

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

**KILMARNOCK NORTH LOCAL COMMITTEE - SPECIAL MEETING - 20 MARCH
2001**

COMMUNITY GRANTS TO LOCAL ORGANISATIONS 2000/2001

FINANCIAL POSITION

Report by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources

ANNUAL BUDGET	£18,948.00	
CATEGORY	VALUE OF GRANTS PAID TO DATE	VALUE OF GRANTS SET OUT IN ATTACHED SCHEDULE
Arts and Cultural	£493.00	-
Community Association	£2,891.00	-
Community Councils	-	-
Community Safety	-	-
Disability	£2,230.62	
Early Education and Childcare	£300.00	£685.00
Economic Development	-	-
Environmental	£500.00	-
Ethnic Minorities	-	-
Health Issues	-	-
Heritage	-	-
Leisure Activities	£370.00	-
Older People	£812.00	-
Social Inclusion	£617.60	-
Sport	£2,290.00	-
Tenants/Residents Groups	£432.00	-
Unemployment	-	-
Women's Issues	£240.00	-
Young People	£2,642.00	£4,444.78
TOTAL	£13,818.22	£5,129.78
BALANCE	£5,129.78	-

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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 funding be allocated as £944.78 (2000/2001) with the remainder £505.21 to be considered against the (2001/02) budget at the meeting on 3 April 2001.

(A) YOUNG 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 1999/2000	RECOMMENDED GRANT
Northwest Duke of Edinburgh's Award, c/o Northwest Youth Centre, Kirkton Road, Onthank, Kilmarnock	To assist with the purchase of outward bound equipment, running costs and first aid training.	£1,549.60	£1,500.00	£49.60	£60.45	Nil	£1,500.00

COMMENTS:- The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Group commenced in January 2000 with the aim to bring the young people of Northwest Kilmarnock the same opportunities enjoyed by their peers in other areas introducing them to a wider range of activities whilst working towards a very worthwhile award. Membership will include any young person entering the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme between 13-24 years. The main theme of the Award Scheme is to support and encourage young people through the various sections of the Award Scheme. There are currently 11 young people participating in the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme within the Group, either at bronze or silver awards. The grant would enable the Group to purchase 4 tents and first aid kits.

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

- (i) the Northwest Duke of Edinburgh's Award Group is targeted at young people aged between 13 and 24 years, many of the young people are socially excluded, due to low income and unemployment experienced by themselves and their families;
- (ii) the award will enable the Group to continue with the Awards Scheme and encourage other young people to participate in the Group. The Group Assessor has waived the normal assessment fees under the scheme and the Group having its own equipment would allow for flexibility. The First Aid training is required for the service section and should be completed prior to expedition; and
- (iii) it is considered that although light-weight tents could be hired from Community Education, the acquisition of their own tents would enable the Group to purchase the most suitable light-weight tents for young people; it would also provide an opportunity for young people to develop new skills in the maintenance and proper storage of their tents.

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Onthank Primary School Parent Teachers Association, c/o Meiklewood Road, Onthank, Kilmarnock	To part-fund the cost of 48 children undertaking a trip to Paris and 53 children undertaking a trip to Arran.	£16,995.00	£2,000.00	£14,995.00	£1,071.00 (Current A/C) £12,124.00 (Holiday Fund)	Nil	£2,000.00

COMMENTS:- Onthank Primary School Parent Teachers Association was founded in 1998 with the aim of promoting close co-operation and communication between parents and teachers, in particular, to engage in activities which support and advance the education of pupils attending the school. In particular, the Group advise that if the grant application is successful the award will be given only to the children who qualify for free school meals. The application concerns part-funding a trip for 48 children to Paris for 5 days during the Easter school holiday and for a further 53 children to undertake a trip to Arran for 5 days during the same period.

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

- (i) the award specifically responds to equality and access which forms part of East Ayrshire Council's Mission Statement and also aspects of social inclusion;
- (ii) the award will allow the children to undertake visits which will provide enrichment and experience which will benefit the participants and their families; and
- (iii) the award of grant will assist the Association to subsidise those pupils for whom such travel would be too expensive and the proportion of the award is a realistic and worthwhile contribution to the project.

(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 1999/2000	RECOMMENDED GRANT
Onthank After School Group, c/o Onthank Primary School, Meiklewood Road, Onthank, Kilmarnock	To provide running costs of Playscheme during Easter holiday break.	£685.00	£685.00	Funding for staff wages for the fortnight.	£2,537.00	£1,500.00	£685.00

COMMENTS:- Onthank After School Care Group was established in 1985 with the aim to provide caring, social and educational and affordable childcare facilities for after school and during holiday times. It provides for children of lone parents, those on a low income and all who live in the Northwest, to allow parents access to employment or to return to further higher education. The project is open to all parents in North Kilmarnock for children aged 5-16 years during school holidays, in-service days or after school care who are either at work or in full-time education. The grant is towards outings which will include cycling, swimming activities and entrance to "Dynamic Earth" which includes the cost of private bus hire to Edinburgh. Approximately 32 children attend each day and a total of 50 hours full-day care is provided during the Easter school holidays. The Group provides a well balanced programme encouraging group/social play, arts/crafts homework support, project work, baking team, games, computer skills, encouraging social physical cognitive team building skills.

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

- (i) the project provides affordable childcare for parents residing within the Onthank area of Northwest Kilmarnock. Many of the parents are low income earners and the full day care provided by the project will ensure that the parents are not losing income and increases the employability of the parents thus addressing social exclusion;
- (ii) the award of grant will enable the group to provide full day care for children of working parents during the school Easter break; and
- (iii) the Onthank After School Care Group is making a contribution through staff wages and the costs for the planned activities appear reasonable.

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AGENDA