

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

KILMARNOCK CENTRAL LOCAL COMMITTEE - 4 SEPTEMBER 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	£850.00
Community Association	-	-
Community Councils	-	-
Community Safety	£200.00	-
Disability	£145.16 [△]	-
Early Education & Childcare	£1,116.25	-
Economic Development	-	-
Environmental	-	-
Ethnic Minorities	-	-
Health Issues	-	-
Heritage	-	-
Leisure Activities	£3,080.91*	£550.00
Older People	£2,116.56 [°]	£2,344.83
Social Inclusion	-	-
Sport	£2,721.50	£17.65
Tenants/Residents Groups	-	-
Unemployment	-	-
Women's Issues	-	-
Young People	£500 [□]	£38.00
TOTAL	£9,992.88	£3,800.48
BALANCE	£6,605.12	£2,804.64

* including £300 granted to Howard Park Bowling Club and £250 granted to Gatehead Ladies Club under delegated authority.

° including £400 and £313.15 granted to Springhill Place Pensioners and Gatehead Senior Citizens respectively under delegated authority and £91.71 returned from Springhill Place Pensioners in respect of previous underspent grant award.

□ including £500 granted to 6th Kilmarnock Girl Guides under delegated authority.

△ £145.16 was granted to the Stroke Club Outings Travel Scheme under delegated authority.

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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
Loudoun Musical Society, c/o 8 Darnleyhill Walk, Newmilns	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.	£8,827.47	£1,130.00	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 £1,140.00.

(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 Folk Club, The Hunting Lodge, Glencairn Square, Kilmarnock (open membership average attendance - 35)	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.

(B) DISABILITY

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
Stroke Outings Scheme, Whiteside, Darvel Club Travel c/o	Bus Hire - £1,800.00; PO Ferry - £990.00; and Accommodation - £8,500.00	£11,290.00	£1,500.00	£9,800.00	£495.00	Nil	£1,500.00 Irvine Valley - £1,161.29 Kilmarnock Central - £145.16 (granted under delegated authority); Kilmarnock South - £145.16; and Kilmarnock North - £48.39

COMMENTS:- Although only recently a constituted group, the volunteers have been working together for 10 years to plan and provide holidays and outings for members who have physical disabilities due to strokes. The Group believe that to be able to continue to provide this service, it is necessary to receive financial assistance. The Group fund raises to make a contribution to the holidays which offer respite to carers. The Group have never before received financial assistance. Financially, members contribute greatly to the cost of their own holiday.

With 48 members currently, including volunteer carers, the average attendance for holidays and outings is 40, with ages ranging from 45-82 years. Any person with a physical disability following chest, heart and stroke problems can join the organisation which provides recreational activities and holidays for members in a safe and secure environment, companionship, prevents isolation and offers respite for carers.

The organisation is managed by a Chairperson, Vice-Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and 4 Committee Members.

The Group usually meets twice a year on holiday, six times a year on day outings and two at home days at Whiteside, Darvel for which there is no charge.

The Assessing Department (Educational and Social Services) comments that there are 31 members from the East Ayrshire area. This is a cross-boundary application with 24 members from the Irvine Valley, 3 from Kilmarnock Central, 3 from Kilmarnock South and 1 from Kilmarnock North. It is further stated that this group tackles issues of social exclusion and the impact that disability can have on social opportunities. The funding would enable the group to reduce the cost of the holiday making it more affordable to the members. Attached as Appendix I is additional information provided by the Assessing Department for the Committee's information.

An award of £145.16 has already been granted by the Kilmarnock Central Local Committee under delegated authority due to the timing of the event and this report is, therefore, provided for information only.

(C) LEISURE

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)	BT Highway installation (£233.83), Microsoft Open Learning Licence for 5 Computers (£950), Network Surfware (£1,500) and Training Books (£500)	£3,183.83	£2,433.83	£750.00	£200.00 (August 2001)	Nil	Nil

COMMENTS:- This was a cross boundary application covering the Kilmarnock Central (23 members - 66%), Kilmarnock North (10 members -29%) and Irvine Valley (2 members - 5%) Local Committees and was continued by the Kilmarnock Central Local Committee on 15 May 2001 for further information, including clarification of the items covered by the application and the provision of funding or materials by Enterprise Ayrshire.

Since submission of the group's original application, the group has amended its application to request the amount detailed above (the original application was for £5,907.00). The group has specified that Scottish Enterprise Ayrshire donated 5 licences for Microsoft Windows 98 and Microsoft Office 97. The intention of the group is now to run the café with 10 computers and it would, accordingly, now seek assistance for 5 and not 15 licenses as originally stated. An after school club will be an additional dimension to extend the cyber café and the group has also given the Chest, Heart and Stroke Club which meets in the Church Hall every Friday afternoon. The group maintains that it is dealing with different groups of people from the Dick Institute and does not consider itself to be in competition with either Kilmarnock College or the Dick Institute. In fact, Kilmarnock College donated 5 computers for the project.

The Assessing Department (Community Services) has submitted the following updated information:-

- (i) it appears that Scottish Enterprise Ayrshire gave the group 5 licenses for MS Windows 98 and Office 97. However, the Assessing Department has concerns that the existing hardware may not be able to cope with such a configuration. Of the 13 computers examined, 1 would be unable to run MS Windows 98 and Office 97, 2 are not recommended to run MS Windows 98 and Office 97 and 10 will run the software but will either be slow or very slow;
- (ii) the Dick Institute Learning Centre has 7 PCs (3 of which have internet and e-mail access), 4 printers and a scanner. All PCs have MS Office software installed. There are an additional 5 PCs (4 of which are laptops) which can be used for organised online sessions, e.g. SurfIT until the new equipment and central infrastructure funded by New Opportunities Fund (NOF) are phased in. Online services are provided locally via a fast CAT 5 LAN with a fibre link to the Council's WAN and then onto the internet;
- (iii) the New Opportunities Fund is providing a grant of £363,028 to fund East Ayrshire's section of the People's Network. The Dick Institute will receive 20 PCs with a minimum 128Mb RAM and Pentium 600Mhz processor, 1 black and white laser printer, 9 colour printers and 3 scanners. All PCs will have MS Office software (3 PCs will have text enlarging and screen reading software installed for the visually impaired), e-mail (hotmail) and internet (connection upgraded to 2Mb for faster access). It is intended that at least 10 new PCs will be available by the end of November 2001. Services will be free and available to all and customers will only pay for consumables, e.g. diskettes and paper; and
- (iv) customers of the Dick Institute currently have access to a variety of computer-based learning opportunities, community information, government information, business information, access to the library catalogues in support of reading and learning and access to e-mail. All library staff have to be trained using the European Computer Driving Licence (ECDL) and this will enable staff to support learning centre customers.

(C) LEISURE (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
Howard Park Bowling Club, Howard Park Drive, Kilmarnock (70 members)	Junior bowling equipment, including 4 sets of bowls, 4 pairs of bowling shoes and related postage.	£438.96	£438.96	Nil	£2,834.07 (as at 10 April 2001) <i>(updated balance to be advised)</i>	Nil	£300.00 (£300 has already been granted under delegated authority)

COMMENTS:- The adult section was established in 1923 and is affiliated to SBA and ABA. It is considering an affiliation to East Ayrshire Council's Sports Council and aims, through the promotion of junior bowling to encourage bowling for 10 to 16 year olds in East Ayrshire. The club will provide coaching facilities free of charge, bringing young players at the Howard Park up to competition standard and providing an additional sporting facility for any young people in East Ayrshire.

The Director of Community Services (Assessing Department) recommended an award of £300 which has now been granted under delegated authority. The Assessing Department comments that the club should invest in the development of the junior section and that a small contribution would be reasonable in the light of the group's bank balance. The Assessing Department also recommends that the bowling club re-affiliate to the local Sports Council and seeks advice in developing its junior section.

(C) LEISURE (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
Gatehead Ladies Club, Community Centre, Gatehead (12 members)	Hall fees, stationery, bingo books - £230; craft demonstrations - £180; two theatre outings - £250; and day trip/Christmas meal - £370.	£1,030.00	£1,030.00	Nil	£103.47 (April 2001) <i>(updated bank balance is awaited)</i>	£800.00 (April 2000)	£800.00 (£250 of which has already been granted under delegated authority)

COMMENTS:- The group was founded in 1977 and runs social events such as games nights, crafts and social nights. Members range from 30 to 84 years of age.

The Director of Educational and Social Services (Assessing Department) recommends an award of £800, £250 of which has already been granted under delegated authority to cover summer theatre outings. The Assessing Department comments that the same level of funding last year would allow the group to carry out its activity programme taking into account its projected income of £350.

(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
Gatehead Senior Citizens, c/o 17 Milton View, Gatehead (10 members on average)	Hire of hall, prizes and gifts, outings and teas and sundry supplies.	£1,200.00	£800.00	£400.00	£106.51 (as at 5 June 2001)	£850.00 in June 2000	£800.00 (£313.15 of which has already been granted under delegated authority)

COMMENTS:- The group has been established for 20 years and aims to provide a social outlet for the elderly for the Gatehead area. It also provides information to older people regarding benefits and other campaigns.

The Director of Educational and Social Services (Assessing Department) recommends an award of £800, £313.15 of which has been granted under delegated authority to cover the cost of the group's summer outings and teas.

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
Springhill Place Pensioners Club, Springhill Place, Kilmarnock (98 members)	Christmas party, summer bus trip, meals and gifts for housebound.	£1,550.00	£1,020.00	£530.00	£530.00 (as at March 2001) <i>(updated bank balance is awaited)</i>	£1,000 in October 2000 (£91.71 of which was unspent and returned to the Council)	£1,020.00 (£400 of which has already been granted under delegated authority)

COMMENTS:- The Group was founded in February 2000 with the aim of bringing the community together by holding social functions and educational classes/outings.

The Director of Educational and Social Services (Assessing Department) recommends an award of £1,020, £400 of which has been granted under delegated to meet the cost of the group's summer bus trip.

(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 2000/2001	RECOMMENDED GRANT
Crosshouse Senior Citizens Cabin, 9 Kilmarnock Road, Crosshouse (48 members)	Insulation of Old People's Cabin	£237.98	£237.98	Nil	£519.21 (as at February 2001) <i>(updated bank balance is awaited)</i>	Nil	£237.98

COMMENTS:- The Group was founded in 1949/50 and is run for the benefit of older people within the village. It runs domino competitions, social evenings and bus outings, all of which are mixed events.

The Director of Educational and Social Services (Assessing Department) recommends an award of £237.98 and comments that the project would allow people to meet in a safe, weatherproof environment, which would in turn encourage others to attend. The Assessing Department comments that the group has not made any contribution towards this project as it still has further repairs to carry out from existing funds.

(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 2000/2001	RECOMMENDED GRANT
Springhill Gardens Support Group, Springhill Gardens, Kilmarnock (40 members approx.)	September outing and St Andrew's night (£736), Christmas dinner and vouchers for house-bound (£466); Burns night (£361) and Theatre outing, meal and coaches (£700)	£2,263.00	£2,000.00	£263.00	£216.86 (as at 18 July 2001)	£1,700.00 in June 2000	£1,000.00

COMMENTS:- The group was founded approximately 4 years ago to provide social and recreational activities for residents since the complex itself has no community facilities.

The Director of Educational and Social Services (Assessing Department) recommends an award of £1,000 on the basis that the Committee has awarded similar proportions to the total cost of projects to other elderly groups. The Assessing Department comments that the project would enable the group to provide social events for its elderly community and adds that the group has limited opportunity to fundraise as there are no nearby premises in which to hold events or small fundraising activities.

(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
Galston United AFC, Barrmill Stadium, Galston	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	£614.22	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 members - 5.8%), Northern Area (1 members - 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.

(F) 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
6th Kilmarnock Guide Company, St Marnock Church, St Marnock Street, Kilmarnock (26 Guides)	September 2001 activity weekend, including transport by bus - £250; qualified instructors - £423; and accommodation - £1,167.25	£1,840.25	£673.00	£1,167.25	£359.81 (as at 1 May 2001) <i>(updated bank statement is awaited)</i>	Nil	£673.00 (cross-boundary) £500 of which has already been granted by the Kilmarnock Central Local Committee under delegated authority.

COMMENTS:- The Group was founded in 1940 and is affiliated to the National Guide Association. The ultimate aim for guides is to achieve the Baden Powell Award which involved badge work, arts and crafts, residential weekends and camps. In doing so, members learn new skills, mix with others their age and develop their interpersonal skills.

The Director of Educational and Social Services (Assessing Department) recommends an award of £673 in respect of this cross-boundary application and comments that the outing will enable each young person to reach their full potential and participate in activities they might not normally be able to afford. The recommended grant award from each of the three Local Committee areas covered by the application is as follows:- Kilmarnock Central - £538 (20 members); Kilmarnock South - £81 (3 members); and Kilmarnock North - £54 (2 members). An award of £500 has already been granted by the Kilmarnock Central Local Committee under delegated authority.

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APPENDIX I

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

1. This group has functioned through self-funding over the past 10 years. No other group of this type, to the group's knowledge functions in Scotland. Due to continued success in the attraction of members and development of activities this group have found it necessary for the first time to apply for grant assistance.
2. Activities are developed by a Committee who consult with all members regarding decisions.
3. The group was established to respond to the needs of individuals who have suffered from strokes, heart of chest conditions. It was recognised that many individuals were unable to have a holiday, as there are very limited and often only expensive options open to them.
4. It is the aim of the group to keep costs to a minimum to enable participation, however, they indicate that often the more affordable accommodation is unsuitable to wheelchair users and a bus must be hired which has this access.
5. Four volunteers go on the trip to assist people, particularly those without a partner, throughout the course of the holiday. Those volunteers pay the same holiday costs as the members.
6. The group have members from a range of geographical areas.

The £1,500 grant would be utilised to reduce the costs of members from the East Ayrshire area. This would therefore reduce the holiday costs of each of the 31 members, including volunteers, by approximately £48.38.

7. The group have subsequently applied to the Lottery Charities Board to part-fund the travel costs of the new two trips to the sum of £2,000, the outcome of this application is yet unknown.

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AGENDA