

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

KILMARNOCK CENTRAL LOCAL COMMITTEE - 20 MARCH 2001

COMMUNITY GRANTS TO LOCAL ORGANISATIONS 2000/2001

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

(B) 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 2000/2001	RECOMMENDED GRANT
Crosshouse Boys Club, c/o 9 Irvine Road, Crosshouse, Kilmarnock (120-130 members)	Easter tournament in Holland from 12-17 April 2001, including bus (£2,500), ferry (£3,345), accommodation (£4,117), insurance and group passports (£340) and food (£500).	£10,702.00	£3,000.00	£7,702.00	£2,017.13	£2,000.00 in March 2000 (from Kilmarnock Central Local Committee)	Nil

COMMENTS:- The Group was originally founded in 1981 with one team and was restructured in its present form in 1993, now with 10 teams and over 130 male and female players from 6 to 15 years of age. It is affiliated to a number of national organisations and aims to promote the development of youngsters from various communities and promote responsibility for fundraising and financial survival of the club.

The Assessing Department (Community Services) recommends that no award be granted on the grounds that the participants will receive limited benefits from the expenditure. The Assessing Officer adds that it is not known if other Scottish clubs will be attending and that Crosshouse Boys Club applied to the Dutch organisers to participate. Only two teams from the club will be travelling, plus football coaches and parents, bringing the total number travelling to 62. The Assessing Department's view is that, although Crosshouse Boys Club undertakes excellent work in the community, this trip offers limited value for money. Transport alone will cost £5,845 and accommodation is costed at £4,017. When taking these high costs into consideration, it is viewed that there is limited value in playing in a tournament abroad as opposed to playing teams within the UK. The Assessing Department views that, in sports development terms and for the other reasons detailed, there will be limited benefit in supporting this application.

For information, participants in the trip can be split as follows:- Kilmarnock Central - 29; Kilmarnock North - 10; Northern Area - 4; Kilmarnock South - 2; and outwith East Ayrshire - 17.

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