

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

KILMARNOCK SOUTH LOCAL COMMITTEE - 21 MARCH 2002

COMMUNITY GRANTS TO LOCAL ORGANISATIONS 2001/2002

FINANCIAL POSITION

Report by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources

REVISED ANNUAL BUDGET		£15,733.00
CATEGORY	VALUE OF GRANTS PAID TO DATE	VALUE OF GRANTS SET OUT IN ATTACHED SCHEDULE
Arts and Cultural	£1,411.00	-
Community Association	-	-
Community Councils	£400.00	-
Community Safety	-	-
Disability	£1,134.16	£1,449.00
Early Education and Childcare	£6,373.35	£844.00
Economic Development	-	-
Environmental	-	-
Ethnic Minorities	-	-
Health Issues	-	-
Heritage	-	-
Leisure Activities	-	-
Older People	£2,134.00	-
Social Inclusion		£3,000.00
Sport	£484.55	£869.00
Tenants/Residents Groups	-	-
Unemployment	-	-
Women's Issues	-	-
Young People	£3,791.00	£2,743.00
TOTAL	£15,728.06	£8,905.00
BALANCE	£4.94	*

* The balance available from the current year's budget is £4.94

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

(A) 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
9 th Kilmarnock Brownie Guides	Uniforms (£389.40); pack holiday (£800); and census fees (£434)	£1,623.40	£1,300.00	£323.40	£150.09	£420.00 (1999/2000)	£1,300.00

COMMENTS:- The 9th Kilmarnock Brownies have operated in Shortlees Church for the last 50 years and are members of the Guide Association. The group is non-denominational and meets on Monday evenings from 6.30pm to 8.00pm during school terms. The group provides for girls aged 7-11 years and aims to promote independence and to help the girls acquire and develop skills to achieve this. They are also encouraged to work on their own or as part of a team to attain badges for the various activities in which they participate.

The group is open to any girls aged 7-11 years. There are currently 26 girls, 2 Pack Leaders (11-14) and 5 Adult Leaders. Girls attend from Kirkstyle, Bellfield and St Columbas Primary Schools.

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

- (i) the 9th Kilmarnock Brownie Guides is open to girls from 7 to 11 years residing within the Kilmarnock South area. This allows the group the opportunity for social interaction and many of the young children are from unemployed and low income families who are experiencing exclusion;
- (ii) grant assistance would enable the group to fund their pack holiday therefore enabling the group to socialise and interact with others and allow them to develop and improve their confidence and aid social inclusion. In addition, the grant would enable them to purchase new uniforms that their families are not able to provide; and
- (iii) the group has been operating for the past 50 years for girls from 7-11 years and helps to promote independence and help the girls acquire and develop skills.

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Whizz Kids	Youth Theatre (£2,400); Arts and Crafts (£1,730); Football skills, karate, girls group (£1,350); Training, play development, drama skills, supervision skills, child protection, rent and heating (£740).	£6,220.00	£1,170.00	£50.00 (the group has attracted £5,000 lottery fund)	£226.29	£439.00 (1999/2000)	£1,170.00

COMMENTS:- The group was founded in 1992 and aims to provide an opportunity for young people aged 8-16 years to participate in youth activities, outings and to have affordable access to activities that would otherwise be denied to young people in the former APT area. The group has 80 registered users and the average attendance is 50 in the 8-16 years age group.

The group is run by a management committee comprising 1 chairperson, 1 secretary, 1 treasurer and 2 volunteers. The group meets in Shortlees Parish Church on Monday, Thursday and Friday evenings (Fridays are being given over to setting up a youth theatre).

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

- (i) the application addresses the Council's Social Inclusion priorities by addressing issues of poverty, deprivation and unemployment and by enabling each person to achieve their full potential;
- (ii) the group provides a valuable resource for young people to develop social and interaction skills at every little cost. Grant assistance would enable the group to significantly strengthen its service provision to young people aged 8-16 years in the Kilmarnock South area. These initiatives are designed to provide young people with opportunities for positive social interaction and the development of new skills, in addition to ensuring the continuation of the existing arts and crafts and girls groups. These monies will facilitate the development of youth theatre and karate groups. This additional provision is in keeping with the groups commitment to providing affordable, creative activities in a stimulating and safe environment; and
- (iii) Whizz Kids have attracted £5,000 lottery funding to support this programme and are contributing £50 from their existing limited resources. A grant award would ensure the development of new resources for young people in Kilmarnock South.

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96th Ayrshire Cub Scouts, Baptist Church Hall, Kilmarnock (15 members)	Purchase of sport equipment (£150); and purchase of equipment to make a video and supporting booklet (£2,300).	£2,450.00	£2,050.00	£400.00	Nil (this is a new group)	Nil	K/K Central - £1,367.00 K/K South - £273.00 K/K North - £410.00 Total - £2,050.00

COMMENTS:- The group is newly founded with the aim of the Cub Scout movement to encourage the physical, mental and spiritual development of young people to allow them to take a constructive place in society. It is open to any child between the age of 8-10½. As a new group, a number of fund raising initiatives are planned, including a sponsored keep fit and a bag pack at Asda/Safeway.

The Assessing Department (Educational and Social Services) recommends a total award of £2,050 split as follows according to membership:- Kilmarnock Central - £1,367.00 (10 members); Kilmarnock South - £273.00 (2 members); and Kilmarnock North - £410.00 (3 members).

It comments that the organisation aims to make a video and supporting booklet of Kilmarnock which they would like to present to the World Wide Chief Scout when he visits in June. By producing this video it will teach the children skills that will help them to attain relevant awards and badges within the scout movement. The project will help teach children to work as a team, team leadership and respect for each other.

(B) 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
Peace, Shortlees	To fund the costs of an Easter playscheme; cycle hire in Millport (£160); Tour of Glasgow and science centre admission fees (£200); session staff (£504.00); and climbing wall and swimming admission fees (£280).	£1,144.00	£844.00	£300.00	£17,942.46	£1,000.00	£844.00

COMMENTS:- The project is in its 5th year. Its emphasis is on providing a caring, safe and stimulating environment, therefore allowing parents/guardians to take up employment, training, further education opportunities in the knowledge their children are being cared for by qualified staff.

The project is open to all parents living in the Kilmarnock South area for all children aged 4½ to 16 years of age and provides full day care covering school holidays, in-service days and emergency cover.

The project is managed by a voluntary management committee of local parent users and comprises 1 manager, 1 depute manager (childcare), 4 childcare staff and 1 admin person. The group meets in Shortlees Community Education Centre Monday-Friday during the hours of 8am to 9am and 1pm to 6pm and 8am to 6pm during school holidays.

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

- (i) the application addresses the Council's Social Inclusion priorities through the provision of quality affordable childcare for lone parents and low income families. The childcare facilities enable adults to return to and to remain in work, training and take-up employment opportunities;
- (ii) the grant expenditure would assist the project to provide full day care for 32 children per session during the Easter school break. The grant would enable the project to offer a varied social, recreational and educational programme through a range of well planned and organised trips and 2 additional members of staff; and
- (iii) the group is making a reasonable contribution to the project including staffing costs (equivalent to 4 members of staff).

(C) 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
Friends of Bellfield primary School	To assist with the cost of a residential stay at Inverclyde for 40 pupils from Bellfield Primary School and transport.	£6,800.00	£3,000.00	£800.00 (parents are contributing £3,000 towards the cost of the project)	£1,326.66	£1,000.00	£3,000.00

COMMENTS:- Friends of Bellfield was founded in August 1996 to provide support to the school in organising social events for the pupils of Bellfield Primary School. A prime aim of these events is to raise funds for the pupils to enrich the range of resources available to the children. The group is open to all parents of pupils attending Bellfield Primary School, including friends and relatives who wish to support the group in achieving its aims. The group is currently managed by volunteers who meet in Bellfield Primary School on the first Monday of each month during school hours.

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

- (i) the application addresses the Council's Social Inclusion priorities by inspiring young people, enhancing social skills, self confidence, self esteem and excellence through education;
- (ii) the group has a long history of positive and valuable support to the school and the community it serves;
- (iii) this application builds on previous success and gives practical expression to parental/community involvement in education; and
- (iv) grant assistance would enable more pupils to access this residential stay at lower cost.

(D) 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
St Marnock Youth Club (ENABLE), Howard Park Lodge, Kilmarnock	To part-fund the costs of the group's annual trip for 21 persons to Ireland from 30 March - 6 April 2002 inclusive.	£9,660.00	£5,060.00	£4,600.00	£4,080.00*	K/K Central - £348.00; K/K North - £1,043.00; K/K South - £522.00; Irvine Valley - £1,217.00; and Northern Area - £870.00. Total £4,000.00.	Kilmarnock Central - £241.00; Kilmarnock North - £482.00; Kilmarnock South - £964.00; Irvine Valley - £1,927.00; and Northern Area - £1,446.00. Total - £5,060.00.

COMMENTS:- 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.

This grant application is cross-boundary covering the Kilmarnock Central (1 person), Kilmarnock North (2 people), Kilmarnock South (4 people), Irvine Valley (8 people) and Northern Area (6 people) Local Committees.

The balance available in the group's bank account is £4,080.92 and is ring-fenced to cover the annual running costs of the club.

The Director of Educational and Social Services (Assessing Department) has highlighted the increased cost of the group's holiday for this year in comparison to last year is due to the duration being 7 days as opposed to 6 days. The cost includes all specialist transport for the disabled during the week, dinner, bed and breakfast, entrance and activity costs and insurance. Snacks/drinks are paid by participants.

The Assessing Officer (Educational and Social Services) supports the application on the following basis:-

- (i) the application would assist to improve the independent living skills of young adults with learning disabilities; and
- (ii) the expenditure would allow a holiday to take place which will provide a stimulus for the young adults and much needed respite for carers.

(D) DISABILITY (Cont...)

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 Club Outings Travel Scheme c/o Whiteside, Darvel	Two holidays for members:- (1) Hotel Savoy, Blackpool May 12-18; (2) Hilton Hotel Aviemore September 8-13 - Total £15,525.00 (Coach hire £1,800.00 per holiday) = £3,600.00. Travel and holiday insurance for both holidays = £752.00 (£376 per holiday). Total = £19,877.00.	£19,877.00	£3,000.00	£16,077.00 (Group have received £800 lottery funding)	£1,964.74	£1,500.00	£3,000.00 Irvine Valley - £2,031.00 Kilmarnock North - £97.00 Kilmarnock South - £485.00 Kilmarnock Central - £387.00

COMMENTS:- Although volunteers had organised holidays for stroke victims for 11 years it was only in 2001 that the Club was constituted. It has also applied for and received charity status. The Club organises 2 holidays a year and several day outings for members. The Club also aims to increase the number of outings as it is felt that this would be of benefit to the members.

The Club is open to anyone with a disability after experiencing a stroke, also partners or carers of stroke victims. There are 50 Club members with the average attendance for holidays and outings being 44. Club members range in age from 46 to 84.

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 21 members from the Irvine Valley, 1 member from Kilmarnock North, 4 members from Kilmarnock Central and 5 members from Kilmarnock South. It is further stated that the application allows disabled members the opportunity to take part in socially inclusive activities. Also carers are given respite during these breaks. The amount requested is based only on the number of members from East Ayrshire. Separate requests for funding for members residing in North and South Ayrshire have been submitted to these Councils. The grant would help reduce the costs of holidays for disabled members. The high costs of holidays are a barrier to many members having these opportunities. The Group also work hard to fundraise throughout the year towards funding their day outings, e.g. organise concerts and raffles.

(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
Kilmarnock Amateur Weightlifters Club, c/o The Gym, Shortlees Primary School, Kilmarnock	To fund let fees, trips and competition entry and equipment.	£4,500.00	£4,050.00	£450.00	£171.97 (as of 7 March 2002)	£150.00	£2,800.00 split Kilmarnock North - £869.00; Kilmarnock Central - £483.00; Kilmarnock South - £869.00; and Irvine Valley - £579.00.

COMMENTS:- The Club were formed in 1947. The main aim is teaching the skill of weightlifting and power lifting including general fitness and health training.

The Club operates 6 days per week from their current base. The Club is open to anyone within East Ayrshire and also attracts members outwith the area. The age range is from 11 years of age up to 60+. The Club has a membership of 29 persons. The cross boundary element is based on the number of members from each Local Committee as follows:- Kilmarnock North (9); Kilmarnock Central (5); Kilmarnock South (9); and Irvine Valley (6).

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

- (i) the Club have moved to Shortlees Primary School and have been actively recruiting young people of both sexes to the Club. The Club have also had a number of notable success including world, Scottish, British and World Championships. As well as the weight lifting, the Club also has 10 girls taking part in circuit training and another 8-15 young people undertaking fitness training to benefit their karate. The expenditure would support the Club in their increased level of activity and competition success and also directly benefits the community by providing an activity for young people to attend;
- (ii) this Club undertakes good sports development and plays an important role within the community; and
- (iii) amount recommended of £2,800 of which £500 should be allocated towards the equipment. The balance for the equipment should be sought from East Ayrshire Sports Council and the 'Awards for All'.

4 March 2002

AGENDA

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