

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

KILMARNOCK CENTRAL LOCAL COMMITTEE - 15 MAY 2001

COMMUNITY GRANTS TO LOCAL ORGANISATIONS 2001/2002

UPDATED FINANCIAL POSITION

Report by Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources

ANNUAL BUDGET	£16,598.00	
CATEGORY	VALUE OF GRANTS PAID TO DATE	VALUE OF GRANTS SET OUT IN ATTACHED SCHEDULE
Arts & Cultural	-	£112.50
Community Association	-	-
Community Councils	-	-
Community Safety	£200.00	-
Disability	-	-
Early Education & Childcare	-	£1,116.25
Economic Development	-	-
Environmental	-	-
Ethnic Minorities	-	-
Health Issues	-	-
Heritage	-	-
Leisure Activities	(£190.53)*	£1,500.00
Older People	£1,084.56	£335.00
Social Inclusion	-	-
Sport	£1,379.50	£1,270.00
Tenants/Residents Groups	-	-
Unemployment	-	-
Women's Issues	-	-
Young People	-	-
TOTAL	£2,473.53	£4,333.75
BALANCE	£14,124.47	£9,790.72

* £190.53 unspent by Bonnyton Community Association from March 2000 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 2000/2001	RECOMMENDED GRANT
Kilmarnock Aeolian Male Voice Choir, c/o 32 Simons Crescent, Kilmarnock (38 members)	Payments to conductor and accompanist (£1,515), rental of hall (£312), sundry expenses, including prizes to local schools (£170) and cost of annual concert (£426).	£2,423.00	£450.00	£1,973.00	£826.38 (5 April 2001)	Nil	£405.00 split between the Kilmarnock Central, Kilmarnock North, Kilmarnock South and Northern Area Local Committees.

COMMENTS:- The choir was founded in 1933 with the aim of preserving the male voice choral tradition in Ayrshire. It provides concert and entertainment in local venues for different charities, church organisations, women's guilds, etc.

The Assessing Officer (Department of Community Services) recommend a total award of £405 based on the fact that 10% of the group's members come from outwith East Ayrshire, split according to membership as follows:- Kilmarnock Central - £112.50 (25% members); Kilmarnock North - £112.50 (25% members); Kilmarnock South - £112.50 (25% members); and Northern Area - £67.50 (15% members).

Note: If the Local Committee were minded to award the total grant requested, the relevant split would be as follows:- Kilmarnock Central - £125; Kilmarnock North - £125; Kilmarnock South - £125; and Northern Area - £75.

(B) EARLY EDUCATION AND CHILDCARE

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
Henderson Church Playgroup, Henderson Church, London Road, Kilmarnock (20 members)	Equipment for creative play (arts and crafts) - £300; storage unit/organiser for equipment - £250; multi-cultural roleplay costumes and accessories - £150; and beanbags/big display boards - £150.	£1,000.00	£950.00 +VAT = £1,116.25	£50.00	£1,100, committed as follows:- NES - £370; SPPA Insurance - £85; Wages - £411; and Funds towards end of term celebration in June - £234.	Nil	£1,116.25

COMMENTS:- The group was founded over 20 years ago and is a member of the Scottish Pre-school Play Association, with the aim of providing a safe, secure and stimulating environment for children to engage in pre-school activities and interact with other children. The playgroup is open to children aged between 3 and 5 years.

The Assessing Officer (Department of Educational and Social Services) recommends an award of £1,116.25 and comments that the group provides a quality provision to children a parents and is an important feature of the community. The grant would allow the playgroup to offer versatile and stimulating programmes suitable for the 3 to 5 curriculum and is especially valuable to single parents, the unemployed and young children. The multi-cultural equipment will allow the children to become knowledgeable about other cultures and influence positive behaviour.

(C) LEISURE ACTIVITIES

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
Bonnyton Social Club, c/o Playingfield Crescent, Crosshouse, (12 members)	Bonnyton Gala Day, including pipe band, kids disco, tent hire, stall hire, liability insurance, cash and carry, warehouse, MGM Music, microphone, speaker hire, sports trophies, band hire, programmes and banner hire.	£3,000.00	£1,500.00	£1,500.00	£534.56 (25 April 2001)	£800.00	£1,500.00

COMMENTS:- The Group was formed in 1998 for the benefit of people of all ages within the Bonnyton area of Kilmarnock. The main aim of the group is to run a Gala Week, ending with a Gala Day on Sunday 3 June 2001. The group is run on a voluntary basis, managed by a Committee of 12 members.

The Assessing Officer (Community Services) recommends an award of £1,500 and comments that this a worthy application for the community of Bonnyton. The group's activities are in support of the Council's Leisure Strategy and the Committee works hard to raise funding for this event on an annual basis.

(C) LEISURE ACTIVITIES (Cont....)

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
Henderson Church Cyber Café, London Road, Kilmarnock (35 members)	Microsoft open licence for 15 PC's, training material and internet and network server PC.	£5,907.00	£5,157.00	£750.00	£101.03 (plus £200 cash in hand as at 14 March 2001)	Nil	Nil

COMMENTS:- The group was founded in February 2001 with the aim of promoting computer skills and introducing people to the internet. At present, the group is targeting the over 50 age group and has an average attendance of 25. The café is open to anyone over 50 years old and has access for people with a disability.

This is a cross-boundary application covering the Kilmarnock Central (23 members, 66%), Kilmarnock North (10 members, 29%) and Irvine Valley (2 members, 5%) Local Committees.

The Assessing Department (Community Services) recommends refusal of the application for the following reasons, viz:-

- (i) the project currently caters only for the over-50s which is not in line with the Council's Equal Opportunities Strategy;
- (ii) the group has asked for money to provide software licences for 15 PCs, 5 of which are the subject of an application to Scottish Enterprise Ayrshire which has yet to be approved;
- (iii) it is doubtful if the proposed project would have any great impact on the local Kilmarnock and District community, particularly when the Dick Institute learning centre is fully operational; and
- (iv) although the Council's public library service does not have statutory responsibility to provide public PC and internet access, the new opportunities fund is currently funding the people's network throughout the UK (East Ayrshire is to receive £363,000) to provide learning centres with free PC/internet access not public libraries. It is proposed to install 20 high specification public access PCs with free internet in the Dick Institute. With this service on the horizon, it would not make economic sense for the Council to subsidise the Henderson Church Cyber Café which is less than 100 metres from the Dick Institute and which will impose charges on its customers.

Please note that the group may be eligible to receive other external sources of funding for the project in question.

(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 2000/2001	RECOMMENDED GRANT
Crosshouse Friendship Club, Westpark Community Centre, Crosshouse	Bus hire, dinners and drivers tips for outing.	£448.00	£150.00	£298.00	£438.06 (30 March 2001)	£450.00 (October 2000)	<i>To be reported verbally at Committee.</i>

COMMENTS:- The group was founded in 1984 with the aim of providing a meeting place in the interest of the welfare of the elderly.

An assessment by the Department of Educational and Social Services is awaited and will be reported verbally at Committee.

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
Bonnyton Old Men's Cabin, Warwickhill Road, Kilmarnock (15-20 members)	Coach hire for annual trip.	£285.00	£185.00	£100.00	£97.65 (14 March 2001)	£550.00 (September 2000)	<i>To be reported verbally at Committee.</i>

COMMENTS:- The Group was formed in 1912 to provide a social outlet for the local community. It provides an opportunity to socialise and is a focal point for many older people who live alone.

An assessment by the Department of Education and Social Services is awaited and will be reported verbally at Committee.

(E) 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
Bonnyton Football Club, c/o 170 Bonnyton Road, Kilmarnock (42 members)	3 new sets of strips, socks and shorts, 1 set of portable 7-a-side goal, training equipment, league fees, player personal and illness insurance.	£1,805.40	£1,500.00	£305.40	£443.07 (with 42.67 cash in hand as at 11 April 2001)	Nil	£1,270.00

COMMENTS:- The group was formed in 1980 and all its clubs are members of the Scottish Youth Football Association. The 18 year olds play in the Scottish Amateur Youth Football League and younger age levels play in the Central Youth League. The aim of the club is to foster and develop the participation by young people in organised youth amateur football in Scotland.

The Assessing Officer (Department of Community Services) recommends an award of £1,270 to cover the cost of strips and goal posts only and is conditional upon:-

- (i) submission of final audited accounts; and
- (ii) the strips belonging to the club and not to the individual, with the club agreeing not to dispose of the strips without consultation with the Council in the event that another organisation might benefit from old strips in the future.

The Assessing Department considers it reasonable for a club of this type to meet the other running costs identified within the application. The Local Committee is asked to note that, although the application is supported, the strips may last for only one season and that the club may well wish to apply for other strips next year.

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AGENDA