

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

NORTHERN AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE - 24 JANUARY 2001

COMMUNITY GRANTS TO LOCAL ORGANISATIONS 2000/2001

FINANCIAL POSITION

Report by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources

ANNUAL BUDGET	£17,703.00			
CATEGORY	VALUE OF GRANTS SET OUT IN ATTACHED SCHEDULE	ASSESSING DEPARTMENT'S RECOMMENDATION	VALUE OF GRANTS PAID TO DATE	ASSESSING DEPARTMENT'S CUMULATIVE RECOMMENDATION
Arts and Cultural			£274.00	£474.00
Community Association				
Community Councils				
Community Safety				
Disability	£870.00	£870.00	£1,269.50	£1,269.50
Early Education & Childcare			£573.00	£5,882.00
Economic Development				
Environmental				
Ethnic Minorities				
Health Issues				
Heritage	£950.00	£950.00		
Leisure Activities	£50.00	£50.00	£390.00	£390.00
Older People			£225.00	£225.00
Social Inclusion	£117.60	£117.60	£118.00	£118.00
Sport	£19.00	£19.00	£3,123.00	£2,898.00
Tenants/Residents' Groups				
Unemployment				
Women's Issues			£240.00	£240.00
Young People	£650.00	£650.00	£700.00	£780.00
TOTAL	£2,656.60	£2,619.60	£6,912.50	£12,276.50
BALANCE	£8,133.90		£10,790.50	-

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5 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 23 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 (3 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 Strategy/Local Committee priorities addressed by the application are Social Inclusion - 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 a grant of £870.00 (pro-rata) be awarded.

(B) HERITAGE

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
John Knox Church, Stewarton	Part funding of church steeple stabilisation and clock repair	£6,646.75	£950.00	£5,146.75	£6,267.85 as at 31 October 2000	Nil	£950.00

COMMENTS:- Prior to consideration of this application the Committee must determine whether to consider it as it is retrospective. The Conditions of Grant (15) state that projects that have commenced prior to application for grant being made will not normally be funded. The reason given in this case is that the works were urgent to prevent further deterioration.

The Director of Development Services has reported that the Social Strategy/Local Committee priorities addressed by this application relate to activities in the church and associated buildings, involving Pre-5s and young people. Policy ENV 2 of the Finalised East Ayrshire Local Plan indicates that the Council actively encourage the retention, restoration, renovation and the use of Listed Buildings. The community would benefit by the proper maintenance of a "Listed Building", a local landmark and the preservation of the existing steeple clock which is open to public view. The retention of the church in good repair ensures the future of the activities which take place there. The church surveyors indicated that the steeple was unsafe in January 2000 and because of the need to act quickly work was started in April/May 2000 leaving little time for grant application. Listed Building status places a special responsibility on the owners of such buildings. The church authorities therefore took immediate action to secure the structure of the steeple which did not allow time for the grant application to be submitted in time. The proportion of grant to total cost of the restoration is regarded as a reasonable reflection of the public interest.

The funds of £6,267.85 are ring-fenced for the Church's general activities.

It is recommended that a grant of £950.00 be awarded.

(C) LEISURE ACTIVITIES

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
Fenwick Carpet Bowling Club	Towards costs of hall rental, catering for guests and sundry items	£65.00	£50.00	£15.00	£210.18 as at 22 November 2000 Updated verbally 15 January 2001 - £271.00	Nil	£50.00

COMMENTS:- The Director of Community Services reports that the Social Strategy/Local Committee priority addressed by the application is the Leisure Strategy and the promotion of positive social interaction. The application also promotes the aim of enabling each person to reach their full potential. He further reports that this is a well run event which is open to all who wish to participate. It is recommended that a grant of £50.00 be awarded.

(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 as at 21 August 2000	£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 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.

The funds of £8,212.21 are ring-fenced for the staffing and the running costs for the project to the end of the financial year (March 2001) as follows:- Project Worker Salary - £4335, Travelling Expenses - £410, Electricity/Gas - £300, Site fees - £2,290, Laundry costs - £120 and Winter Shut-down costs - £135. Total - £7,590.

It is recommended that a grant of £117.60 (pro rata) be awarded.

(E) SPORT

ORGANISATION	MAIN PURPOSE OF GRANT	TOTAL COST OF PROJECT	AMOUNT OF GRANT APPLIED FOR	GROUP'S CONTRIBUTION	LATEST BANK BALANCE	GRANT AWARDED 1999/2000	GRANT AWARDED (DELEGATED POWERS)
Annanhill Junior Golf Club, Irvine Road, Kilmarnock (41 members)	Prizes, engraving, golf equipment and outings.	£1,511.00	£836.00	£675.00 (including £300 grant from Annanhill Golf Club)	£365.29 (current balance)	£828.00	Northern Area - £98.00; Kilmarnock North - £134.00; and Kilmarnock Central - £268.00
							RECOMMENDED GRANT (BALANCE) Northern Area - £19.00 Kilmarnock North - £27.00; and Kilmarnock Central - £54.00

COMMENTS:- The Club was founded in 1988 to further joining golf in East Ayrshire and provide golf and teaching for young people between the ages of 12 and 17.

The Assessing Department (Community Services) recommended an award of £600 split according to membership as follows:- Kilmarnock Central Local Committee - £322.00 (22 members); Kilmarnock North Local Committee - £161.00 (11 members); and Northern Area Local Committee - £117.00 (8 members). Affiliation to East Ayrshire Sports Council has been suggested to the Club and this would enable access grants for equipment and sponsorship, including the cost of engraving.

The Assessing Department comments that the application targets Social Strategy Aim 2 "to enable each person to reach their full potential". It would enable young people to continue to receive golf tuition and, by holding competitions, would provide youngsters with valuable match play experience.

The Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources, in consultation with the Chairs of the relevant Local Committees, agreed under delegated authority, to make an award of £500.00. As this is the maximum amount which can be awarded under delegated powers the balance of the grant requested is to be considered by each of the relevant Local Committees. The balance in respect of the Northern Area Local Committee is £19.00

(F) YOUNG PEOPLE

ORGANISATION	MAIN PURPOSE OF GRANT	TOTAL COST OF PROJECT	AMOUNT OF GRANT APPLIED FOR	GROUP'S CONTRIBUTION	LATEST BANK BALANCE	GRANT AWARDED 1999/2000	RECOMMENDED GRANT
Kilmaurs Brownies	CD player, cartridges for photocopier, paper and card and craft materials	£650.00	£650.00	Nil	£149.81 as at 18 October 2000 Updated verbally 11 January 2001 - £95.00	Nil	£650.00

COMMENTS:- The Head of Educational Services has reported that the Social Strategy/Local Committee priority addressed by the application relates to young people as it will enable them to have the opportunity to gain new skills and insights. It will enhance the voluntary sector's contribution and young people's involvement in voluntary community activities. It will allow the group to develop its community arts/drama projects. The local community benefit from the breaking down of barriers through these projects between the young and the older members, is welcomed. The group has been active for approximately 40 years and is well supported locally. In the short term additional funds are required to progress future planned community events. The balance of the group's accounts in respect of the small reserve fund is for the purpose of badges and books that are necessary on an annual basis for the young people who attend.

It is recommended that a grant of £650.00 be awarded.

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8 January 2001

AGENDA