

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

KILMARNOCK SOUTH LOCAL COMMITTEE – 31 JANUARY 2001

COMMUNITY GRANTS TO LOCAL ORGANISATIONS 2000/2001

FINANCIAL POSITION

Report by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources

REVISED ANNUAL BUDGET		£15,425.00
CATEGORY	VALUE OF GRANTS PAID TO DATE	VALUE OF GRANTS SET OUT IN ATTACHED SCHEDULE
Arts and Cultural	£400.00	-
Community Association	-	-
Community Councils	£220.00	-
Community Safety	-	-
Disability	£708.50	£522.00
Early Education and Childcare	£3,190.00	-
Economic Development	-	-
Environmental	-	-
Ethnic Minorities	-	-
Health Issues	-	-
Heritage	-	-
Leisure Activities	-	-
Older People	£1,518.00	£30.00
Social Inclusion	-	£3,517.60
Sport	£1,240.15	£1,386.00
Tenants/Residents Groups	-	-
Unemployment	-	-
Women's Issues	£240.00	-
Young People	£1,438.00	-
TOTAL	£8,954.65	£5,455.60
BALANCE	£6,470.35	£1,014.75

* £3,000.00 has been ring-fenced within the Local Committee's budget allocation for Community Grants specifically to support those voluntary organisations and community groups active within those priority fields identified in the Local Social Inclusion Area Team Early Action Plans.

15 January 2001

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SUMMARY STATEMENT BY THE 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 1999/2000	RECOMMENDED GRANT
St Marnock Youth Club (ENABLE)	To part-fund the costs of the group's annual trip. Travel, accommodation etc for 24 persons in Ireland.	£8,400.00	£4,000.00	£4,400.00	Deposit Account £1016.20 Current Account £473.99 Both balances as at 3 October 2000. Updated verbally 4.1.01 Deposit Account £4,800.00 Current Account £300.00	Kilmarnock Central - £75.00 Kilmarnock North - £840.00 Kilmarnock South - £180.00 Irvine Valley - £270.00 Northern Area - £135.00 TOTAL - £2,000.00	Kilmarnock Central - £348.00; Kilmarnock North - £1,043.00; Kilmarnock South - £522.00; Irvine Valley - £1,217.00; and Northern Area - £870.00

COMMENTS:- This grant application is cross-boundary covering the Kilmarnock Central (2 persons), Kilmarnock North (6 persons), Kilmarnock South (4 persons), Irvine Valley (7 persons) and Northern Area (5 persons) Local Committees.

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 Head of Social Services has reported that the Social Inclusion priorities being addressed by the application - Community Care and Equal Opportunities issues. The expenditure would enable this vulnerable Group of young people to enjoy a full programme of activities whilst on holiday. For some members of this Group this is the only holiday break they have and the only respite available for their parents. The Group work hard to provide an annual break for its members and fundraise to cover a substantial amount of the cost.

Deposit Account includes grant award from Children in Need of £2,500.00 for Social Work buses for next financial year and £880.00 to go towards holiday (raised by children).

It is recommended that an award of £4,000.00 (pro-rata) be made.

(B) YOUNG PEOPLE

ORGANISATION	MAIN PURPOSE OF GRANT	TOTAL COST OF PROJECT	AMOUNT OF GRANT APPLIED FOR	GROUP'S CONTRIBUTION	LATEST BANK BALANCE	GRANT AWARDED 1999/00	GRANT AWARDED
Hiz Kidz	To assist with transport costs for a children's Christmas event in Prestwick.	£1,100.00	£300.00	£300.00 (£400 from South Ayrshire Council & £100 from North Ayrshire Council)	£302.44	Nil	Kilmarnock South - £54 Cumnock Area - See comments.

COMMENTS:- This application is cross-boundary with the Cumnock Area (55 persons) and Kilmarnock South (12 persons) Local Committees. The Cumnock Area Local Committee had no grant funds available and was unable to meet their recommended pro-rata share of £246. The group was contacted to inform them of this position following which they indicated that they would still be happy to receive the pro-rata share from the Kilmarnock South Local Committee to assist with transport costs.

Hiz Kidz is a Christian based organisation who have provided activity based social groups in Ayrshire for over 7 years. There are currently 3 groups in East Ayrshire, Kilmarnock, Cumnock and Mauchline. The group was formally recognised on 14 February 2000 as a Scottish Charity. All groups are open to primary age children who live in the areas where the group meets. The numbers vary from group to group but attendance ranges from 12-30 individuals with as many as 170 children accessing the groups each week. The group is managed by 7 trustees which includes 3 Office Bearers; all are volunteers. In East Ayrshire the group meets in Mauchline Community Centre on Tuesday, in the Salvation Army Hall, Bellfield on Thursday and in Cumnock, IFE Wing, Nertherthird on Fridays.

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

- The application addresses the social inclusion priorities by enabling young persons to reach their full potential;
- Grant assistance will allow the young people to participate in a Christmas event allowing them to be part of an activity based social group for primary aged children, encouraging them to reach their full potential and welcome more active members of the community; and
- The grant would allow this group to provide transport for young people to attend a Christmas event.

An award of £54 was made in terms of the delegated authority of the Head of Administrative and Legal Services in consultation with the Chair of the Local Committee.

The Local Committee is requested to note the award.

(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 1999/00	RECOMMENDED GRANT
St Jospeh's Retirement Club, C/o St Joseph's Church, Hill Street, Kilmarnock (25-30 members)	Christmas dinner and concert, two outings to the Palace Theatre and meal, annual trip and entertainment.	£1,690.00	£560.00	£1,130.00	£293.41	£500.00	£560 split according to usage:- Kilmarnock South - £180; Kilmarnock Central - £200; and Kilmarnock North - £180. (£500 has already been granted under delegated authority as follows:- Kilmarnock South - £150; Kilmarnock Central - £200; and Kilmarnock North - £150). Outstanding recommended grant award - Kilmarnock South - £30; and Kilmarnock North - £30.

COMMENTS:- The group was founded in 1978 with the objective of providing a meeting place for people of retiral age to participate in leisure activities. The group is inter-denominational and for the benefit of anyone in the Kilmarnock and Loudoun area. The average attendance is around 25.

The Director of Educational and Social Services (Assessing Officer) recommends a total award of £560 split according to membership as outlined in the recommended grant column. An award of £500 has already been granted under delegated authority, leaving the outstanding recommended grant award of £60, split between Kilmarnock South (£30) and Kilmarnock North (£30). The application addresses the Council's core values of equality and addresses the Council's Social Inclusion priorities. The Assessing Department has advised that the group indicated a slightly higher membership from the Kilmarnock Central area.

(D) SOCIAL INCLUSION

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
Children's Holiday Project, 15 Shortlees Crescent, Kilmarnock	Replacement bed and linen, duvets and covers.	£688.00	£588.00	£100.00	£8,212.21 £1,200 updated verbally 16/1/01	£14,994.00 (Education Committee)	£117.60 per Local Committee.

COMMENTS:- The Project, formed in January 1996 in conjunction with Community Education and based on an idea fostered by local playscheme forums, aims to provide holidays for unemployed people, lone parents and low income families at residential caravans, thereby increasing wellbeing, and self belief, raising children's self esteem, encouraging planning and saving for a long term goal and reducing isolation.

The project, which comprises a management committee of local people including Chair, Secretary and Treasurer and 10 other, and employs 1 Project Worker (22 hours per week) and 1 Project Assistant (10 hours per week), offers a week's break at a holiday camp, through the provision of 3 residential caravans (1 for disabled needs). Formerly, under the Urban Aid application, only residents from APT's could apply to the Project. However, from 1 April 2000 anyone from East Ayrshire may apply. Currently, approximately 1,000 adults and children have benefited from the project.

The assessing department (Educational and Social Services) supports the application, stating that it addresses the priority of reducing social exclusion by addressing issues of poverty and deprivation and families with children. The project also develops lifelong learning skills and allows individuals to progress to fuller potential.

The application is cross-boundary being split between Kilmarnock North, South, Central, Irvine Valley and Northern Area local Committees. The calculation for the cross-boundary element of the application is a straightforward split amongst the five Local Committees concerned. This award is recommended on the basis that this is a valuable inclusion project, now covering the five Local Committee areas above. The linen has lasted well and now needs upgrading and replacement.

The grant would allow the project to provide a high quality of living for the duration of the holiday, thereby improving well-being. The assessing department advises that this is an exceptional project whose principles have been upheld from the outset. The well organised management committee of local people have progressed and improved from day one.

(D) SOCIAL INCLUSION (Con't)

ORGANISATION	MAIN PURPOSE OF GRANT	TOTAL COST OF PROJECT	AMOUNT OF GRANT APPLIED FOR	GROUP'S CONTRIBUTION	LATEST BANK BALANCE	GRANT AWARDED 1999/00	RECOMMENDED GRANT
Allies C/o YMCA Soulis Street Kilmarnock (average 14 members)	Purchase of replacement cutlery, crockery and tableware (£70), kitchen equipment (£150), storage containers for food stuff (£25), and food (£1,400).	£1,645.00	£1,445.00	£200.00	£1,124.03 (November 2000)	Nil	See comments.

COMMENTS:- The organisation was founded eight years ago under the name "Roofs for Youths" and has now operated for five years under the name "Allies". The aim is to support homeless people by providing two drop-in sessions plus one breakfast session and to seek to involve homeless people in their own activities. Assistance is also provided to recently housed members.

The organisation is open to anyone who is homeless or wishes to work with homeless people and, on average, 14 people attend each session. Most are men aged over 25, although provision is also made for women and the under 25's. The application is cross boundary covering the three Kilmarnock Local Committees.

The Director of Educational and Social Services (Assessing Department) recommends an award of £1,200 split equally between the 3 Kilmarnock Local Committees and comments that, without financial assistance, the group would be unable to continue to offer services to the most vulnerable of our society. It has been established, after investigation, that the group may also be eligible to apply to the John Fulton Trust for funding. Accordingly, in view of this, it is suggested that all other avenues of funding be exhausted before consideration of the application under the Community Grants Scheme.

(D) SOCIAL INCLUSION (Con't)

ORGANISATION	MAIN PURPOSE OF GRANT	TOTAL COST OF PROJECT	AMOUNT OF GRANT APPLIED FOR	GROUP'S CONTRIBUTION	LATEST BANK BALANCE	GRANT AWARDED 1999/00	RECOMMENDED GRANT
Shortlees School Board	To support a lunchtime indoor gardening initiative	£1,000.00	£1,000.00	Nil	£79.96	Nil	£1,000.00

COMMENTS:- The group is well established and has been operating in excess of seven years and provides support to the school in fund raising and supporting special events. The group is open to any parent within the catchment area of Shortlees Primary School. The group's main programme involves fund raising and the provision of social activities for pupils within the Shortlees Primary School catchment area. The group is managed by a voluntary management committee comprising Chair, Secretary and Treasurer. The group meets within the school as appropriate. Those who would benefit from the grant would be boys in Primary 6 and Primary 7 who are experiencing difficulties in the playground and whose behaviour could potentially lead to their exclusion.

The Social Inclusion Manager recommends approval of the application on the following basis:-

- The application meets the Social Inclusion Priorities addressed in the application as the group propose to work to establish positive behavioural patterns for pupils at risk of exclusion;
- Evidence shows that the Primary 6 and 7 pupils who will access the group find that the lunch hour is too long and continually cause problems within the school which could potentially lead to their exclusion;
- This new initiative will encourage positive attitudes, raise self esteem and develop social skills; and
- The provision of grant funding will enable the project to proceed and has the potential to provide long-term benefits for the school.

(D) SOCIAL INCLUSION (Con't)

ORGANISATION	MAIN PURPOSE OF GRANT	TOTAL COST OF PROJECT	AMOUNT OF GRANT APPLIED FOR	GROUP'S CONTRIBUTION	LATEST BANK BALANCE	GRANT AWARDED 1999/00	RECOMMENDED GRANT
Kirkstyle Primary School Board	To assist with the costs for the operation of after school clubs for pupils of Kirkstyle Primary School	£1,000.00	£1,000.00	The Group intend to contribute an additional £50 towards the total cost of the project	£518.33	Nil	£1,000.00

COMMENTS:- The Board has been established since 1989 and exists to improve the opportunities for the school community by supporting learning in all areas through resourcing after school activities. The group currently has four parent members, but all parents are welcome to attend meetings and bring items of interest or concern to a new Board's attention. The group's main service is to provide resources for after school activities for pupils within the school catchment area, Bellfield, Riccarton, Caprington. The group is managed by a constituted School Board comprising Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer and paid Secretary. The group meets monthly in Kilmarnock Academy.

The Social Inclusion Manager recommends approval of the application on the following basis:-

- The Social Inclusion priorities of the Council are being addressed by the application as the funding will be used to resource after school clubs for pupils of Kirkstyle Primary School;
- The grant expenditure will benefit the local community by providing resources for pupils who experience difficulties with social interaction and behavioural problems and will encourage them to realise a more positive image of themselves.
- Parent/teacher helpers operate as a sub-group of the School Board and are not constituted separately.
- Provision of a grant would allow the development of a variety of activities which would otherwise not take place.

(D) SOCIAL INCLUSION (Con't)

ORGANISATION	MAIN PURPOSE OF GRANT	TOTAL COST OF PROJECT	AMOUNT OF GRANT APPLIED FOR	GROUP'S CONTRIBUTION	LATEST BANK BALANCE	GRANT AWARDED 1999/00	RECOMMENDED GRANT
Friends of Bellfield	To assist with the costs for the provision of equipment for play activities playground (£900.00) and training costs for staff (£100.00)	£1,000.00	£1,000.00	Nil	£1,049.58 All monies in the group's bank account is committed for summer school activities.	Nil	£1,000.00

COMMENTS:- Friends of Bellfield was founded in August 1996 to provide practical help and to raise funds for the benefit of the children of Bellfield Primary School. The group is open to parents/friends of individuals interested in the welfare of the children of Bellfield Primary School. The group raises funds through discos and fun days which assist to create a social aspect to school life. The group is currently managed by volunteers who meet in Bellfield Primary School on the first Monday of each month.

The Social Inclusion Manager recommends approval of the application on the following basis:-

- The Social Inclusion priorities of the Council are being addressed by the application in the provision of a project which is aimed at inclusion of socially excluded pupils.
- The provision of grant assistance will provide additional specific material which is required for the group;
- The school aims to take positive steps to encourage social interaction and assist pupils to raise their own self esteem; and
- This is a very positive project which is devising new ways of working with pupils at risk of exclusion.

(D) SOCIAL INCLUSION (Con't)

ORGANISATION	MAIN PURPOSE OF GRANT	TOTAL COST OF PROJECT	AMOUNT OF GRANT APPLIED FOR	GROUP'S CONTRIBUTION	LATEST BANK BALANCE	GRANT AWARDED 1999/00	RECOMMENDED GRANT
Kilmarnock South Community Profile Group	To fund start up costs for the Group as follows:- administration expenses - £250; Creche - £473.20; Refreshments - £40; Newsheets/Community profile/training - £800.	£1,563.20	£1,563.20	Nil	Nil	Nil	See comments

COMMENTS:- The Group was established in March 1999 as a result of an open meeting organised by a local steering group. The group's aim is to progress the development of a community profile which collates and presents information specific to the Kilmarnock South area. It is hoped that the wider community would become involved when the group begin to research information. The group is open to anyone with an interest in the Kilmarnock South area. The group has stated that it has undertaken equal opportunities training.

The group hope to facilitate local training in research skills allowing local individuals to collate information about the local community allowing the group to then provide local information . The group is managed by a voluntary committee and meets fortnightly in the Shortlees Community Centre.

The Director of Educational and Social Services (assessing Department) supports the need to identify with local people the issues in Shortlees but at this point in time recommends refusal of the application having regard to the need to co-ordinate activity at a local level and the forthcoming meeting between CHASE and The Community Profile Group to look at the possibility of a merger of groups. Furthermore, there is a need to consider the recent announcement by the Scottish Executive in respect of the "Better Neighbourhood" funding initiative which identifies the need for a "statistics project" to provide better information on a local level. The Local Committee is asked to note that a meeting has been arranged for 5 February 2001 in Shortlees to ensure a co-ordinated approach to neighbourhood activities.

(E) SPORT

ORGANISATION	MAIN PURPOSE OF GRANT	TOTAL COST OF PROJECT	AMOUNT OF GRANT APPLIED FOR	GROUP'S CONTRIBUTION	LATEST BANK BALANCE	GRANT AWARDED 1999/00	RECOMMENDED GRANT
Bellfield Royals Boys Club	To assist with the cost of alterations to the football changing pavilion.	£1,230.00	£825.00	£405.00	£4,645.45 This balance is committed for the undernoted areas:- £1,000 for clubhouses; £1,000 for grass cutting; and £1,500 for strips, jackets	Nil	Kilmarnock South - £536.00 Kilmarnock Central - £190.00 Kilmarnock North - £99.00 Total - £825.00

COMMENTS:- The group was founded on September 1996 and is affiliated to the following local and national organisations:- East Ayrshire Sports Council, Central Ayrshire Youth League, West of Scotland League, Scottish Football Association. Their aim is to provide sport and leisure for the community. The current membership is in the region of 150 with the age group ranging from 5-16 years. The group is open to all young people (boys and girls) within this age range.

The Club is managed by a voluntary Committee and meets on Tuesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday each week in Bellfield Community Centre, Shortlees Primary and Bellfield Playingfields/Pavilion.

The proposed works will also enable Bellfield Bowling Club to block-off the corridor between the changing rooms and the locker rooms which will allow for enhancement of bowling facilities.

The Director of Development Services recommends approval on the following basis:-

- the application addresses the Social Inclusion priorities in the reduction of social exclusion by helping young people to reach their full potential through sport and healthy activity; and
- a grant award will allow the use of the property to become more secure, more appropriate for shared use and fully compliant with regulations.

This application is cross-boundary covering the Kilmarnock South (39 persons); Kilmarnock Central (17 persons); Kilmarnock North (9 persons).

(E) SPORT (Cont')

ORGANISATION	MAIN PURPOSE OF GRANT	TOTAL COST OF PROJECT	AMOUNT OF GRANT APPLIED FOR	GROUP'S CONTRIBUTION	LATEST BANK BALANCE	GRANT AWARDED 1999/00	RECOMMENDED GRANT
Bellfield Royals FC (Boys Club)	To assist with the costs of hiring a coach to take the group to Blackpool to participate in a football tournament.	£3,430.00	£850.00	£2,580.00	£4,645.45	Nil	£850

COMMENTS:- The Group has been in existence since September 1996 and is run for local boys and girls from 5 to 12 years of age. Bellfield Royals FC is affiliated to the Central Ayrshire Youth League. Their main objective is to encourage the children's enjoyment of the sport. The Group averages an attendance of around 200 at their training and matches. The Group is managed by a voluntary committee who meet regularly in Bellfield Estate (Committee Room).

The Director of Community Services (assessing Department) recommends approval of the application on the following basis:-

- the application addresses the Social Inclusion priorities;
- the expenditure will allow the children involved to experience competing in a tournament away from home;
- the club serves the local community well and exhibits good sports development practices; and
- the group have worked hard to raise a substantial amount of money

AGENDA