

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

KILMARNOCK CENTRAL LOCAL COMMITTEE - 20 MARCH 2001

COMMUNITY GRANTS TO LOCAL ORGANISATIONS 2000/2001

UPDATED FINANCIAL POSITION

Report by Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources

ANNUAL BUDGET	£16,115.00	
CATEGORY	VALUE OF GRANTS PAID TO DATE	VALUE OF GRANTS PREVIOUSLY CIRCULATED & SET OUT IN ATTACHED SCHEDULE
Arts & Cultural	£715.00	£250.00
Community Association	£20.31	-
Community Councils	£710.00	-
Community Safety	-	-
Disability	£962.00	-
Early Education & Childcare	£857.98	-
Economic Development	-	-
Environmental	-	£300.00
Ethnic Minorities	-	-
Health Issues	-	-
Heritage	-	-
Leisure Activities	£2,950.00	-
Older People	£6,597.00	£2,253.00
Social Inclusion	£117.60	-
Sport	£932.00	£413.00
Tenants/Residents Groups	(£5.33 ^o)	-
Unemployment	-	-
Women's Issues	£240.00	-
Young People	£600.00	-
TOTAL	£14,696.56	£3,216.00
BALANCE	£1,418.44	(£1,797.56)

^o £105.33 unspent by Wellpark Action Group from September 1999 award and returned accordingly.

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SUMMARY STATEMENT BY THE DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE RESOURCES

(A) 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 1999/2000	RECOMMENDED GRANT
Kilmarnock Gateway Writers c/o Gateway Centre, Kilmarnock	To fund Tutors fees, hall rental and tutor's travel expenses.	£1,200.00 £92.00 <u>£120.00</u> <u>£1,412.00</u>	£1,200.00	£212.00	£165.00	Nil	Northern Area - £174.00; Kilmarnock North - £250.00; Kilmarnock Central - £250.00; and Kilmarnock South - £326.00.

COMMENTS:- The Group was formed from the remnants of the Shortlees Writers in September 1999. The Group's aim is to encourage members to improve their writing and communication skills. The Group is open to anyone over 16 years of age. The Group meet twice monthly and approximately 13 members attend. Although there is a small charge of £2.50 per month, there is a concession for low waged and OAP's. The grant request is to fund tutor fees to provide tuition in the art of writing short stories over 24 sessions. The Group have applied for a lottery grant entitled "Putting into words" to fund a series of writer workshops. A decision is still to be made on this application.

The application is cross boundary based on members from each area as follows:- Northern Area (2); Kilmarnock North (3); Kilmarnock Central (3); and Kilmarnock South (4).

The Assessing Officer (Educational and Social Services) recommends that the application be supported as follows:-

- (i) the award will allow the group to increase their literacy skills, therefore, giving them the opportunity to be active citizens;
- (ii) the award will allow the Group to develop and expand in confidence and to be socially included within their community; and
- (iii) the total amount recommended would support the Group for tutor and speakers fees from the beginning of the new financial year until the end of March 2002.

(C) ENVIRONMENTAL

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
Gargieston School Board, Dundonald Road, Kilmarnock	Formation of garden, including site clearance, landscape and planting of bushes (£300) and supply of fixed furniture and sundry landscaping (£300).	£600.00	£300.00	£300.00	£20.09	Nil	£300

COMMENTS:- The Board was founded under School Board Legislation (School Board (Scotland) Act, 1988) and represents the parents of all children at the school. All parents of children at the school are eligible to form the Board as well as two invited members of the local community.

The Director of Educational and Social Services (Assessing Department) recommends an award of £300, with the group contributing in-kind preparation and work to the project. The bid is described as well thought out, modest and realistic, enhancing social inclusion through an improved physical environment, pupils' health and safety and enhanced campus provision

(D) OLDER PEOPLE

ORGANISATION	MAIN PURPOSE OF GRANT	TOTAL COST OF PROJECT	AMOUNT OF GRANT APPLIED FOR	GROUP'S CONTRIBUTION	LATEST BANK BALANCE	GRANT AWARDED 1999/00	RECOMMENDED GRANT
St Andrew's Glencairn Leisure Hour (30 members approx.)	Annual trip (May 2001): £250 and Christmas dinner (2001): £270.	£520.00	£520.00	Nil	£316.97 (£200 of which ringfenced for heating and £134 spending money for trip)	£500.00	£520, split as follows: Kilmarnock North - £35; Kilmarnock Central - £398; and Kilmarnock South - £86.

COMMENTS:- The organisation was formed approximately 12 years ago to provide a meeting forum for elderly people and to promote leisure activities such as the showing of slides, hearing speakers and participation in small concert parties. The organisation is open to anyone and currently has approximately 30 members aged from 60 years to 92 years old.

The Director of Educational and Social Services (Assessing Department) comments that the group provides both a social and recreational function for the elderly members by encouraging both community involvement and social interaction. Moreover, the activities planned will encourage participation in the community and prevent exclusion. The Assessing Department recommends a total award of £520, split according to membership between the Kilmarnock North Local Committee: £35 (2 members), the Kilmarnock Central Local Committee: £398 (23 members) and the Kilmarnock South Local Committee: £86 (5 members).

(D) OLDER PEOPLE (Cont...)

ORGANISATION	MAIN PURPOSE OF GRANT	TOTAL COST OF PROJECT	AMOUNT OF GRANT APPLIED FOR	GROUP'S CONTRIBUTION	LATEST BANK BALANCE	GRANT AWARDED 1998/1999	RECOMMENDED GRANT
Rosebank Senior Citizen's Club, c/o Rosebank Place, Kilmarnock	To provide financial assistance towards annual trip and meal.	£370.00	£370.00	-	£218.00	£250.00	Kilmarnock North - £225.00; and Kilmarnock Central - £75.00.

COMMENTS:- The Rosebank Senior Citizen's Club was established in 1994 as a sociable outlet for the elderly to enjoy games, keep fit and educational outings. Membership is available to anyone over the age of 55 years and the Club has approximately 16 members aged between 60 years and 93 years. This application is cross boundary and the division is based on the number of members residing within the Local Committee area as shown:- Kilmarnock North (12) and Kilmarnock Central (4).

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

- (i) the trip and meal will contribute to combating isolation for older people by providing recreational and social activities;
- (ii) the award of grant would allow the group to provide activities which are available to anyone in the area over 55 years of age and thereby provide a focus for elderly in the community; and
- (iii) it is considered appropriate and reasonable that the Group make a contribution of £70 to the total amount requested as the Group still have sufficient funds left in their bank account.

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Piersland Action Group, c/o 7 Melville Street, Kilmarnock (approx. 100 users)	Annual trip for approximately 100 senior citizens, including transport (bus hire x2): £460; sweets for the bus: £20; and a meal for approximately 100 (at £5 per person): £500.	£980.00	£700.00	£280.00	£695.60	£600.00 (June 1999) £700.00 (November 1999) £400.00 (October 2000)	£700.00

COMMENTS:- The group was formed in 1986 to provide a Christmas treat for the elderly in the Piersland area consisting of a dinner in the Foxbar Hotel and a musical evening. Since 1997, it has added a coach outing in the summer, mainly for people unable to attend the Christmas party.

The Director of Educational and Social Services (Assessing Department) recommends an award of £700 to provide the major social event of the summer for elderly people in Piersland, an area which has a high percentage of vulnerable older people. The Assessing Department adds, for information, that the cost of the bus hire will now be £500, and not £460 as stated in the group's application.

(D) OLDER PEOPLE (Cont....)

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
Gatehead Monday Club, Community Centre, Gatehead (15 members)	Hall fees (£720), day trip to Stirling (£375), open bowling tournament (£90) and Christmas party (£120).	£1,305.00	£1,200.00	£105.00	£130.54	£1,000 (March 2000)	£1,200.00 (£120 of which for a Christmas party event, which may be continued for consideration in the next financial year).

COMMENTS:- The group was founded in 1995, mainly for the elderly in Gatehead community (although there are currently 2 members of the total 15 who are employed).

The Director of Educational and Social Services (Assessing Department) recommends an award of £1,200 on the grounds that the group produces social isolation and promotes community participation. A grant would enable the group to continue running for the next financial year and provide social and recreational support to older people and the unemployed within the Gatehead area. The group recently reviewed its subscription fees in an effort to increase and encourage new members, thus making the group more accessible.

It is recommended that consideration of funding for the group's Christmas party (£120) be continued to the next financial year.

(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
Kilmarnock Balmoral Football Club, c/o Balmoral Park, Balmoral Road, Kilmarnock	To purchase equipment, cover the cost of school lets for winter training and referees fees.	£1,985.00	£1,485.00	£500.00	£908.15	NIL	Kilmarnock South - £169.00; Kilmarnock Central - £413.00; and Kilmarnock North - £393.00.

COMMENTS:- This Club was formed in 1998 and the Club's teams play in the West of Scotland Boys League. The Club aims to provide soccer coaching for children aged 9-15 years. The Club has coaches with SFA coaching certificates. The Club has a membership of over 64 boys and has 6 adult coaches. The application is cross boundary between the following Local Committee areas and the application is based on a total of 52 boys who reside within these areas:- Kilmarnock South (9); Kilmarnock Central (22); and Kilmarnock North (21).

The Assessing Officer (Community Services, Recreation Services) recommends that the application be supported as follows:-

- (i) the award should be supported as the application intersects with the Leisure Strategy and supports many of the themes within the Council Plan;
- (ii) the award will allow the Group to purchase essential equipment and to function properly; and
- (iii) the total amount recommended £975 is a reflection that 3 members reside outside East Ayrshire Council and £60 has been deducted from the application and that the East Ayrshire Sports Council may fund all the equipment requested with the exception of the football strips.

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AGENDA