

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

KILMARNOCK NORTH LOCAL COMMITTEE - 5 FEBRUARY 2002

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	£837.50	-
Community Association	£1,216.00	-
Community Councils	-	-
Community Safety	£200.00	-
Disability	£492.39	£573.00
Early Education and Childcare	£100.00	£1,565.00
Economic Development	-	-
Environmental	-	-
Ethnic Minorities	-	-
Health Issues	-	-
Heritage	-	-
Leisure Activities	£285.00	-
Older People	£1,113.00	£78.00
Social Inclusion	£600.00	£943.00
Sport	£2,487.00	£250.00
Tenants/Residents Groups	-	-
Unemployment	-	-
Women's Issues	£1,130.00	-
Young People	£2,059.21	£600.00
TOTAL	£10,520.10	£4,009.00
Return of unspent award	£1,845.21	-
BALANCE	£10,842.11	£6,833.11

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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 2000/2001	RECOMMENDED GRANT
St Marnock Youth Club (ENABLE), Howard Park Lodge, Kilmarnock	To part-fund the costs of the group's annual trip. Travel, accommodation etc for 21 persons in Ireland from 30 March - 6 April 2002 inclusive.	£9,660.00	£6,000.00	£3,660.00	Deposit A/C - £2,081.09; and Current A/C - £420.54. Both balances as at 15 November 2001.	K/K Central - £348.00; K/K North - £1,043.00; K/K South - £522.00; Irvine Valley - £1,217.00; and Northern Area - £870.00. Total - £4,000.00.	Kilmarnock Central - £286.00; Kilmarnock North - £573.00; Kilmarnock South - £1,142.00; Irvine Valley - £2,285.00; and Northern Area - £1,714.00. Total - £6,000.00.

COMMENTS:- This grant application is cross-boundary covering the Kilmarnock Central (1 person), Kilmarnock North (2 persons), Kilmarnock South (4 persons), Irvine Valley (8 persons) and Northern Area (6 persons) Local Committees. The Group have confirmed that the amount of grant requested should be £6,000.00. The Group have met the cost of building repairs and have had to reduce their contribution to £3,660.00.

The Youth Club was founded in 1983. It's 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 Assessing Officer has advised that the holiday is for one day extra this year. The numbers are for youth club members. The application for last year included the adults accompanying the Group.

The Assessing Officer (Educational and Social Services) supports the application on the following basis:-

- (i) the application will assist improving the independent living skills of young adults with learning disabilities; and
- (ii) the expenditure will allow a holiday which will provide stimulus for the young adults and much needed respite for their carers.

(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
Bumble Bees, c/o Onthank Nursery School, Meiklewood Road, Onthank	To purchase art materials and play equipment.	£750.00	£500.00	£250.00	£107.00	-	£500.00

COMMENTS:- The Group were established in September 2001 with the aim to provide a safe, fun environment for young children, to develop confidence and social skills in their early education. The Group also provide an opportunity for parents/guardians to meet other adults and to interact with their children. The average age of children is between 18 months to 2 years and the Group takes a maximum of 10 children per session (which is under 2 hours).

The Assessing Officer (Educational and Social Services) recommends support on the following basis:-

- (i) the Group provides a safe and stimulating environment for young children to play and their parents to meet. This can assist with the reduction of social isolation to develop parenting skills and to increase support to parents in the wider community;
- (ii) the expenditure would allow the Group to purchase relevant play equipment which in turn would enable the Group to provide an educational programme for the children; and
- (iii) the Group are newly formed, run and organised by local parents. The Group are making a significant financial contribution and the grant would enable the Group to purchase all the equipment required.

(B) EARLY EDUCATION AND CHILDCARE (Con't)

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
The Runabouts Mother and Toddler Group, Grange Academy (S&R Wing), Beech Avenue, Kilmarnock (42 users)	Portable soft play set - £460; "sizzlin' kitchen" - £50; wooden toddler trucks and bricks - £40; and mat set - £199.	£749.00	£679.00	£70.00	£115.01 (24 August 2001)	Nil	£679.00 split as follows:- K/K Central - £453.00; Northern Area - £113.00; K/K North - £65.00; and Irvine Valley - £48.00.

COMMENTS:- The group was founded in 1975 with the aim of providing parents and children with an opportunity to socialise in a comfortable setting. It also allows children to gain social skills and is open to children under the age of 5 accompanied by a parent/guardian.

The Assessing Department recommends a cross-boundary award based on user numbers as follows:- Kilmarnock Central Local Committee (28 members) - £453.00; Northern Area Local Committee (7 members) - £113.00; Kilmarnock North Local Committee (4 members) - £65.00; and Irvine Valley Local Committee (3 members) - £48.00.

The Assessing Department comments that the grant would allow children to learn social skills with safe equipment. This group has not applied for a grant before and as equipment is now outdated, a grant would allow replacement.

(B) EARLY EDUCATION AND CHILDCARE (Con't)

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
New Farm Loch Playgroup, c/o Social and Recreational Wing of St Joseph's Academy, Grassyards Road, Kilmarnock	To provide assistance towards running costs and lets.	£1,276.80	£1,000.00	£276.80	£1,146.70	£100.00	£1,000.00

COMMENTS:- The New Farm Loch Playgroup was formed in 1972 with the aim to provide a safe happy and stimulating environment for children aged 3 years and their parents, where the child can learn to leave their parent for maybe the first time, and play and socialise with children of their own age. The Group provides a pre-five facility for children in the New Farm Loch area and beyond. The Playgroup has capacity for 24 children a session with two Play Leaders and two helpers employed.

Alternative funding sources are being investigated and an up-date will be given at the meeting.

The Assessing Officer (Educational and Social Services) recommends that the application be approved on the following basis:-

- (i) the Playgroup provides a valuable resource for young people to develop necessary social and interaction skills; and
- (ii) this provision also enables parents to undertake education, training and employment opportunities, which they would be unable to access if their children were not at the Playgroup.

(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
Knockinlaw Disco Dancers, Ardbeg Centre, 13 Ardbeg Avenue, Kilmarnock	Provision of a Christmas disco party for approximately 20-25 children.	£250.00	£250.00	Nil	£99.57	£400.00	£250.00

COMMENTS:- Knockinlaw Disco Dancers were established in 1982 with the aim to provide opportunity for young girls or boys to participate in dancing activities and learning new skills and meeting with other people of all ages. The Group are affiliated to Knockinlaw Community Association. The Group also aims to keep a good strong group going and to provide a centre programme to meet the needs of the wider community. The group is open to any young person from the Knockinlaw and surrounding area. Membership varies from 20-25 people attending on a weekly basis.

Due to the timescale of the application, an award of £250 was approved under delegated powers, in consultation with the Chair of the Local Committee.

The Local Committee is asked to note the award of grant.

The Assessing Officer (Educational and Social Services) supports the application as follows:-

- (i) the award would assist in reducing social exclusion by allowing young people to develop their social skills through dance and by encouraging them to meet others from various backgrounds. It would also increase confidence and self-worth;
- (ii) the expenditure will allow the young people to socialise and wind down from competitions and displays. It will also allow them to prepare for next years schedule; and
- (iii) the award would support a group which encourages youth to develop their skills and share them with the local community through displays at presentations and local galas.

(D) COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

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
Longpark Community Association, Longpark Community Education Centre, 60-62 Inellan Drive, Kilmarnock	Provision of a Christmas meal for older people and a Christmas party for children.	£466.00	£366.00	£100.00	£80.37	£361.00	£366.00

COMMENTS:- Longpark Community Association was established in 1984 with the aim to foster community spirit and to programme the local community education centre with a range of activities to meet the needs of local residents of the Longpark area. The Association is affiliated to the East Ayrshire Federation of Community Associations. The application is targeted to children and older people, including the socially isolated from the Longpark and the surrounding area.

Due to the timescale of the application, an award of £366 was approved under delegated powers, in consultation with the Chair of the Local Committee.

The Local Committee is asked to note the award of grant.

The Assessing Officer (Educational and Social Services) supports the application as follows:-

- (i) the application is targeted to unemployed, low waged and lone parent families and also many elderly people socially excluded from Longpark which is a priority area within Northwest Kilmarnock;
- (ii) the award would raise the profile of the Community Association and reduce socially excluded groups and young people; and
- (iii) the award would enable the Community Association to enhance the lives of the elderly and young people by including them in the festive activities.

(E) 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
New Farm Loch Lunch Club, every Monday in St Kentigern's Church Hall	Provision of Christmas outing for the elderly, including meal, theatre and transport for the less mobile.	£400.00	£300.00	£100.00	£153.00	£1,450.00	£300.00

COMMENTS:- The Group were established in 1997 to provide an affordable lunch for the elderly in a community setting within New Farm Loch. The group provide a balanced meal one day a week and facilities for social interaction between the club members. All elderly (60+ years) in New Farm Loch are eligible for membership. The group have a free let of St Kentigern's Church Hall.

Due to the timescale of the application, an award of £300 was approved under delegated powers, in consultation with the Chair of the Local Committee.

The Local Committee is asked to note the award of grant.

The Assessing Officer (Educational and Social Services) supports the application as follows:-

- (i) the application addresses Community Care and Social Inclusion issues as the group offer a support network for vulnerable elderly;
- (ii) the expenditure will allow the volunteers to offer a social outing for the members of the Lunch Club; and
- (iii) the group fundraise to provide "extras" for members and are contributing to the cost of the outing.

(E) OLDER PEOPLE (Con't)

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
St Joseph's Retirement Club, c/o St Joseph's Church, Hill Street, Kilmarnock (25-30 members)	Christmas dinner & entertainment (£300), outing to theatre & meal (£375), bus trip and meal (£450) & entertainment (£360).	£1,485.00	£600.00	£885.00	£468.33 (as at 11 October 2001)	£560.00 November 2000 (Cross-boundary)	£400.00 in total. £78.00 for Kilmarnock North

COMMENTS:- The group was founded around 1975 with the aim of providing afternoon entertainment and pleasure to older people through a varied programme to keep mind and body active.

The Assessing Department (Educational and Social Services) recommends an total award of £400 split according to usage as follows:- Kilmarnock Central Local Committee - £256.00 (23/36 users), Kilmarnock North Local Committee - £78 (7/36 users), Northern Area Local Committee - £33.00 (3/36 users) and Kilmarnock South Local Committee - £33.00 (3/36 users). The Assessing Department comments that the group has heavy commitments in the months of December and January and adds that the group has only approximated figures and, although one extra event is planned, it should be possible to cover this from the grant and fund raising efforts.

(F) SOCIAL INCLUSION

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 Family Support Group, c/o Support Group, 49/55 Campbeltown Drive, Kilmarnock	Administration/ operation, training, publicity/information and programming.	£2,200.00	£2,200.00	Nil	£970.86	N/A	£2,200.00 Irvine Valley - £313.00; K/K Central - £472.00; Northern Area - £472.00; and K/K North - £943.00.

COMMENTS:- The Kilmarnock Family Support Group has been in operation since 1997 and exists to provide families of individuals who use drugs with support and information. The Group is open to any family member who finds themselves in this situation and who would benefit from attending the Group. Membership is not restricted to a geographical area (to assist with confidentiality). However, participants are predominantly from the Kilmarnock area.

The application is for annual running costs and the group would like to use the funds to publicise their activities and increase their membership. The Group have ring-fenced the remaining money in their bank account to cover the cost of a planned programme of activities and to purchase further equipment.

The application is cross-boundary and has been split according to the number of members who attend from Local Committee areas as follows:- Irvine Valley (2 members); Kilmarnock Central (3 members); Northern Area (3 members) and Kilmarnock North (6 members).

The Assessing Department (Educational and Social Services) recommends that the application be supported on the following basis:-

- (i) the application addresses social inclusion, criminal justice, community care and children and family issues;
- (ii) the award of grant will allow the group to develop and expand offering support throughout the area; and
- (iii) the group also plan to undertake counselling courses and to offer a full programme of training including stress management for members.

(G) 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
Kilmarnock Portland Boys Club, Wallace View, Kilmarnock (50 members)	Running costs (referee, pitch and lets - £2,500), strips and training bibs (£2,220) and club ties (£830).	£5,550.00	£4,150.00	£1,400.00	£1,115.80	Nil	£2,500.00 in total. £250.00 for Kilmarnock North

COMMENTS:- The Club was founded in 1980 and is affiliated to the Central Ayrshire Football Association, West of Scotland Youth Football League and Scottish Youth Football Association. The objective of the Club is to provide opportunities for youngsters to play football under the laws and regulations of the game as adopted by the Scottish Youth Football Association.

The Assessing Department (Community Services) recommends an award of £2,500, split according to membership between five of the seven Local Committees as follows:- Irvine Valley - £200 (4/50 member); Northern Area - £200 (4/50 members); Kilmarnock North - £250 (5/50 members); Kilmarnock Central - £1,500 (30/50 members); and Kilmarnock South - £350 (7/50 members). The Assessing Department comments that the funds would assist the group in providing young people with an opportunity to participate in football. However, it is recognised that the Club is requesting a large sum of money and, accordingly, it is suggested that they may be required to undertake further fundraising to purchase strips. The Assessing Department would also intend to forward information relating to Awards for All and East Ayrshire Sports Council Funding to the Group.

The Irvine Valley Local Committee has fully spent its Community Grant budget for the current financial year, however, as a result of a community group returning grant monies amounting to £165.63, it has been agreed, in consultation with the Chair, to approve a delegated award to this value to meet, in part, the Irvine Valley Local Committee's pro-rata share of the cross-boundary grant application.

(H) 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
East Ayrshire Youth Association(North)	To assist with the costs for the group's programme of events 2001/2002 for young people.	£3,800.00	£3,000.00	£800.00	£1874.21 (although the Group has advised that a further £1,000 has been spent on a youth training course since this statement)	£3,000.00 (split between 5 Local Committees)	£3,000.00 in total £600.00 per Local Committee

COMMENTS:- The Association (formerly Kilmarnock and Loudoun Youth Panel) was formed in 1944 to cater for youth in the community. The Association is affiliated to East Ayrshire Sports Council. Their aims are to promote fellowship and liaisons involving the local Youth Clubs by uniting them in various activities throughout the year. The Association caters for any youth between the ages of 10 - 18 residing in East Ayrshire.

The Assessing Department (Educational and Social Services) recommends that the application be supported on the following basis:- (i) the application addresses the Social Strategy Priority of working with young people to enable them to reach their full potential through achievement, empowerment and health; (ii) the funding would allow young people to meet from different areas and get to know one another through organised activities; and (iii) the Association is run by volunteers with about 50 events over the year including a residential outdoor adventure weekend open to all young people. The application is cross-boundary being split between Northern Area, Irvine Valley, Kilmarnock South, North and Central. The calculation for the cross-boundary element for the application is a straight forward split amongst the five Local Committees concerned as affiliations vary annually.

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AGENDA