

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

KILMARNOCK NORTH LOCAL COMMITTEE - 18 SEPTEMBER 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	£362.50	£525.00
Community Association	-	£850.00
Community Councils	-	-
Community Safety	£200.00	-
Disability	£48.39*	-
Early Education and Childcare	£100.00	-
Economic Development	-	-
Environmental	-	-
Ethnic Minorities	-	-
Health Issues	-	-
Heritage	-	-
Leisure Activities	£35.00	-
Older People	£248.00	£500.00
Social Inclusion	£600.00	-
Sport	£1,737.00	£400.00
Tenants/Residents Groups	-	-
Unemployment	-	-
Women's Issues	£830.00	£300.00
Young People	£955.21*	£1,954.00
TOTAL	£5,116.10	£4,529.00
Return of unspent award	£1,545.21**	-
BALANCE	£15,946.11	£11,417.11

* Denotes: Awarded under delegated powers £48.39 to Stroke Club Outings Travel Scheme and £450.00 to St Kentigern's Parish Church.

** Return of unspent award: £1,450.00 for Onthank Primary School Parent Teachers Association and £95.21 for New Farm Loch Lunch 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
Loudoun Musical Society, c/o 8 Darnleyhill Walk, Newmilns	Hire of scenery for show which the organisation produce annually and hold in the Palace Theatre. This year's production is "Fiddler on the Roof" and is being staged from 1-6 October 2001.	£2,600.00 for scenery alone. The full cost of producing the show is £22,500	£2,000.00	£600 towards scenery alone. £20,500 towards total project.	£8,827.47	£1,130.00	Total - £1,140.00 £525.00 - Irvine Valley; £75.00 - Kilmarnock North; £450.00 - Kilmarnock Central; £60.00 - Kilmarnock South; and £30.00 - Northern Area.

COMMENTS:- Loudoun Musical Society was founded in 1976, initially staging its first shows in Darvel. The Society moved to the Palace Theatre in 1987 for the use of better facilities. The Society aims to provide a hobby for its members, provide pleasure to the community in seeing a live show, fulfil requests from Guilds, Churches, WRI etc, to provide concerts on a voluntary basis, and encourage young people to participate. Any person over the age of 16 who undertakes a successful singing audition 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 this well supported group provides entertainment for over 2,500 people per year in East Ayrshire. They are locally based and very active in organising their activities. The grant would continue the development of the group by enabling more members to work with a professional musical director and producers, as well as a full live band of professional musicians. This group has a high level of members under 45 years old, which is a healthy sign.

This is a cross boundary application, with 35% of members from the Irvine Valley, 5% from Kilmarnock North, 30% from Kilmarnock Central, 4% from Kilmarnock South, 2% from Northern Area and 24% from outwith East Ayrshire. A total award of £1,500 is recommended as this group have the potential to raise more funds through ticket sales and fundraising. Taking into account the % membership from outwith East Ayrshire results in a total recommended award of £1,140.00.

(A) ARTS AND CULTURAL (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
Kilmarnock Folk Club, The Hunting Lodge, Glencairn Square, Kilmarnock (open membership average attendance - 35)	Artists fees and expenses (£3,150), sound crew fees and expenses (£500) and advertising/administration (£350).	£4,000.00	£2,000.00	£2,000.00	£12.81 (as at 30 April 2001)	£400.00	£2,000.00 split according to anticipated usage:- Kilmarnock South - £400.00; Kilmarnock Central - £400.00; Kilmarnock North - £400.00; Irvine Valley - £400.00; and Northern Area - £400.00.

COMMENTS:- The Folk Club is run on a voluntary basis with the purpose of furthering the promotion of traditional music, song and dance in the community. The Club has been in existence for 29 years and in October 2001 will present a programme of consisting of School ceilidhs, a ceilidh dance, singer's workshop, sing-a-round, musical sessions and a celebrity concert. A community grant would allow the Club to keep admission charges down and access as wide as possible.

The Assessing Department (Community Services) recommends approval of the application in full on the basis:-

- (i) the application addresses the Council's Social Inclusion priorities by aiding arts and cultural development through the provision of a community lead arts programme and by encouraging wider participation in the arts;
- (ii) that assistance will provide for community access to high quality traditional musicians at low costs;
- (iii) an educational skills project of this nature is directly investing in next generation audiences for local musicians and for the group; and
- (iv) voluntary members are highly committed to the promotion of traditional music throughout East Ayrshire and the group demonstrates the commitment to objectives laid out in their supporting documentation and these are in parallel with national arts strategies, social inclusion priorities and East Ayrshire Council's strategies.

(B) 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
Onthank Community Association, c/o Onthank Community Education Centre, Kirkton Road, Kilmarnock	To assist with the cost of providing Christmas meal and refreshments for elderly people living in the Onthank area.	£1,050.00	£850.00	£200.00	£200.58	£1,100.00	£850.00

COMMENTS:- Onthank Community Association was established in 1989 and has a responsibility of managing and developing the local Community Centre. The Association is run by local volunteers and representatives of Groups using the Centre. The Association are affiliated to East Ayrshire Federation of Community Associations. The aim of the Association is to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare, recreation and for leisure time occupation. The Group has an open membership to the Centre in respect of a political party, nationality, religious opinion ways, or colour and is open to all families, individuals and young people living in Onthank and the surrounding areas.

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

- (i) the award of grant will allow the Association to offer and run a local Christmas party to approximately 120 elderly people living in the Onthank area;
- (ii) the expenditure would allow the targeted Group to socialise and interact with other like minded people. It is also an opportunity for them to meet local community activists and find out what is happening in their local community; and
- (iii) the Christmas party includes entertainment and a meal represents particular good value at approximately £7.00 per head and is run by local volunteers of all ages.

(C) 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
Stroke Outings Scheme, Whiteside, Darvel Club Travel c/o	Bus Hire - £1,800.00; PO Ferry - £990.00; and Accommodation - £8,500.00	£11,290.00	£1,500.00	£9,800.00	£495.00	Nil	£1,500.00 Irvine Valley - £1,161.29; Kilmarnock Central - £145.16 (granted under delegated authority); Kilmarnock South - £145.16; and Kilmarnock North - £48.39.

COMMENTS:- Although only recently a constituted group, the volunteers have been working together for 10 years to plan and provide holidays and outings for members who have physical disabilities due to strokes. The Group believe that to be able to continue to provide this service, it is necessary to receive financial assistance. The Group fund raises to make a contribution to the holidays which offer respite to carers. The Group have never before received financial assistance. Financially, members contribute greatly to the cost of their own holiday.

With 48 members currently, including volunteer carers, the average attendance for holidays and outings is 40, with ages ranging from 45-82 years. Any person with a physical disability following chest, heart and stroke problems can join the organisation which provides recreational activities and holidays for members in a safe and secure environment, companionship, prevents isolation and offers respite for carers.

The organisation is managed by a Chairperson, Vice-Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and 4 Committee Members.

The Group usually meets twice a year on holiday, six times a year on day outings and two at home days at Whiteside, Darvel for which there is no charge.

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 24 members from the Irvine Valley, 3 from Kilmarnock Central, 3 from Kilmarnock South and 1 from Kilmarnock North. It is further stated that this group tackles issues of social exclusion and the impact that disability can have on social opportunities. The funding would enable the group to reduce the cost of the holiday making it more affordable to the members. Attached as Appendix I is additional information provided by the Assessing Department for the Committee's information.

An award of £48.39 has already been granted by the Kilmarnock North Local Committee under delegated authority due to the timing of the event and the Local Committee is asked to note the award of grant.

(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
New Farm Loch Over 50's Group, c/o New Farm Loch Community Centre, 2A Fraser Walk, Kilmarnock	To provide funding for 2 annual trips and to hold party at Christmas.	£640.00	£500.00	£140.00	£222.39	£128.00	£500.00

COMMENTS:- The Over 50's Group was founded in 1983 and meetings are held in New Farm Loch Community Centre. The Group's aim is to provide company and enjoy activities/day trips together for any person over 50. The Club has approximately 20 members. The clients of the New Farm Loch 50's Club are predominately elderly ladies in their 70's and 80's and this is the only social interaction most of these ladies have. Predominately the grant is needed to provide transport as there are wheelchair users who attend this Group.

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

- (i) the award of grant would enable the Group to have the opportunity for social interaction, therefore giving them the opportunity to be active citizens in their community;
- (ii) the expenditure will enable the Group to socialise and interact with others and allow them to develop and expand in confidence and being socially included within their community. For most of this Group, this is the only social interaction these ladies have;
- (iii) the total amount recommended would support the Group to allow them to go on trips (twice a year) and a Christmas party with the majority of the money going on transport as many of the Group are wheelchair users.

(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
Onthank Football Club Under 11's, c/o Hunter Centre, Kilmarnock	To fund set of 15 football strips to enable the Club to continue playing when the Club move to 11-a-side from the present 7-a-side.	£475.00	£400.00	£75.00	£15.00	-	£400.00

COMMENTS:- Onthank Football Club Under 11's was founded in 1996 and is affiliated to Central Ayrshire Youth Association and the Scottish Youth Football Association and the Boys and Girls Clubs of Scotland Association. The aim of the Under 11's Club is to promote the mental, physical, social and spiritual welfare of boys and girls primarily through the activity of football. The Club has 18 members with an average attendance of 16. Anyone within the community is eligible to join. The reason for the age restriction of up to 11 years is to be eligible to play in organised games. The Club is specifically open to children in the Northwest area of Kilmarnock. The Club have indicated that there is another team in the Northwest area who shares the same name but has no connection with this current Club.

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

- (i) the application will assist to reduce social exclusion and also enable each person to reach their full potential; and
- (ii) that the expenditure will develop the Group and benefit the local community given that the Northwest Kilmarnock is one of the most deprived areas in East Ayrshire, a Club such as this which endeavours to enhance the quality of life of children must be encouraged and supported.

(F) 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 assist with the costs of a day trip to Largs for members of the Club.	£300.00	£300.00	Nil	£700.00	£830.00	£300.00

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 educational 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 previous award of grant included the purchase of bowling carpet identified in the grant at an estimated cost of £300.00 and that this is no longer required by the club members. The Club have requested that this sum of money be used for a day trip to Largs, including high tea, for the said members. Accordingly, a further assessment of the application has been undertaken by the Assessing Officer (Educational and Social Services). It is recommended that the award be made on the following basis:-

- (i) the funding will enable the Group to provide a social function and to prevent isolation; and
- (ii) although the Group still have £700.00 left in the bank, a substantial amount of this figure will be ring-fenced for the Christmas dinner and entertainment as has been negotiated in the original grant application form. Also, as the trip is for approximately 40 members, it will be necessary for the Group to contribute money from their own funds in order to make up the total cost of the trip.

(G) 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
Pulse Youth Group, c/o St Kentigern's Church, Dunbar Drive, New Farm Loch, Kilmarnock	To purchase equipment for Youth Group: games equipment including basketball stands, playstation and accessories and television and video combination.	£500.00	£450.00	£50.00	£88.43	-	£450.00

COMMENTS:- The Pulse Youth Group is a voluntary Youth Group who were established in 1998. The Group is run by volunteers. The Group's main aim is to provide activities for local teenagers so they can enjoy a structured evening, make friends and generally to encourage the teenagers to move onto an older Youth Group. The Pulse Youth Group has a membership of 25 and the age range is 11 to 16. The Pulse Youth Group are looking to purchase a range of large items of equipment (TV and video, play station and accessories, games, mainly sports equipment). The programming activities within the Pulse Youth Group are mainly leisure and recreational activities including educational with an occasional guest speaker.

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

- (i) the Pulse Youth Group provides young people with the opportunity to participate within an affordable recreational and educational activities within their leisure time; and
- (ii) the expenditure will enable the Pulse Youth Group to develop and extend the Group's range of programming activities, which will enable the Group to attract more young people into the Group. In addition, the Group has agreed to share access to the equipment (combined TV and video, outdoor games, equipment and play station and accessories) with other Youth organisations who are currently associated with the local Church, this includes the Pathfinders, Girls and Boys Brigade.

(G) 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 2000/2001	RECOMMENDED GRANT
Onthank Primary School Parent Teachers Association, Meiklewood Road, Onthank, Kilmarnock	To purchase computer software for a numeracy and literacy project for parents and children and to provide crèche facilities.	£1,450.00	£1,450.00	Nil	£3,074.14	£2,000.00	£1,450.00

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. The previous application concerned part-funding a trip for 48 children to Paris for 5 days during Easter 2001 school holiday and for a further 53 children to undertake a trip to Arran for 5 days during the same period. Unfortunately the Arran excursion was cancelled due to the foot and mouth crisis but the Paris trip was a great success, the award of grant being used to target young people in receipt of free school meals. Accordingly, the Group have returned the unspent award of grant of £1,450.00 and have re-applied for an award of grant to offer "computers for the terrified and not so terrified parents" course in the evenings in the school building. Primary 3 and 7 parents and their children will be targeted.

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

- (i) the expenditure will enhance relationships and learning amongst parents, pupils and staff in Onthank and Mount Carmel Primary Schools;
- (ii) the software and training (success maker - research machines) is an excellent and well trialed model; and
- (iii) the application specifically addresses the core values of access and partnership and also addresses social inclusion and equal opportunities.

(G) 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 2000/2001	RECOMMENDED GRANT
St Kentigern's Parish Church, Dunbar Drive, New Farm Loch, Kilmarnock	To fund a Summer Mission Playscheme for children aged 5-14.	£550.00	£450.00	£100.00	£4,615.85		£450.00

COMMENTS:- St Kentigern's Parish Church was established just over 30 years ago in New Farm Loch. This application is for a Summer Mission Playscheme for children aged 5-14 approximately and involves 40-50 children from the New Farm Loch area. The congregation of St Kentigern's Parish Church is supporting this event and will involve games, crafts, music/singing, Christian workshops and videos. In particular, the event is open to pupils of New Farm Loch, Silverwood and St Matthew's Primary Schools. The Church's contribution is drawn from the Church's special interest bearing account which includes ring-fenced costs for other activities. Due to timing of the application and the event taking place between 6-10 August 2001, a request for delegated authority of £450.00 was made and following consultation with the Chair, an award of grant has been made.

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

- (i) the award will allow the children to mix socially in their Peer Group and offer them a variety of stimulating activities in a well organised manner with people who are invited to care for the children and have received training; and
- (ii) the application represents a well presented programme and offers places to 40-50 youngsters in their home location.

The Local Committee is asked to note that an award of £450.00 has been made under delegated powers.

(G) 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 2000/2001	RECOMMENDED GRANT
6th Kilmarnock Guide Company, St Marnock Church, St Marnock Street, Kilmarnock (26 Guides)	September 2001 activity weekend, including transport by bus - £250.00; qualified instructors - £423.00; and accommodation - £1,167.25.	£1,840.25	£673.00	£1,167.25	£359.81 (as at 1 May 2001) <i>(updated bank statement is awaited)</i>	Nil	£673.00 (cross-boundary) £500.00 of which has already been granted by the Kilmarnock Central Local Committee under delegated authority.

COMMENTS:- The Group was founded in 1940 and is affiliated to the National Guide Association. The ultimate aim for guides is to achieve the Baden Powell Award which involved badge work, arts and crafts, residential weekends and camps. In doing so, members learn new skills, mix with others their age and develop their interpersonal skills.

The Director of Educational and Social Services (Assessing Department) recommends an award of £673.00 in respect of this cross-boundary application and comments that the outing will enable each young person to reach their full potential and participate in activities they might not normally be able to afford. The recommended grant award from each of the three Local Committee areas covered by the application is as follows:- Kilmarnock Central - £538.00 (20 members); Kilmarnock South - £81.00 (3 members); and Kilmarnock North - £54.00 (2 members). An award of £500.00 has already been granted by the Kilmarnock Central Local Committee under delegated authority.

APPENDIX I

STROKE CLUB - COMMUNITY GRANT

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

1. This group has functioned through self-funding over the past 10 years. No other group of this type, to the group's knowledge functions in Scotland. Due to continued success in the attraction of members and development of activities this group have found it necessary for the first time to apply for grant assistance.
2. Activities are developed by a Committee who consult with all members regarding decisions.
3. The group was established to respond to the needs of individuals who have suffered from strokes, heart of chest conditions. It was recognised that many individuals were unable to have a holiday, as there are very limited and often only expensive options open to them.
4. It is the aim of the group to keep costs to a minimum to enable participation, however, they indicate that often the more affordable accommodation is unsuitable to wheelchair users and a bus must be hired which has this access.
5. Four volunteers go on the trip to assist people, particularly those without a partner, throughout the course of the holiday. Those volunteers pay the same holiday costs as the members.
6. The group have members from a range of geographical areas.

The £1,500 grant would be utilised to reduce the costs of members from the East Ayrshire area. This would therefore reduce the holiday costs of each of the 31 members, including volunteers, by approximately £48.38.

7. The group have subsequently applied to the Lottery Charities Board to part-fund the travel costs of the new two trips to the sum of £2,000, the outcome of this application is yet unknown.

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AGENDA