

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

KILMARNOCK NORTH LOCAL COMMITTEE - 19 SEPTEMBER 2000

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	-	£93.00
Community Association	£1,080.00*	-
Community Councils	-	-
Community Safety	-	-
Disability	£559.00*	£628.62
Early Education and Childcare	£300.00	-
Economic Development	-	-
Environmental	£500.00	-
Ethnic Minorities	-	-
Health Issues	-	-
Heritage	-	-
Leisure Activities	-	-
Older People	-	-
Social Inclusion	£500.00	-
Sport	£1,460.00	£570.00
Tenants/Residents Groups	-	£432.00
Unemployment	-	-
Women's Issues	£647.00	-
Young People	£1,442.00*	£200.00
TOTAL	£6,488.00	£1,923.62
BALANCE	£12,460.00	£10,536.38

* Includes award of grant approved under delegated powers/agreed in principle at previous Committee.

7 September 2000

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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 1999/2000	RECOMMENDED GRANT
Loudoun Musical Society, c/o 8 Darnleyhill Walk, Newmilns (approx. 75 members)	Hire of scenery for show which the organisation produce annually and hold in the Palace Theatre. This year's production is "Hello Dolly" and is being staged 25-30 September.	£2,500.00 (scenery) full cost of producing show is £23,000.00	£1,500.00	£1,000.00 towards scenery alone. £21,500 towards total project.	£7,869.21	Nil	See Comments

COMMENTS:- Loudoun Musical Society was founded in 1976, initially staging its shows in Darvel. The Society moved to the Palace Theatre in 1987 because of better facilities. The Society aims to provide a hobby for its members, provide pleasure to the community in seeing a live show and entertainment for the local community at Guilds, local churches, WRI where they provide a concert. Any person over the age of 16 who can sing and has some form of stage movement can join the organisation which has approximately 75 members. The Society is managed by a voluntary committee of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and 8 committee members.

The Assessing Department (Community Services) has commented that the project complements the leisure strategy aims of working in partnership, improving quality of life, providing equality of access and opportunity and delivering value for money.

The annual show provides leisure opportunity/entertainment for the whole area while developing individual skills and talents of group members. The long established society has annually enriched the leisure programme. This is a cross boundary grant application between Irvine Valley, Kilmarnock Central, Kilmarnock North and the Northern Area, with a division based on the current membership, i.e. £1,500 divided by 81 members = £18.52 per member:- Irvine Valley - £648.00 (35 members); Kilmarnock Central - £315 (17 members); Kilmarnock North - £93 (5 members); and Northern Area £74 (4 members). 20 members are from outwith East Ayrshire = £370 and results in a recommended award of £1,130.00

(B) DISABLED

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 John's Church, 84 Wardneuk Drive, Kilmarnock	To provide disabled toilet facilities within the Church.	£1,257.25	£628.62	£628.63	£1,460.46 (Treasurers Account)	Nil	£628.62

COMMENTS:- The location for the disabled toilet is situated between the main hall and small hall of the church. The hall benefits numerous groups within the community and acts as a polling station and Local Councillors Surgery. The work would benefit all disabled persons using the facility and who require toilet facilities within the buildings.

The Director of Educational and Social Services recommends approval of the project on the following basis:-

- (i) the application would enable St John's Church Hall to provide accessible toilet facilities to existing Community Groups and church members and it would assist the Church to ensure the hall can be made available to community members who cannot access the hall due to the lack of this facility;
- (ii) the St John's Church are making significant contribution to the proposed project and the application addresses equality of opportunity to access local services and facilities.

In addition, a technical report has been prepared by the Director of Homes and Technical Services which confirms that the toilet facilities conforms to the required technical standards.

(B) DISABLED (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
St Marnock Playscheme (Enable), c/o Lodge House, Howard Park, Kilmarnock	To provide financial assistance towards the operation of a playscheme for children with learning difficulties.	£200.00	£200.00	-	£6.28	-	See Comments

COMMENTS:- The St Marnock Playscheme was founded in 1982 and any person with learning difficulties can join the organisation. The application was received on 21 July 2000 for the playscheme which operated from 24 July to 2 August 2000. Due to the timescales involved, the application was dealt with under delegated powers by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources in consultation with the appropriate Local Committee Chairs. An award of grant was made on the receipt of a satisfactory assessment report (details of which are provided below) and the method of division was on the basis of the number of young people attending the playscheme from the Local Committee area as follows:- Irvine Valley (1) - £22.00; Northern Area (1) - £22.00; Kilmarnock North (6) - £134.00; and Kilmarnock South (1) - £22.00.

The Director of Educational and Social Services recommended an award of grant on the basis that the special needs children attending this playscheme would benefit from the funding as they are excluded from other mainstream activities. In addition, the usual organisers of this playscheme opted out at a late stage and parents and volunteers have stepped in to organise the playscheme at short notice.

The Committee is requested to note the award of grant of £134.00 having been processed.

(C) 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
Onthank Football Club, Newlands Drive Complex, Kilmarnock	To assist with the running costs of the club.	£672.00	£672.00	Nil	£1,689.34	£403.20	£570.00

COMMENTS:- The Onthank Football Club was founded in March 1998 and is affiliated to the Central Ayrshire Football League. The aim is to promote young footballers and is open to anyone in the Kilmarnock North area. The group provides football coaching, training and football skills and the average age of children is between 7 years to 13 years. Currently, the group has 33 members and the grant is to meet the running costs of the club, notably the let charges for the Newlands Drive Sports Complex for the forthcoming training season.

The Director of Community Services recommends that the application be supported:-

- (i) the award would support the group which involves children who attend from the Onthank area of Kilmarnock which is extremely disadvantaged socially and economically;
- (ii) the award would allow the group to train and continue developing football skills in order that the children may reach their full potential in sport; and
- (iii) the award is made on the basis that the group are required to contribute to the remainder of the balance of the application, i.e. £100, as all Sports Clubs are asked to contribute even a small amount towards the cost of facilities.

(D) TENANTS'/RESIDENTS' GROUPS

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
The Parklands Residents Association, c/o 2 Park Drive, Kilmarnock	To provide start-up costs of Residents/ Tenants Association and develop a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme.	£6,932.00	£932.00	£6,000.00	£1,195.08	Nil	£432.00

COMMENTS:- The Parklands Residents Association was established in April 2000 to address environmental and social issues including the themes of community safety and leisure and recreational facilities. The group are constituted and have already established a framework for general income for the Residents Association which has included a one-off start-up payment and an annual membership fee. The Parklands Estate is predominantly an owner-occupier, with 11 landlords offering private rent properties within the Longpark area of Kilmarnock. The Residents Association have already established links with the Dean Community Council and Cunninghame Housing Association. The Parklands Residents Association have ongoing costs including let hall fees and rental of Heres safety fencing for an unsafe brick wall which the group is self financing. The group's contribution of £6,000 is for the removal and replacement of the unsafe brick wall.

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

- (i) the majority of households within the Parklands Residents Association are families with children and a small but significant number of elderly residents. The Association are keen to regenerate their local community and address the community safety issues experienced within the Parklands Estate and the application would allow them to address these issues;
- (ii) the expenditure will enable the Parklands Residents Association to establish itself and to create a basis for developing and implementing any future initiatives; and
- (iii) the total amount recommended would support the group in the initial start-up costs and to develop the Residents Association Neighbourhood Watch Scheme which includes £57.00 for the Neighbourhood Watch signs, £125.00 for stationery including leaflets and letters and £250.00 for start-up Residents Associations which is in line with current start-up group costs.

(E) 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
Northwest Playscheme, c/o Northwest Youth Centre, Kirkton Road, Kilmarnock	To provide financial assistance towards running of the Northwest Playscheme.	£900.00	£700.00	£200.00	£6.45	Nil	See Comments

COMMENTS:- The Northwest Playscheme has run successfully over the past 10 years and is open to any person (5-18 years) who resides in the North West of Kilmarnock. The application was received on 21 June 2000 for the Playscheme which operated between Monday 17 July and Friday 18 August 2000. Due to the timescales involved, the application was dealt with under delegated powers by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources in consultation with the appropriate Local Committee Chair. An award of grant of £500 was made on receipt of a satisfactory assessment report (details of which are provided below) on the basis that the group be asked to re-apply for the funding in respect of running the Playscheme between Monday 16 October and Monday 23 October 2000.

The Director of Educational and Social Services recommended an award of grant on the basis:-

- (i) the Playscheme offers affordable educational and recreational activities for children and young people during school holidays. It enables young people from different communities to come together to share experiences and break down barriers which may exist;
- (ii) many of the children are from unemployed and low income families who are disadvantaged and the group has successfully run Summer Playschemes in previous years which has proved to be a great asset to the various communities; and
- (iii) it is considered that £500 is a reasonable amount for the funding of the Summer Playscheme and the group are making significant contribution to the proposed project.

In respect of the operation of the Playscheme from Monday 16 October to Monday 23 October, and having confirmed that the Assessing Officer would recommend a further award of £200 towards the Playscheme's activity week in October, the Committee is requested to note the award of grant of £500 having been processed under delegated powers and to agree a further award of grant of £200 in respect of the October Playscheme.

(F) COMMUNITY ASSOCIATIONS

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
New Farm Loch Community Initiative	To produce 4 editions of Community Newsletter and to cover administration, postage and cost of prizes (in Newsletter).	£580.00	£530.00	£50.00	£417.00	£260.00 (to assist with printing and production costs of 2 editions of Newsletter).	See Comments

COMMENTS:- The New Farm Loch Community Initiative was established in January 1998. The aims of the group are to provide a forum for all organisations and people within New Farm Loch area, to create an active association of people to tackle social inclusion and to use all means economical and spiritual to maintain and improve the quality of life for all who reside within the area; and to improve the spirit of the area with regard to age, gender, political or religious persuasion. The current grant is specifically to provide assistance for the production of a community newsletter produced by the Initiative. The newsletter is distributed widely to approximately 3,000 residents in the New Farm Loch area.

The Kilmarnock North Local Committee at its meeting on 23 May 2000 agreed to make an award of £530 and to remit the application to the Director of Corporate Resources, in consultation with the Chair, subject to receipt of a satisfactory assessment report. Following the receipt of a satisfactory assessment report (details provided below) and after consultation with the Committee Chair, a grant of £530 was made on 30 June 2000.

The Director of Community Services recommended that an award of grant be made on the following basis:-

- (i) the project encourages access, by providing local information for all in the community and the project promotes community involvement in formation of local groups;
- (ii) approximately 3,000 residents will benefit from the project; and
- (iii) the newsletter has been produced by the group for a period of time and has proved to be an effective resource to the community. It is noted that the bulk of the balance of the group's bank account is "ring-fenced" for specific purposes.

The Committee is requested to note the award of grant of £530 having been processed.

(F) COMMUNITY ASSOCIATIONS (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
New Farm Loch Lunch Club	To provide financial assistance towards a Christmas outing and to provide chairs for the Elderly Club.	£1,550.00	£1,500.00	£50.00	£451.35	£550.00 (11 April 2000) to purchase board games, arts and craft materials and to provide an outing to the Palace Theatre for June 2000.	See Comments

COMMENTS:- The New Farm Loch Lunch Club was founded in October 1998 by the New Farm Community Initiative to provide a Lunch Club in the New Farm area. The club has 25 members at present and provides lunch and entertainment one day per week in St Kentigerns Church Hall. The main group to benefit is older people in the New Farm Loch area. The group were awarded a Lottery Grant of £1,000 to subsidise meals and to purchase equipment.

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

- (i) Current status - awaiting assessment report.

(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 1999/2000	RECOMMENDED GRANT
The Evergreen Club, c/o Onthank Community Education Centre, Kirkton Road, Kilmarnock	To provide financial assistance towards an annual outing; to purchase a bingo machine and to purchase equipment for use by the club.	£507.007	£407.00	£100.00	£208.46	£500.00 (12 May 1998)	See Comments

COMMENTS:- The Evergreen Club was founded over 40 years ago and the aim of the group is to promote the benefit of pensioners in North West 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 North West Community Council. The group is open to any women aged 60 years and over residing in the Onthank area of Kilmarnock. The current membership is 34 and the average attendance is between 25 and 30 women each week.

The Kilmarnock North Local Committee at its meeting on 23 May 2000 agreed, in principle, to make an award of £407.00 and to remit the application to the Director of Corporate Resources, in consultation with the Chair of the Local Committee subject to receipt of a satisfactory assessment report. Following receipt of a satisfactory assessment report and consultation with the Local Committee Chair, an award of grant of £407.00 was made on 20 June 2000. Details of the assessment report are provided below.

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

- (i) the funding will enable the club to run their annual trip and the club's planned programme of events and activities throughout the year. The club uses the annual day trip to retain and recruit new members. Many members of the club are pensioners who are on low income and may experience the effects of poverty. The club provides women with the opportunity to develop social networks, therefore reducing the sense of isolation and to increase their self esteem; and
- (ii) the amount requested is reasonable for the proposed activities and the group are making a reasonable contribution to this project. It is confirmed that the trip took place on Wednesday 14 June 2000 and included a visit to Carlisle and a high tea at Hetland Hall, Carrutherston.

The Committee is requested to note the award of grant of £407.00 having been processed.