

**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

**KILMARNOCK NORTH LOCAL COMMITTEE - 6 FEBRUARY 2001**

**COMMUNITY GRANTS TO LOCAL ORGANISATIONS 2000/2001**

**FINANCIAL POSITION**

**Report by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources**

<b>ANNUAL BUDGET</b>	<b>£18,948.00</b>	
<b>CATEGORY</b>	<b>VALUE OF GRANTS PAID TO DATE</b>	<b>VALUE OF GRANTS SET OUT IN ATTACHED SCHEDULE</b>
Arts and Cultural	£493.00	-
Community Association	£2,891.00	-
Community Councils	-	-
Community Safety	-	-
Disability	£1,187.62	£1,043.00
Early Education and Childcare	£300.00	-
Economic Development	-	-
Environmental	£500.00	-
Ethnic Minorities	-	-
Health Issues	-	-
Heritage	-	-
Leisure Activities	£370.00	-
Older People	£405.00	£30.00
Social Inclusion	£500.00	£117.60
Sport	£2,164.00	£126.00
Tenants/Residents Groups	£432.00	-
Unemployment	-	-
Women's Issues	£647.00	-
Young People	£2,642.00	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£12,531.62</b>	<b>£1,316.60</b>
<b>BALANCE</b>	<b>£6,416.38</b>	<b>£5,029.00</b>

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

(A) DISABILITY

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
St Marnock Youth Club (ENABLE)	To part-fund the costs of the group's annual trip. Travel, accommodation etc for 24 persons in Ireland.	£8,400.00	£4,000.00	£4,400.00	Deposit Account £1,016.20 Current Account £473.99 Both balances as at 3 October 2000. Updated verbally 4.1.01 Deposit Account £4,800.00 Current Account £300.00	Kilmarnock Central - £75.00; Kilmarnock ;North - £840.00 Kilmarnock South - £180.00; Irvine Valley - £270.00; and Northern Area - £135.00. TOTAL - £2,000.00	Kilmarnock Central - £348.00; Kilmarnock North - £1,043.00; Kilmarnock South - £522.00; Irvine Valley - £1,217.00; and Northern Area - £870.00

**COMMENTS:-** This grant application is cross-boundary covering the Kilmarnock Central (2 persons), Kilmarnock North (6 persons), Kilmarnock South (4 persons), Irvine Valley (7 persons) and Northern Area (5 persons) Local Committees.

The Youth Club was founded in 1983. Its aim is to improve the lifestyle of physically-handicapped persons by bringing them into closer association with able-bodied people to provide educational, social and leisure facilities.

The Head of Social Services has reported that the Social Inclusion priorities being addressed by the application - Community Care and Equal Opportunities issues. The expenditure would enable this vulnerable Group of young people to enjoy a full programme of activities whilst on holiday. For some members of this Group this is the only holiday break they have and the only respite available for their parents. The Group work hard to provide an annual break for its members and fundraise to cover a substantial amount of the cost.

Deposit Account includes grant award from Children in Need of £2,500.00 for Social Work buses for next financial year and £880.00 to go towards holiday (raised by children).

It is recommended that an award of £4,000.00 (pro-rata) be made.

**(B) COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**

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
<b>Longpark Community Association, c/o Longpark Community Education Centre, 62 Innellan Drive, Kilmarnock</b>	To fund Christmas meal and entertainment for 42 older people and to run disco for young people.	£436.00	£361.00	£75.00	£185.08	£250.00	See Comments

**COMMENTS:-** Longpark Community Association has been in existence for 16 years with the main aim to foster community spirit and organise a programme of activities for Longpark Community Education Centre which meets the needs of the residents of the Longpark area. Due to the timescales involved, this application was dealt with under the delegated powers procedure and an award of grant of £361 was made on 4 December 2000.

The Director of Educational and Social Services (Assessing Department) recommends that the application be supported as:-

- (i) the proposed activities are open to children and older people residing within a priority area and many of the children and older people are experiencing poverty through low income or unemployment;
- (ii) the expenditure will allow the Association to create social, welfare and recreational activities for the local community, in line with its constitution; and
- (iii) it is considered that this is a reasonable amount of funding for the two activities and the contribution and amount requested is in line with the previous year request.

The Committee is requested to note the award of grant of £361 having been made.

**(C) OLDER PEOPLE**

ORGANISATION	MAIN PURPOSE OF GRANT	TOTAL COST OF PROJECT	AMOUNT OF GRANT APPLIED FOR	GROUP'S CONTRIBUTION	LATEST BANK BALANCE	GRANT AWARDED 1999/2000	RECOMMENDED GRANT
<b>St Joseph's Retirement Club, c/o St Joseph's Church, Hill Street, Kilmarnock (25-30 members)</b>	Christmas dinner and concert, two outings to the Palace Theatre and meal, annual trip and entertainment.	£1,690.00	£560.00	£1,130.00	£293.41	£500.00	The Committee is asked to note that £500 has already been granted under delegated authority as follows:- Kilmarnock South - £150; Kilmarnock Central - £200; and Kilmarnock North - £150. The Committee is asked to consider the outstanding recommended grant award Kilmarnock North - £30.

**COMMENTS:-** The group was founded in 1978 with the objective of providing a meeting place for people of retiral age to participate in leisure activities. The group is inter-denominational and for the benefit of anyone in the Kilmarnock and Loudoun area. The average attendance is around 25.

The Director of Educational and Social Services (Assessing Officer) recommends a total award of £560 split according to membership as outlined in the recommended grant column. An award of £500 has already been granted under delegated authority, leaving the outstanding recommended grant award of £60, split between Kilmarnock South (£30) and Kilmarnock North (£30). The application addresses the Council's core values of equality and addresses the priorities set under the social strategy. The Assessing Department has advised that the group indicated a slightly higher membership from the Kilmarnock Central area.

**(D) SOCIAL INCLUSION**

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
Allies c/o YMCA, Soulis Street, Kilmarnock (average 14 members)	Purchase of replacement cutlery, crockery and tableware (£70), kitchen equipment (£150), storage containers for food stuff (£25), and food (£1,400).	£1,645.00	£1,445.00	£200.00	£1,124.03 (November 2000)	Nil	See Comments

**COMMENTS:-** The organisation was founded eight years ago under the name "Roofs for Youths" and has now operated for five years under the name "Allies". The aim is to support homeless people by providing two drop-in sessions plus one breakfast session and to seek to involve homeless people in their own activities. Assistance is also provided to recently housed members.

The organisation is open to anyone who is homeless or wishes to work with homeless people and, on average, 14 people attend each session. Most are men aged over 25, although provision is also made for women and the under 25's. The application is cross boundary covering the three Kilmarnock Local Committees.

The Director of Educational and Social Services (Assessing Department) recommends an award of £1,200 split equally between the 3 Kilmarnock Local Committees and comments that, without financial assistance, the group would be unable to continue to offer services to the most vulnerable of our society. It has been established, after investigation, that the group may also be eligible to apply to the John Fulton Trust for funding. **In view of this, it is suggested that all other avenues of funding be exhausted before consideration of the application under the Community Grants Scheme.**

**(D) SOCIAL INCLUSION (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
<b>Children's Holiday Project, 15 Shortlees Crescent, Kilmarnock</b>	Replacement bed linen, duvets and covers.	£688.00	£588.00	£100.00	£8,212.21 (Now £1,200 verbal update from organisation 16/1/01).	£14,994.00 (Education Committee)	£117.60 per Local Committee.

**COMMENTS:-** The Project, formed in January 1996 in conjunction with Community Education and based on an idea fostered by local playscheme forums, aims to provide holidays for unemployed people, lone parents and low income families at residential caravans, thereby increasing wellbeing, and self belief, raising children's self esteem, encouraging planning and saving for a long term goal and reducing isolation.

The project, which comprises a management committee of local people including Chair, Secretary and Treasurer and 10 others, and employs 1 Project Worker (22 hours per week) and 1 Project Assistant (10 hours per week), offers a week's break at a holiday camp, through the provision of 3 residential caravans (1 for disabled needs). Formerly, under the Urban Aid application, only residents from APT's could apply to the project. However, from 1 April 2000 anyone from East Ayrshire can apply. Currently, approximately 1,000 adults and children have benefited from the project.

The assessing department (Educational and Social Services) supports the application, stating that it addresses the priority of reducing social exclusion by addressing issues of poverty and deprivation and families with children. The project also develops lifelong learning skills and allows individuals to progress to fuller potential.

The application is cross-boundary being split between Kilmarnock North, South, Central, Irvine Valley and Northern Area local Committees. The calculation for the cross-boundary element of the application is a straightforward split amongst the five Local Committees concerned. This award is recommended on the basis that this is a valuable inclusion project, now covering the five Local Committee areas above. The linen has lasted well and now needs upgrading and replacement.

The grant would allow the project to provide a high quality of living for the duration of the holiday, thereby improving well-being. The assessing department advises that this is an exceptional project whose principles have been upheld from the outset. The well organised management committee of local people have progressed and improved from day one.

**(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
<b>Annanhill Junior Golf Club, Irvine Road, Kilmarnock (64 members)</b>	Prizes, engraving, golf equipment and outings.	£1,511.00	£836.00	£675.00 (including £300 grant from Annanhill Golf Club)	£365.29 (as at 27 October 2000)	£828.00	The Committee is asked to note that £500 has already been granted under delegated authority as follows:- Northern Area - £98; Kilmarnock North - £134; and Kilmarnock Central - £268). The Committee is asked to consider outstanding award Kilmarnock North £27.

**COMMENTS:-** The Club was founded in 1988 to further junior golf in East Ayrshire and provide golf and teaching for young people between the ages of 12 and 17.

The Assessing Department (Community Services) recommended an award of £600 split according to membership as follows:- Kilmarnock Central Local Committee - £322 (22 members); Kilmarnock North Local Committee - £161 (11 members); and Northern Area Local Committee - £117 (8 members). Affiliation to East Ayrshire Sports Council has been suggested to the Club and this would enable access grants for equipment and sponsorship including the cost of engraving. A total award of £500 has already been granted under delegated authority, leaving the outstanding recommended award of £100, split between the three relevant Committees as follows:- Kilmarnock Central - £54; Northern Area - £19; and Kilmarnock North - £27.

The Assessing Department comments that the application targets Social Strategy Aim 2 "to enable each person to reach their full potential". It would enable young people to continue to receive golf tuition and, by holding competitions, would provide youngsters with valuable match play experience.

**(E) 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
<b>Bellfield Royals Boys Club</b>	To assist with the cost of alterations to the football changing pavilion.	£1,230.00	£825.00	£405.00	£4,645.45 This balance is committed for the undernoted areas:- £1,000 for clubhouses; £1,000 for grass cutting; and £1,500 for strips, jackets.	Nil	Kilmarnock South - £536.00; Kilmarnock Central - £190.00; and Kilmarnock North - £99.00. Total - £825.00.

**COMMENTS:-** The group was founded on September 1996 and is affiliated to the following local and national organisations:- East Ayrshire Sports Council, Central Ayrshire Youth League, West of Scotland League, Scottish Football Association. Their aim is to provide sport and leisure for the community. The current membership is in the region of 150 with the age group ranging from 5-16 years. The group is open to all young people (boys and girls) within this age range.

The Club is managed by a voluntary Committee and meets on Tuesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday each week in Bellfield Community Centre, Shortlees Primary and Bellfield Playingfields/Pavilion.

The proposed works will also enable Bellfield Bowling Club to block-off the corridor between the changing rooms and the locker rooms which will allow for enhancement of bowling facilities.

The Director of Development Services recommends approval on the following basis:-

- the application addresses the Social Inclusion priorities in the reduction of social exclusion by helping young people to reach their full potential through sport and healthy activity; and
- a grant award will allow the use of the property to become more secure, more appropriate for shared use and fully compliant with regulations.

This application is cross-boundary covering the Kilmarnock South (39 persons); Kilmarnock Central (17 persons); Kilmarnock North (9 persons).

**(F) LEISURE ACTIVITIES**

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
<b>Knockinlaw Disco Dancers, Ardbeg Centre, 13 Ardbeg Avenue, Kilmarnock</b>	To purchase ghetto blaster and to hold a Christmas party for around 30 children.	£400.00	£370.00	£30.00	£147.62	£1,200.00	See Comments
<p><b>COMMENTS:-</b> Knockinlaw Disco Dancers were formed prior to 1989 and the aim of the Group is to provide an opportunity for young people, particularly girls, to participate in dancing activities, learning new skills and how to work with others especially providing instruction/advice, support, a positive environment and an awareness of health and fitness. Membership is open to anyone in the Kilmarnock North area and approximately 20 people attend on a weekly basis with a minimum age of 5 plus. Due to the timescales involved, this application was dealt with under the delegated powers procedure and an award of grant of £370 was made on 4 December 2000.</p> <p>The Director of Community Services (Assessing Department) recommends that the application be supported as:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) the application supports children and young people, many who are from unemployed and low income families who are experiencing disadvantage;</li> <li>(ii) the ghetto blaster will ensure the group can still practice for entry competitions and the expenditure for the Christmas party is a thank you for the effort put into the group and is also used as a method for recruiting new members; and</li> <li>(iii) the Knockinlaw Disco Dancers is a well established local community group who are supported by the North West Youth Centre through the employment of a disco dancing tutor.</li> </ul> <p>The Committee is requested to note the award of grant of £370 having been made.</p>							

**(G) YOUNG PEOPLE**

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
<b>Knockinlaw Youth Club, c/o Ardbeg Centre, 13 Ardbeg Avenue, Kilmarnock</b>	To fund Christmas panto; and visit to Glasgow and hire of bus for 38 young people.	£228.00 <del>£200.00</del> £428.00	£400.00	£28.00	£139.19	£700.00	See Comments

**COMMENTS:-** Knockinlaw Youth Group has been in existence for more than 20 years and its aim is to provide an opportunity for young people to socially interact in a structured programme that develops young people personally and socially. The Panto trip to Glasgow had been organised as most of the children had been taken as part of a school trip to a pantomime at the Palace Theatre, Kilmarnock, and the trip to Glasgow was at the request of young people of the club. Due to the timescales involved, this application was dealt with under the delegated powers procedure and an award of grant of £400 was made on 4 December 2000.

The Director of Educational and Social Services (Assessing Department) recommends that the application be supported as:-

- (i) the application will support children and young people many of whom are from unemployed and low income families who are experiencing exclusion;
- (ii) the expenditure will enable the group to continue to develop and implement a planned programme of activity; and
- (iii) the group are making an in-kind contribution by providing light refreshments during the pantomime in addition to the financial contribution detailed above.

The Committee is requested to note the award of grant of £400 having been made.

16 January 2001

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**AGENDA**