

**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**  
**KILMARNOCK CENTRAL LOCAL COMMITTEE - 5 SEPTEMBER 2000**  
**COMMUNITY GRANTS TO LOCAL ORGANISATIONS 2000/2001**  
**SUMMARY STATEMENT BY THE DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE RESOURCES/DEPUTE CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

**A) ARTS AND CULTURAL**

<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 1999/00</b>	<b>RECOMMENDED GRANT</b>
<b>Loudoun Musical Society, c/o 8 Darnleyhill Walk, Newmilns (approx. 75 members)</b>	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 25-30 September.	£2,500.00 (scenery) full of cost producing 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

**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>Contact PHAB Club, Shortlees Community Centre, Blacksyke Avenue, Shortlees, Kilmarnock (58 members, 20 participating in event)</b>	To fund the cost of hiring a specialised coach for the Group to undertake their annual trip to Blackpool.	£4,860.00	£945.00	£3,915.00	£3,041.24	£945.00	£945 approved by the Emergency Powers Committee K/K Central: £189 K/K South: £472.50 Northern Area: £283.50

**COMMENTS:-** The Group was founded in August 1980, with the aim of improving the lifestyle of physically handicapped persons with bringing them into closer association with able bodied people to provide educational, social and leisure facilities. The Group states that the grant award will enhance the quality of life of its members by allowing some to go on holiday when they would not otherwise be in a financial position to do so.

The Director of Social Work (Assessing Department) recommended approval of the applications since:-

- the Group focuses on encouraging the participation of people with disabilities and the organisation of the club jointly with volunteers;
- the annual trip is the focus of the fund raising events and the trip is viewed by the carers as respite;
- the club has a strong core of members and receives a large number of referrals from other agencies such as the Health Board; and
- the grant only pays for the special bus while the group's fund raising meets the cost of accommodation.

Given that the Group required to finalise arrangements in August for the trip to take place in mid September, this matter was considered and approved by the Emergency Powers Committee of 7 August 2000 which granted a total of £945.00, split as follows according to the number of participating members from each Local Committee area, viz:- Kilmarnock Central (4 members) - £189; Kilmarnock South (10 members) - £472.50; and Northern Area (6 members) - £283.50.

**C) 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>Bonnyton Old Men's Cabin, Warwickhill Road, Bonnyton, Kilmarnock (15-20 Members)</b>	Annual trip, including hire of coach (£250) and cost of high tea (£120) and Christmas party including meals (£220), gratuities (£40) and artists (£80).	£710.00	£550.00	£160.00	£166.95 as at 1 March 2000 (updated bank balance to be provided)	Nil (£1,840 awarded in March 1999)	£550.00

**COMMENTS:-** The Group was formed in 1912 to provide a social outlet for Bonnyton local community. The Group provides an opportunity to socialise and is a focal point for older people, many of whom live alone.

The Director of Educational and Social Services (Assessing Department) recommends an award of £550.00 and comments that the Group provides valuable support to the elderly, decreasing social isolation and providing an annual programme of activities. The Group will be advised that any award should not be utilised for the gratuities element of its application and that such expenses should be met from its own contribution.

14 August 2000

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**AGENDA**