	Annual Trip - £2,000 Running Costs (Insurance etc) - £1,500 Dry Rot Repair - £1,300 New carpet due to damage by spores - £700 Total - £5,500	£5,500.00	£3,000.00	£2,500.00	£2,500.00	Nil	Assessment awaited from Director of Educational and Social Services

**COMMENTS:-** Assessment awaited from Director of Educational and Social Services.

It should be noted that the Group state that they carried out the dry rot repairs just after lodging their application. The Group have been advised that projects which have commenced prior to application for grant being made are not normally funded. However the Group have advised that unless the dry rot was treated promptly the situation would have worsened, and the Committee felt that works had to be carried out as soon as possible.

## HERITAGE

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<b>Ayrshire Archaeological and Natural History Society, 10 Langlands Park, Ayr</b>	Preservation of collection of historical photographs on glass plates known as "The Auld Newmilns Collection" (Appendix A details further the project)	£19,536.00	£1,900.00	In kind assistance of £2,500.00 Application has been made also to the Heritage Lottery Fund for remaining costs	£3,772.52	Nil	£1,000.00

**COMMENTS:-** Appendix A details the proposed project. The Society was reinaugurated in 1947 and its aims include the promotion of the conservation of the heritage of Ayrshire. There are 233 members and 12 Institutional members of all ages. Average attendance at lectures is 100-200. Also two or three summer trips are attended by about 50 per visit.

The organisation meets twice a month in the winter in the Carnegie Library, Ayr. It serves the whole of Ayrshire providing historical, archaeological and educational services through lectures, exhibitions and publications.

The Assessing Department (Community Services) supports the application stating that this is a project which seeks to safeguard an important part of Newmilns heritage by transferring images from 700 glass plates onto computer and into photographs. The images cannot be easily accessed by the local community in their current form and they are a valuable local resource. The application has the ability to lever at a significant amount of external funding under the heritage lottery funds (HLF) "Your Heritage" Scheme.

The Assessing Officer recommends £1,000 conditional on a successful HLF bid as the group need 10% of their total project cost in cash and they may be able to raise the rest themselves.

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<b>Darvel Community Council (Darvel Improvement Group Heritage Committee), c/o 20 Ranoldcoup Road, Darvel</b>	Construction of a memorial cairn (6'x6') on Darvel Town Green to commemorate 60th Anniversary of SAS in Darvel.	£2,200.00	£500.00	£1,200.00 The Bessie C Roxburgh Advisory Committee has recommended an award of £500.00 to the Group.	£2,245.39	Nil As Darvel Improvement Group Heritage Committee	£500.00

**COMMENTS:-** Darvel Improvement Group Heritage Committee has developed from the Darvel Millennium Committee set up in 1999. Darvel Improvement Group's aims are to enhance the quality of life for all inhabitants of Darvel by focussing on heritage, environment and social activities. The Group meets monthly and serves Darvel and surrounding area, but it is hoped to attract visitors to the town from all over, through its activities.

The Assessing Department (Development Services) recommends an award of £500 subject to the undernoted conditions. The project will provide the community with a link to their past, and develop links with organisations outwith Scotland.

Conditions Referred to:- (1) planning permission being obtained; (2) other funding being confirmed; (3) official quotation for the works being submitted; (4) maintenance arrangements being agreed with the Solicitor to the Council.

**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
<b>Newmilns Bowling Club, 20 Nelson Street, Newmilns</b>	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.

## YOUNG 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
<b>1st Hurlford Boys Brigade, 19-25 Cessnock Road, Hurlford</b>	Replacement of old central heating system in BB Hall.	£3,900.00	£1,900.00	£1,000.00 and £1,000.00 from the BB Parent Organisation	(i) £767.93 (ii) £1,788.69 (iii) £2,685.35	Nil	£1,900.00

**COMMENTS:-** The Hurlford Company was formed in 1912 and is affiliated to the East Ayrshire Battalion and the National Brigade. Last year the average attendance was Anchor Boys - 18 and Junior Section - 16. The Group meets in the BB Hall on Thursday nights.

The Assessing Department (Educational and Social Services) states that the organisation provides a venue for activities. Without the grant the Group will be unable to provide a much needed venue for a range of young people's activities. The group are not requesting the whole amount and have succeeded in obtaining £1,000 from elsewhere as well as contributing £1,000 themselves. The organisation has contributed to the service for young people since 1912 and still provides a needed facility.

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6 September 2001

**AGENDA**