

**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

**KILMARNOCK SOUTH LOCAL COMMITTEE – 28 MARCH 2001**

**COMMUNITY GRANTS TO LOCAL ORGANISATIONS 2000/2001**

**FINANCIAL POSITION**

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

<b>REVISED ANNUAL BUDGET</b>	<b>£15,425.00</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	£400.00	£826.00
Community Association	-	-
Community Councils	£220.00	-
Community Safety	-	-
Disability	£1,230.50	-
Early Education and Childcare	£4,190.00	£175.00
Economic Development	-	-
Environmental	-	-
Ethnic Minorities	-	-
Health Issues	-	-
Heritage	-	-
Leisure Activities	-	-
Older People	£1,548.00	£86.00
Social Inclusion	£3,117.60	-
Sport	£2,626.15	£169.00
Tenants/Residents Groups	-	-
Unemployment	-	-
Women's Issues	£240.00	-
Young People	£1,438.00	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>15,010.25</b>	<b>£1,256.00</b>
<b>BALANCE</b>	<b>£414.75</b>	<b>-£841.25</b>

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

**(A) EARLY EDUCATION AND CHILDCARE**

<b>ORGANISATION</b>	<b>MAIN PURPOSE OF GRANT</b>	<b>TOTAL COST OF PROJECT</b>	<b>AMOUNT OF GRANT APPLIED FOR</b>	<b>GROUP'S CONTRIBUTION</b>	<b>LATEST BANK BALANCE</b>	<b>GRANT AWARDED 1999/2000</b>	<b>RECOMMENDED GRANT</b>
<b>Shortlees and Riccarton Before and After School Care</b>	To cover the costs of an Easter playscheme (9-23 April 2001).	£630.00	£630.00	Nil	N/A	£1,000.00	£630.00 (£500 has already been granted under delegated authority)  Outstanding recommended award - £130.

**COMMENTS:-** BASICS was set up in 1998 to provide quality, low cost childcare for parent(s) returning to employment or further/higher education. The organisation provides a safe environment for children giving parents piece of mind knowing that their children are being well looked after. Furthermore, as a result of the provision of before and after school care, parents are able to take advantage of the opportunity to work or study and consequently, they have been able to increase their family income which, in turn, improves their standard of living.

The group is open to anyone who is involved in further/higher education or working. Children attending the group range from 5 to 16 years of age. The service is open during school holidays and in-service days. In addition, the group provides emergency cover for bereaved families and where there is sudden hospital admission. The after school care group is registered to take up to 32 children per day.

The project covers the Kilmarnock South area and at present all children attending the project live within the catchment area.

The group is run by a Voluntary Management Committee of parent users and comprises a Chair, Secretary, Minute Secretary, Treasurer and general members. The Management Committee meets in the Shortlees Community Education Centre.

The Director of Educational and Social Services (Assessing Department) recommends approval of the application in full on the following basis:-

- (i) the application addresses the Council's Social Inclusion priorities by providing support for parents on low income and young people;
- (ii) grant assistance would support the group by allowing the children outings which would normally be outwith the parents' budget;
- (iii) the group is well run and meets all registration requirements;
- (iv) the activities planned will help to develop the children's knowledge and understanding; and
- (v) a full grant award would equate to approximately £2.50 per child per day and the outings proposed are considered appropriate.

**(A) EARLY EDUCATION AND CHILDCARE (Cont....)**

<b>ORGANISATION</b>	<b>MAIN PURPOSE OF GRANT</b>	<b>TOTAL COST OF PROJECT</b>	<b>AMOUNT OF GRANT APPLIED FOR</b>	<b>GROUP'S CONTRIBUTION</b>	<b>LATEST BANK BALANCE</b>	<b>GRANT AWARDED 1999/00</b>	<b>RECOMMENDED GRANT</b>
<b>Bellfield After School Care</b>	To cover the costs of an Easter playscheme (9-23 April)	£545.00	£545.00	Staff Wages	N/A	£790 and £1,400	£545.00 (£500 has already been granted under delegated authority) Outstanding recommended award - £45.00

**COMMENTS:-** The group was established in August 1995 to provide childcare during school term-time, holidays and in-service days. The project is registered for 35 children who access the service between 1 and 5 sessions per week. Those children attending are from the Bellfield and Kirkstyle area. The group has stated that if the grant was awarded it would be used to take children from the group on outings and allow them to participate in a number of different activities which they would not normally be able to do as a high percentage are from lone parents and low income families. The project also enables parents to work or attend further education courses, by providing a safe friendly place for children to be looked after. The group is managed by a voluntary committee and 4 childcare staff.

The Director of Educational and Social Services (Assessing Department) recommends approval in full of the application on the following basis:-

- (i) the application addresses the Council's Social Inclusion priorities by providing support to young people and support for parents on low income;
- (ii) grant assistance would allow the group to take children on outings which may otherwise be outwith parents' budgets;
- (iii) the group is well run and meets all registration requirements; and
- (iv) a full grant award equates to £3.40 per child per day for the duration of the playscheme.

**(B) 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
<b>Kilmarnock Balmoral Football Club, c/o Balmoral Park, Balmoral Road, Kilmarnock</b>	To purchase equipment, cover the cost of school lets for winter training and referees fees.	£1,985.00	£1,485.00	£500.00	£908.15	NIL	£975.00 split as follows:- Kilmarnock South - £169.00; Kilmarnock Central - £413.00; and Kilmarnock North - £393.00.

**COMMENTS:-** This Club was formed in 1998 and the Club's teams play in the West of Scotland Boys League. The Club aims to provide soccer coaching for children aged 9-15 years. The Club has coaches with SFA coaching certificates. The Club has a membership of over 64 boys and has 6 adult coaches. The application is cross boundary between the following Local Committee areas and the application is based on a total of 52 boys who reside within these areas:- Kilmarnock South (9); Kilmarnock Central (22); and Kilmarnock North (21).

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

- (i) the award should be supported as the application intersects with the Leisure Strategy and supports many of the themes within the Council Plan;
- (ii) the award will allow the Group to purchase essential equipment and to function properly; and
- (iii) the total amount recommended £975 is a reflection that 3 members reside outside East Ayrshire Council and £60 has been deducted from the application and that the East Ayrshire Sports Council may fund all the equipment requested with the exception of the football strips.

**(B) SPORT (Cont....)**

ORGANISATION	MAIN PURPOSE OF GRANT	TOTAL COST OF PROJECT	AMOUNT OF GRANT APPLIED FOR	GROUP'S CONTRIBUTION	LATEST BANK BALANCE	GRANT AWARDED 1999/2000	RECOMMENDED GRANT
<b>Crosshouse Boys Club, c/o 9 Irvine Road, Crosshouse, Kilmarnock (120-130 members)</b>	Easter tournament in Holland from 12-17 April 2001, including bus (£2,500), ferry (£3,345), accommodation (£4,117), insurance and group passports (£340) and food (£500).	£10,702.00	£3,000.00	£7,702.00	£2,017.13	£2,000.00 in March 2000 (from Kilmarnock Central Local Committee)	Nil

**COMMENTS:-** The Group was originally founded in 1981 with one team and was restructured in its present form in 1993, now with 10 teams and over 130 male and female players from 6 to 15 years of age. It is affiliated to a number of national organisations and aims to promote the development of youngsters from various communities and promote responsibility for fundraising and financial survival of the club.

The Assessing Department (Community Services) recommends that no award be granted on the grounds that the participants will receive limited benefits from the expenditure. The Assessing Officer adds that it is not known if other Scottish clubs will be attending and that Crosshouse Boys Club applied to the Dutch organisers to participate. Only two teams from the club will be travelling, plus football coaches and parents, bringing the total number travelling to 62. The Assessing Department's view is that, although Crosshouse Boys Club undertakes excellent work in the community, this trip offers limited value for money. Transport alone will cost £5,845 and accommodation is costed at £4,017. When taking these high costs into consideration, it is viewed that there is limited value in playing in a tournament abroad as opposed to playing teams within the UK. The Assessing Department views that, in sports development terms and for the other reasons detailed, there will be a limited benefit in supporting this application.

For information, participants in the trip can be split as follows:- Kilmarnock Central - 29; Kilmarnock North - 10; Northern Area - 4; Kilmarnock South - 2; and outwith East Ayrshire - 17.

**(C) 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
<b>Kilmarnock Gateway Writers c/o Gateway Centre, Kilmarnock</b>	To fund Tutors fees, hall rental and tutor's travel expenses.	£1,200.00 £92.00 <u>£120.00</u> <u>£1,412.00</u>	£1,200.00	£212.00	£165.00	Nil	£1,000.00 split as follows:- Northern Area - £174.00; Kilmarnock North - £250.00; Kilmarnock Central - £250.00; and Kilmarnock South - £326.00.

**COMMENTS:-** The Group was formed from the remnants of the Shortlees Writers in September 1999. The Group's aim is to encourage members to improve their writing and communication skills. The Group is open to anyone over 16 years of age. The Group meet twice monthly and approximately 13 members attend. Although there is a small charge of £2.50 per month, there is a concession for low waged and OAP's. The grant request is to fund tutor fees to provide tuition in the art of writing short stories over 24 sessions. The Group have applied for a lottery grant entitled "Putting into words" to fund a series of writer workshops. A decision is still to be made on this application.

The application is cross boundary based on members from each area as follows:- Northern Area (2); Kilmarnock North (3); Kilmarnock Central (3); and Kilmarnock South (4).

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

- (i) the award will allow the group to increase their literacy skills, therefore, giving them the opportunity to be active citizens;
- (ii) the award will allow the Group to develop and expand in confidence and to be socially included within their community; and
- (iii) the total amount recommended would support the Group for tutor and speakers fees from the beginning of the new financial year until the end of March 2002.

**(C) ARTS AND CULTURAL (Cont...)**

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
<b>Southwest Writers</b>	For the purchase of recording equipment (£250), tapes and boxes (£150) and to meet the cost of letting fees (£100).	£500.00	£500.00	Nil	£100.00	Nil	£500.00

**COMMENTS:-** The Group was founded in 1994 from Shortlees Writers and aims to promote all forms of writing. The group's membership comprises of 14 members with the average attendance each session being 10 people. The group provides a service to all would-be writers to perform, publish and promote their material.

The group is managed by 1 Chairman, 1 Treasurer and 1 Secretary and meets in Shortlees Church on Monday evenings from 6.45pm to 9.15pm. The group received a national lottery award of £1,000 in January 2000 for the purchase of a computer.

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

- (i) the expenditure would enable the group to continue their literacy skills and encourage those who have difficulty putting words onto paper;
- (ii) the group have produced articles for their local area and are eager to encourage new members and the purchase of equipment should encourage this activity; and
- (iii) the grant would also encourage people to record their work where they have experienced difficulty in committing this to paper.

**(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 1999/00	RECOMMENDED GRANT
<b>St Andrew's Glencairn Leisure Hour (30 members approx.)</b>	Annual trip (May 2001): £250 and Christmas dinner (2001): £270.	£520.00	£520.00	Nil	£316.97 (£200 of which ringfenced for heating and £134 spending money for trip)	£500.00	£520, split as follows: Kilmarnock North - £35; Kilmarnock Central - £398; and Kilmarnock South - £86.

**COMMENTS:-** The organisation was formed approximately 12 years ago to provide a meeting forum for elderly people and to promote leisure activities such as the showing of slides, hearing speakers and participation in small concert parties. The organisation is open to anyone and currently has approximately 30 members aged from 60 years to 92 years old.

The Director of Educational and Social Services (Assessing Department) comments that the group provides both a social and recreational function for the elderly members by encouraging both community involvement and social interaction. Moreover, the activities planned will encourage participation in the community and prevent exclusion. The Assessing Department recommends a total award of £520, split according to membership between the Kilmarnock North Local Committee: £35 (2 members), the Kilmarnock Central Local Committee: £398 (23 members) and the Kilmarnock South Local Committee: £86 (5 members).

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**AGENDA**