

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

KILMARNOCK CENTRAL LOCAL COMMITTEE - 21 JANUARY 2003

LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANTS SCHEME 2002/2003

**FAILURE TO MEET GRANT CONDITION: CROSSHOUSE SENIOR
CITIZENS' CLUB**

Report by Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1** To advise the Local Committee of Crosshouse Senior Citizens' Club's failure to meet a condition in respect of a Community Grant awarded in May 2002 and to recommend appropriate action in respect of this matter.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1** At its meeting on 14 May 2002, the Local Committee awarded a Community Grant of £360.04 to Crosshouse Senior Citizens' Club for expenses associated with the internal and external decoration and painting of premises used by the group. However, at the time of applying for grant funding, the group was not in a position to determine who owned the clubhouse in question and, it was, therefore, a condition of grant that the grant monies in question would not be released until the matter of ownership of the group's premises had been resolved.

3. CURRENT POSITION

- 3.1** The group has been contacted by letter on three separate occasions to highlight the above condition of grant and to urge the group to seek to resolve issue of ownership of its clubhouse. In a letter dated 23 October 2002, the Administration Manager advised the group that, in the light of the Local Committee's severely limited budget at present, it was his intention to set a deadline of 31 December 2002 for the matter to be resolved and, this failing, to recommend that the grant funds in question be released for expenditure on other projects in the Local Committee area during the remainder of the current financial year.
- 3.2** It was suggested to the group that, should it not be in a position to meet the condition of grant at present, consideration should be given to re-applying for grant funding at a later date, once the issue of ownership had been satisfactorily resolved.

4. POLICY/LEGAL IMPLICATIONS - Nil.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 At present, the Local Committee's remaining budget for 2002/2003 is limited, with only £410.69 remaining until 1 April 2003. Releasing the grant monies in question would, therefore, almost double the Local Committee's remaining budget total.

6. RECOMMENDATION

6.1 It is recommended that the Local Committee:-

- (i) that as the group cannot comply with the condition of grant that the grant monies in question be released for expenditure on other applications in the remainder of the current financial year; and
- (ii) that it be remitted to the Director of Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources to advise the group accordingly and to recommend that it considers re-applying for grant funding at a later date once the issue of ownership of the clubhouse has been satisfactorily resolved.

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6 January 2003

LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

Correspondence to Crosshouse Senior Citizens' Club dated 16 May, 5 September and 23 October 2002.

Any person wishing to inspect the background papers relative to this report should contact Melanie Anderson, Administrative Officer, on telephone number (01563) 576094. Any person wishing further information on this report should contact Bill Walkinshaw, Administration Manager on telephone number (01563) 576135.

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