

**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

**KILMARNOCK SOUTH LOCAL COMMITTEE – 23 MAY 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>£15,733.00</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	-	£938.50
Community Association	-	-
Community Councils	-	-
Community Safety	-	-
Disability	-	-
Early Education and Childcare	-	-
Economic Development	-	-
Environmental	-	-
Ethnic Minorities	-	-
Health Issues	-	-
Heritage	-	-
Leisure Activities	-	-
Older People	£86.00	£100.00
Social Inclusion	-	-
Sport	£62.25	£37.00
Tenants/Residents Groups	-	-
Unemployment	-	-
Women's Issues	-	-
Young People	-	£1,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£148.25</b>	<b>£2,075.50</b>
<b>BALANCE</b>	<b>£15,584.75</b>	<b>£13,509.25</b>

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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
<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:- Kilmarnock South - £326.00; Northern Area - £174.00; Kilmarnock North - £250.00; and Kilmarnock Central - £250.00.

**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 Department has confirmed verbally that there is no duplication in the membership of this group and Southwest Writers.

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.

**(A) 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 Assessing Department has confirmed verbally that there is no duplication in the membership of this group and Kilmarnock Gateway Writers.

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.

**(A) 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 2000/2001	RECOMMENDED GRANT
<b>Kilmarnock Aeolian Male Voice Choir, c/o 32 Simons Crescent, Kilmarnock (38 members)</b>	Payments to conductor and accompanist (£1,515), rental of hall (£312), sundry expenses, including prizes to local schools (£170) and cost of annual concert (£426).	£2,423.00	£450.00	£1,973.00	£826.38 (5 April 2001)	Nil	£405.00 split between the Kilmarnock Central, Kilmarnock North, Kilmarnock South and Northern Area Local Committees.

**COMMENTS:-** The choir was founded in 1933 with the aim of preserving the male voice choral tradition in Ayrshire. It provides concert and entertainment in local venues for different charities, church organisations, women's guilds, etc.

The Assessing Officer (Department of Community Services) recommend a total award of £405 based on the fact that 10% of the group's members come from outwith East Ayrshire, split according to membership as follows:- Kilmarnock Central - £112.50 (25% members); Kilmarnock North - £112.50 (25% members); Kilmarnock South - £112.50 (25% members); and Northern Area - £67.50 (15% members).

**Note:** If the Local Committee were minded to award the total grant requested, the relevant split would be as follows:- Kilmarnock Central - £125; Kilmarnock North - £125; Kilmarnock South - £125; and Northern Area - £75.

**(B) 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
<b>Bentinck Elderly Social Club, Old People's Cabin, Glebe Road, Kilmarnock (39 members)</b>	High tea and lunch including 9 hour bus hire on 13 June 2001.	£900.00	£300.00	£600.00	£633.49 (as at 14 February 2001)	£300.00	£300.00 Kilmarnock Central - £177; Kilmarnock South - £100; and Kilmarnock North - £23

**COMMENTS:-** The group was founded in 1984 to provide a social outlet for older people. As well as an annual outing and meal, the group arranges whist nights, domino evenings and carpet bowling for its members.

The Assessing Department (Educational and Social Services) recommends an award of £300, to be split according to membership between the Kilmarnock Central Local Committee (23 members) - £177, Kilmarnock South Local Committee (13 members) - £100 and Kilmarnock North Local Committee (3 members) - £23. The Assessing Department comments that the trip will provide a recreational activity for older people, enabling them to interact with other members of the community and reduce the risk of social isolation. Members of the group and the local community come together to focus on the planning of this annual event and the group has undertaken to meet two thirds of the total cost of the project.

**(C) 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
<b>Friends of Bellfield</b>	To assist with the cost of a residential stay at Inverclyde for 30 pupils from Bellfield Primary School and transport.	£5,045.90	£1,000.00	£300.00	£1,847.30	£1,000.00	<i>To be reported verbally.</i>

**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 once a month.

An assessment for this application is currently being processed and it is anticipated that it will be available on the day of the Committee.

**(D) 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
<b>Dean Thistle Under 8's Football Club</b>	To fund travelling costs of attending football tournament in Blackpool on 19 May 2001.	£805.00	£650.00	£255.00	£676.00		£650.00 Kilmarnock North - £469.00; Northern Area - £72.00; Kilmarnock South - £37.00; and Kilmarnock Central - £72.00

**COMMENTS:-** The Under 8's Football Club was founded in April 2000 and consists of 25 children (boys and girls). The main aim is to promote football and encourage fair play. The Club is affiliated to the Scottish Football Association and any boy or girl in that age group are eligible to become members. The project involves the Under 8's team travelling to Blackpool on Saturday 19 May 2001 and to play a number of teams from that area in a football tournament. The Club has advised that the bank balance reflects that some of the funds are ring-fenced to purchase strips, balls, gloves, tournament fees and to cover the hire of the astra-turf.

The application is cross-boundary based on members from each area as follows:- Northern Area (2); Kilmarnock North (13); Kilmarnock Central (2); and Kilmarnock South (1).

The Assessing Officer (Community Services) recommends that the application be supported for £650.00 as follows:-

- (i) the application should be supported as a trip will promote positive social inter-action and allows each individual to reach full potential also support some aims within the Leisure Strategy;
- (ii) the expenditure will allow the team to play in a series of 7-a-side matches which will potentially enhance the skills of the players; and
- (iii) this a new Club which undertakes good sports development principles.

Due to the timescales of receipt of this application and the forthcoming trip, an award of £469 was made under delegated powers in consultation with the Chair of the Kilmarnock North Local Committee.

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