

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

KILMARNOCK NORTH LOCAL COMMITTEE - 3 APRIL 2001

COMMUNITY GRANTS TO LOCAL ORGANISATIONS 2001/2002

Report by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources

ANNUAL BUDGET	£19,517.00	
CATEGORY	VALUE OF GRANTS PAID TO DATE	VALUE OF GRANTS SET OUT IN ATTACHED SCHEDULE
Arts and Cultural	-	£250.00
Community Association	-	-
Community Councils	-	-
Community Safety	-	-
Disability	-	
Early Education and Childcare	-	-
Economic Development	-	-
Environmental	-	-
Ethnic Minorities	-	-
Health Issues	-	-
Heritage	-	-
Leisure Activities	-	£35.00
Older People	-	£225.00
Social Inclusion	-	-
Sport	-	£393.00
Tenants/Residents Groups	-	-
Unemployment	-	-
Women's Issues	-	-
Young People	-	£505.21
TOTAL	-	£1,408.21
BALANCE	-	£18,108.79

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

(A) 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
Northwest Playscheme, c/o Northwest Youth Project, Kirkton Road, Onthank, Kilmarnock	To provide Playschemes in Easter, Summer and October School week breaks.	£1,699.99	£1,449.99	£250.00	£6.45	£500.00	See Comments

COMMENTS:- The Northwest Playscheme has run over 11 years and provides recreational and educational activities for young people in Northwest Kilmarnock during school holidays. The Playscheme is open to young people (9-18 years) who live in the Northwest area of Kilmarnock. The scheme offers provision for young people during 10.00 a.m. - 4.00 p.m. and in the evening which allows parents time to work, study etc. It is intended the Playscheme would meet in the Easter, Summer and October school holidays.

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

- (i) many of the children/young people are socially excluded through low income/unemployment experience within the family and the Playscheme is open to children and young people residing within the communities of Altonhill, Longpark, Knockinlaw and Onthank;
- (ii) the award of grant would enable the group to continue to provide Playschemes in the Easter, Summer and October School holidays (a total of 9 weeks). The Playscheme enables the group to raise awareness to young people of the activities available to them through the project; and
- (iii) the amount requested is considered good value, as the group is requested on average £161.00 per week of each Playscheme week.

The total amount recommended is £1,449.99 and the Local Committee at their Special Meeting on 20 March 2001 agreed funding of £944.78 (2000/2001). The balance of £505.21 is to be considered against the (2001/02) budget at the meeting on 3 April 2001.

(B) 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
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.

(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 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	£975.00 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.

(C) 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	£1,000.00 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 12 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 for £1,000 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.

(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 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	£300.00 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.

(E) LEISURE

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
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).

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AGENDA