

**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

**KILMARNOCK NORTH LOCAL COMMITTEE - 19 MARCH 2002**

**COMMUNITY GRANTS TO LOCAL ORGANISATIONS 2001/2002**

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

<b>ANNUAL BUDGET</b>	<b>£19,517.00</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	£837.50	-
Community Association	£1,216.00	-
Community Councils	-	-
Community Safety	£200.00	-
Disability	£492.39	£579.00
Early Education and Childcare	£1,165.00	£1,270.00
Economic Development	-	-
Environmental	-	-
Ethnic Minorities	-	-
Health Issues	-	-
Heritage	-	-
Leisure Activities	£285.00	-
Older People	£1,191.00	£500.00
Social Inclusion	£600.00	-
Sport	£2,737.00	£869.00
Tenants/Residents Groups	-	-
Unemployment	-	-
Women's Issues	£1,130.00	-
Young People	£2,659.21	£410.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£12,513.10</b>	<b>£3,628.00</b>
<b>Return of unspent award</b>	<b>£1,845.21</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>BALANCE</b>	<b>£8,849.11</b>	<b>£5,221.11</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 2000/2001	RECOMMENDED GRANT
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<b>St Marnock Youth Club (ENABLE), Howard Park Lodge, Kilmarnock</b>	To part-fund the costs of the group's annual trip for 21 persons to Ireland from 30 March - 6 April 2002 inclusive.	£9,660.00	£5,060.00	£4,600.00	£4,080.00*	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. <b>Total - £4,000.00.</b>	Kilmarnock Central - £241.00; Kilmarnock North - £482.00; Kilmarnock South - £964.00; Irvine Valley - £1,927.00; and Northern Area - £1,446.00. <b>Total - £5,060.00.</b>
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**COMMENTS:-** The application was continued for further information at the last cycle of Local Committees. The Group have met the cost of central repairs to the premises leased from the Council. Homes and Technical Services have agreed, in principle, to reimburse the group for the cost of repairs. Accordingly, the group's contribution to the project has increased from £3,660 to £4,600. The group have two bank accounts with a total balance of £4,533. Members going on the holiday have paid £2,863, leaving a revised balance of £1,670. Including the reimbursement for costs of repair work, the total funds available to the group are £4,080. However, these are ring-fenced for the annual running costs of the Club.

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 Assessing Officer has advised that the holiday is for one day extra this year and this accounts for the additional cost compared to last year. The cost includes all specialist transport for the disabled during the week, dinner, bed and breakfast, entrance and activity costs and insurance. Snacks/drinks are paid by participants.

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

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

**(A) DISABILITY (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
<b>Stroke Club Outings Travel Scheme Whiteside, Darvel</b>	Two holidays for members:- (1) Hotel Savoy, Blackpool May 12-18; (2) Hilton Hotel Aviemore September 8-13 - Total £15,525.00 (Coach hire £1,800.00 per holiday) = £3,600.00. Travel and holiday insurance for both holidays = £752.00 (£376 per holiday). Total = £19,877.00.	£19,877.00	£3,000.00	£16,077.00 (Group have received £800 lottery funding)	£1,964.74	£1,500.00	£3,000.00 Irvine Valley - £2,031.00; Kilmarnock North - £97.00; Kilmarnock South - £485.00; and Kilmarnock Central - £387.00.

**COMMENTS:-** Although volunteers had organised holidays for stroke victims for 11 years it was only in 2001 that the Club was constituted. It has also applied for and received charity status. The Club organises 2 holidays a year and several day outings for members. The Club also aims to increase the number of outings as it is felt that this would be of benefit to the members.

The Club is open to anyone with a disability after experiencing a stroke, also partners or carers of stroke victims. There are 50 Club members with the average attendance for holidays and outings being 44. Club members range in age from 46 to 84.

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 21 members from the Irvine Valley, 1 member from Kilmarnock North, 4 members from Kilmarnock Central and 5 members from Kilmarnock South. It is further stated that the application allows disabled members the opportunity to take part in socially inclusive activities. Also carers are given respite during these breaks. The amount requested is based only on the number of members from East Ayrshire. Separate requests for funding for members residing in North and South Ayrshire have been submitted to these Councils. The grant would help reduce the costs of holidays for disabled members. The high costs of holidays are a barrier to many members having these opportunities. The Group also work hard to fundraise throughout the year towards funding their day outings, e.g. organise concerts and raffles.

**(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
<b>PEACE, c/o Onthank Primary School, Meiklewood Road, Onthank, Kilmarnock</b>	To provide Playscheme from 25-28 March and 2-5 April 2002.	£970.00	£770.00	£200.00	£17,942.46	£685.00	£770.00

**COMMENTS:-** PEACE Before and After School Care (Onthank) was established in 1985 and aims to provide a caring, sociable, educational and affordable quality childcare facilities for before and after school. In particular, a full day care service during holidays is provided for children of lone parents and those on a low income. Provision is targeted to all who live in the area which will allow them access to employment or return to further/higher education. The project is open to all parents in the area for children aged 4½ to 6 years of age and priority is given to single parents, those returning to employment or further/higher education. The application covers a series of activities over the Easter holiday period which includes cycling to Millport, tour of Glasgow to include Science Centre; climbing wall and swimming activities and costs covering essential seasonal staff.

The Assessing Officer (Support to Communities) has confirmed that the application is for additional resources to provide the Easter Playscheme and that in relation to the organisation's bank balance of £17,942.46, this sum of money is ring-fenced for the Group's annual operational costs for the forthcoming year. It has been confirmed that it would not be possible for the organisation to fund the Playscheme from within its existing resources.

The Assessing Officer (Support to Communities) supports the application on the following basis:-

- (i) the application will assist PEACE (Onthank) to provide quality affordable childcare for lone parents and low income families. The childcare facilities will allow adults to return and maintain work, training and employment opportunities; and
- (ii) the award of grant will allow PEACE to offer an Easter programme to the Onthank area. In particular, priority has been given to single parent families who have returned to employment or further education.

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

**COMMENTS:-** This application was continued for further information at the last Local Committee meeting. The Assessing Officer (Support to Communities) has established that the Bumble Bees are the only Mother and Toddler Group operating at Onthank Nursery School. The other Group which is active is a Playgroup which is for another age group and the parents do not stay with the children. In relation to other Mother and Toddler Groups operating in the Onthank Area, these operate from the Onthank Community Centre. In particular there are 2 Groups: The Jelly Tots who meet on a Monday and Friday morning and the Jack and Jill Group who meet on a Tuesday and Thursday morning. The Assessing Officer has concluded that there is no duplication of provision.

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.

**(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 2000/2001	RECOMMENDED GRANT
<b>Northwest Elderly Forum, c/o Support to Communities, 49-55 Campbeltown Drive, Kilmarnock</b>	To cover the cost of postage and stationery; educational outing (including transport); and delegates expenses (i.e. Seminars, Conferences etc).	£550.00	£500.00	£50.00	£206.49	-	£500.00

**COMMENTS:-** The Northwest Kilmarnock Elderly Forum have been in existence for over 10 years and addresses issues relating to older people. The Forum are active members of East Ayrshire Elderly Forum and are affiliated to the East Ayrshire Council for Voluntary Organisations and the Longpark Community Centre. The Forum is open to anyone over the age of 55 and is attended regularly by over 20 members. The Forum provides a vehicle for older people to become active in all issues relating to older people living in the community.

The Assessing Officer (Support to Communities) supports the application on the following basis:-

- (i) the application will assist in preventing exclusion and social isolation and promoting life long learning amongst elderly members of the community; and
- (ii) the award of grant will provide essential running costs for the Group as well as funding an educational outing in order to encourage life-long learning and social interaction.

**(D) 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
<b>96<sup>th</sup> Ayrshire Cub Scouts, Baptist Church Hall, Kilmarnock (15 members)</b>	Purchase of sport equipment (£150); and purchase of equipment to make a video and supporting booklet (£2,300).	£2,450.00	£2,050.00	£400.00	Nil (this is a new group)	Nil	Kilmarnock Central - £1,367.00; Kilmarnock South - £273.00; and Kilmarnock North - £410.00. <b>Total - £2,050.00.</b>

**COMMENTS:-** The Group is newly founded with the aim of the Cub Scout movement to encourage the physical, mental and spiritual development of young people to allow them to take a constructive place in society. It is open to any child between the age of 8-10½. As a new group, a number of fund raising initiatives are planned, including a sponsored keep fit and a bag pack at Asda/Safeway.

The Assessing Department (Educational and Social Services) recommends a total award of £2,050.00 split as follows according to membership:- Kilmarnock Central - £1,367.00 (10 members); Kilmarnock South - £273.00 (2 members); and Kilmarnock North - £410.00 (3 members).

It comments that the organisation aims to make a video and supporting booklet of Kilmarnock which they would like to present to the World Wide Chief Scout when he visits in June. By producing this video it will teach the children skills that will help them to attain relevant awards and badges within the scout movement. The project will help teach children to work as a team, team leadership and respect for each other.

**(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
<b>Kilmarnock Amateur Weightlifters Club, c/o The Gym, Shortlees Primary School, Kilmarnock</b>	To fund let fees, trips and competition entry and equipment.	£4,500.00	£4,050.00	£450.00	£171.97 (as of 7 March 2002)	£180.00	£2,800.00 split Kilmarnock North - £869.00; Kilmarnock Central - £483.00; Kilmarnock South - £869.00; and Irvine Valley - £579.00.

**COMMENTS:-** The Club were formed in 1947. The main aim is teaching the skill of weightlifting and power lifting including general fitness and health training.

The Club operates 6 days per week from their current base. The Club is open to anyone within East Ayrshire and also attracts members outwith the area. The age range is from 11 years of age up to 60+. The Club has a membership of 29 persons. The cross boundary element is based on the number of members from each Local Committee as follows:- Kilmarnock North (9); Kilmarnock Central (5); Kilmarnock South (9); and Irvine Valley (6).

The Assessing Officer (Community Services) recommends that the application be supported on the following basis:-

- (i) the Club have moved to Shortlees Primary School and have been actively recruiting young people of both sexes to the Club. The Club have also had a number of notable success including world, Scottish, British and World Championships. As well as the weight lifting, the Club also has 10 girls taking part in circuit training and another 8-15 young people undertaking fitness training to benefit their karate. The expenditure would support the Club in their increased level of activity and competition success and also directly benefits the community by providing an activity for young people to attend;
- (ii) this Club undertakes good sports development and plays an important role within the community; and
- (iii) amount recommended of £2,800 of which £500 should be allocated towards the equipment. The balance for the equipment should be sought from East Ayrshire Sports Council and the 'Awards for All'.