

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

KILMARNOCK NORTH LOCAL COMMITTEE - 29 MAY 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	£112.50
Community Association	-	-
Community Councils	-	-
Community Safety	-	£200.00
Disability	-	
Early Education and Childcare	-	£100.00
Economic Development	-	-
Environmental	-	-
Ethnic Minorities	-	-
Health Issues	-	-
Heritage	-	-
Leisure Activities	£35.00	-
Older People	£225.00	£23.00
Social Inclusion	£500.00*	£100.00
Sport	£1,737.00*	-
Tenants/Residents Groups	-	-
Unemployment	-	-
Women's Issues	-	£830.00
Young People	£505.21	-
TOTAL	£3,252.21	£1,365.50
BALANCE	£16,264.79	£14,899.29

* Denotes: awarded under delegated powers: £500.00 to Onthank Men's Club and £469.00 awarded to Dean Thistle Under 8's Football Club.

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

(A) 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 2000/2001	RECOMMENDED GRANT
Kilmarnock Aeolian Male Voice Choir, c/o 32 Simons Crescent, Kilmarnock (38 members)	Payments to conductor and accompanist (£1,515), rental of hall (£312), sundry expenses, including prizes to local schools (£170) and cost of annual concert (£426).	£2,423.00	£450.00	£1,973.00	£826.38 (5 April 2001)	Nil	£405.00 split between the Kilmarnock Central, Kilmarnock North, Kilmarnock South and Northern Area Local Committees.

COMMENTS:- The choir was founded in 1933 with the aim of preserving the male voice choral tradition in Ayrshire. It provides concert and entertainment in local venues for different charities, church organisations, women's guilds, etc.

The Assessing Officer (Department of Community Services) recommend a total award of £405 based on the fact that 10% of the group's members come from outwith East Ayrshire, split according to membership as follows:- Kilmarnock Central - £112.50 (25% members); Kilmarnock North - £112.50 (25% members); Kilmarnock South - £112.50 (25% members); and Northern Area - £67.50 (15% members).

Note: If the Local Committee were minded to award the total grant requested, the relevant split would be as follows:- Kilmarnock Central - £125; Kilmarnock North - £125; Kilmarnock South - £125; and Northern Area - £75.

(B) COMMUNITY SAFETY

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
Gillsburn Gardens Neighbourhood Watch	To assist with start-up costs of group and purchase of metallic Neighbourhood Watch Signs for erection.	£241.40	£200.00	£41.40	£40.00	-	£200.00

COMMENTS:- The Gillsburn Gardens Neighbourhood Watch was founded on 12 February 2001 with the aims and objectives to augment existing services in helping to provide a safe and secure environment for the area residents. The Neighbourhood Watch Group has been defined by its area - Gillsburn Gardens and takes in 74 households, 45 of which made a positive response to the formation of the Group. The main purpose of the Group is to inform Strathclyde Police and East Ayrshire Council of any incidents/service matters which may arise and to facility a safe and secure environment for the residents.

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

- (i) the application accords with the East Ayrshire Council Safety Strategy;
- (ii) the award of grant will assist the group with the aim of preventing crimes in the area by raising awareness of the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme; and
- (iii) the application will also assist in helping to make the area a safer place to live in which residents feel safer within that community.

(C) 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
New Farm Loch Playgroup, c/o S & R Wing, St Joseph's Academy, Grassyards Road, Kilmarnock	To purchase pre-five equipment and toys.	£133.00	£100.00	£33.00	£600.00	£100.00	£100.00

COMMENTS:- The Playgroup started 20 years ago and the Playgroup caters for children aged 3 and over who can learn to leave their parents for the first time, inter-act with their own age group only, socialise, learn to share and take turns and prepare them for Nursery School. The Playgroup is open to any parent with children 3-5 years and the group is registered for 24 children. The Playgroup employs 2 Playleaders. The Playgroup provides a safe and stimulating environment for children to learn through play to make friends, share and have fun. The £600.00 bank balance is to cover the costs of the let, wages and Summer trips in the last three months before the Summer holidays.

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

- (i) the application will benefit young children and single parent families; and
- (ii) the award of grant would allow the group to offer an interesting diversity of play activities to the children, stimulating their social and communication skills within their peer group.

(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 2000/2001	RECOMMENDED GRANT
Bentinck Elderly Social Club, Old People's Cabin, Glebe Road, Kilmarnock (39 members)	High tea and lunch including 9 hour bus hire on 13 June 2001.	£900.00	£300.00	£600.00	£633.49 (as at 14 February 2001)	£300.00	£300.00 Kilmarnock Central - £177; Kilmarnock South - £100; and Kilmarnock North - £23

COMMENTS:- The group was founded in 1984 to provide a social outlet for older people. As well as an annual outing and meal, the group arranges whist nights, domino evenings and carpet bowling for its members.

The Assessing Department (Educational and Social Services) recommends an award of £300, to be split according to membership between the Kilmarnock Central Local Committee (23 members) - £177, Kilmarnock South Local Committee (13 members) - £100 and Kilmarnock North Local Committee (3 members) - £23. The Assessing Department comments that the trip will provide a recreational activity for older people, enabling them to interact with other members of the community and reduce the risk of social isolation. Members of the group and the local community come together to focus on the planning of this annual event and the group has undertaken to meet two thirds of the total cost of the project.

(E) 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
Onthank Men's Club, c/o Onthank Community Centre, Kirkton Road, Kilmarnock	To provide assistance towards hire of coach, subsistence and trophies in connection with annual club outing to Dumfries.	£787.00	£600.00	£187.00	£353.00	£500.00 (23 May 2000)	£600.00

COMMENTS:- The Onthank Men's Club was formed in 1981 and is affiliated to the Onthank Community Association. The overall aim of the group is to meet the social, leisure and recreational needs of men in Onthank and the surrounding area. The group operates an open membership to all men in Onthank and the surrounding area with an anti-discriminatory framework. Members fees are annually set and the Club is open to retired, unemployed, partly disabled widowers and those on low income. The group offer activities such as competitions for carpet bowls, dominoes, pool, darts, tea and coffee and provides an organised special outing. The Club have organised a full day trip for the 31 May and includes a trip for 49 persons to Castle Douglas, Dumfries and Locharbriggs and includes leisure activities, refreshments and the cost includes a meal and transport.

The Director of Educational and Social Services recommends that the application be supported:-

- (i) the group promotes social inter-action and community involvement by meeting social and recreational needs of group members. The group fosters community spirit and reduces the effects of social exclusion; and
- (ii) the award of expenditure will assist all group members to participate in a recreational activity and provides a focus for retired, unemployed and infirm members of the community.

Due to the timescales for the forthcoming trip, an award of £500.00 was made under delegated powers in consultation with the Chair of Kilmarnock North Local Committee. The Local Committee is asked to consider awarding the balance (£100.00) of the funding for this project.

(F) 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
Dean Thistle Under 8's Football Club	To fund travelling costs of attending football tournament in Blackpool on 19 May 2001.	£805.00	£650.00	£255.00	£676.00		£650.00 Kilmarnock North - £469.00; Northern Area - £72.00; Kilmarnock South - £37.00; and Kilmarnock Central - £72.00

COMMENTS:- The Under 8's Section of the Football Club was founded in April 2000 and consists of 25 children (boys and girls). The main aim is to promote football and encourage fair play. The Club is affiliated to the Scottish Football Association and any boy or girl in that age group are eligible to become members. The project involves the Under 8's team travelling to Blackpool on Saturday 19 May 2001 and to play a number of teams from that area in a football tournament. The Club has advised that the bank balance reflects that some of the funds are ring-fenced to purchase strips, balls, gloves, tournament fees and to cover the hire of the astra-turf.

The application is cross-boundary based on members from each area as follows:- Northern Area (2); Kilmarnock North (13); Kilmarnock Central (2); and Kilmarnock South (1).

The Assessing Officer (Community Services) recommends that the application be supported for £650.00 as follows:-

- (i) the application should be supported as a trip will promote positive social inter-action and allows each individual to reach full potential it also supports some aims within the Leisure Strategy;
- (ii) the expenditure will allow the team to play in a series of 7-a-side matches which will potentially enhance the skills of the players; and
- (iii) this a new Club which undertakes good sports development principles.

Due to the timescales of receipt of this application and the forthcoming trip, an award of £469 was made under delegated powers in consultation with the Chair of the Kilmarnock North Local Committee. The Local Committee are asked to note the award.

(G) WOMEN'S ISSUES

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 Evergreen Club, c/o Onthank Community Education Centre, Kirkton Road, Kilmarnock	To provide financial assistance towards an annual (Summer) outing; to purchase equipment and to fund Christmas event.	£1,330.00	£1,030.00	£300.00	£839.00	£407.00	£830.00

COMMENTS:- The Evergreen Club was founded over 40 years ago and the aim of the group is to promote to the benefit of pensioners in the Northwest Kilmarnock without distinction to advance education and provide facilities in the interests of social welfare. The group is affiliated to the Onthank Community Association and has representation at the Northwest Community Council. The group is open to any women aged 60 years and over in the Kilmarnock North area. The current membership is 45 and the average attendance is between 30 and 40 women each week.

The Director of Educational and Social Services recommends that an award be made on the following basis:-

- (i) the funding will enable the social activities to be planned and material resources will provide a recreational and social function for elderly women thereby reducing the effects of isolation;
- (ii) the amount requested will allow the group to involve all members in these recreational activities and provide a focus for elderly in the community; and
- (iii) as the group currently have £839.00 in the bank, it is recommended that the group are asked to increase their contribution to £500.00 towards the total cost of the project as it is considered that their current account balance can accommodate this amount.

(H) 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
Henderson Church Cyber Café, London Road, Kilmarnock (35 members)	Microsoft open licence for 15 PC's, training material and internet and network server PC.	£5,907.00	£5,157.00	£750.00	£101.03 (plus £200 cash in hand as at 14 March 2001)	Nil	Nil

COMMENTS:- The group was founded in February 2001 with the aim of promoting computer skills and introducing people to the internet. At present, the group is targeting the over 50 age group and has an average attendance of 25. The café is open to anyone over 50 years old and has access for people with a disability.

This is a cross-boundary application covering the Kilmarnock Central (23 members, 66%), Kilmarnock North (10 members, 29%) and Irvine Valley (2 members, 5%) Local Committees.

The Assessing Department (Community Services) recommends refusal of the application for the following reasons, viz:-

- (i) the project currently caters only for the over-50s which is not in line with the Council's Equal Opportunities Strategy;
- (ii) the group has asked for money to provide software licences for 15 PCs, 5 of which are the subject of an application to Scottish Enterprise Ayrshire which has yet to be approved;
- (iii) it is doubtful if the proposed project would have any great impact on the local Kilmarnock and District community, particularly when the Dick Institute learning centre is fully operational; and
- (iv) although the Council's public library service does not have statutory responsibility to provide public PC and internet access, the new opportunities fund is currently funding the people's network throughout the UK (East Ayrshire is to receive £363,000) to provide learning centres with free PC/internet access not public libraries. It is proposed to install 20 high specification public access PCs with free internet in the Dick Institute. With this service on the horizon, it would not make economic sense for the Council to subsidise the Henderson Church Cyber Café which is less than 100 metres from the Dick Institute and which will impose charges on its customers.

Please note that the group may be eligible to receive other external sources of funding for the project in question.

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AGENDA

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