

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

NORTHERN AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE - 20 MARCH 2002

COMMUNITY GRANTS TO LOCAL ORGANISATIONS 2001/2002

FINANCIAL POSITION

Report by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources

ANNUAL BUDGET	£18,234.00	
CATEGORY	VALUE OF GRANTS SET OUT IN ATTACHED SCHEDULE	VALUE OF GRANTS PAID TO DATE
Arts and Cultural		£297.50
Community Association		£2,050.00
Community Councils	£2,807.00	£1,340.00
Community Safety		
Disability	£1,446.00	£440.50
Early Education & Childcare	£554.04	£113.00
Economic Development		
Environmental		
Ethnic Minorities		
Health Issues		
Heritage		
Leisure Activities		£260.00
Older People	£200.00	£633.00
Social Inclusion		£472.00
Sport	£1,262.86	£2,097.65
Tenants/Residents' Groups		
Unemployment		
Women's Issues		
Young People	£2,679.00	£1,835.00
TOTAL	£8,948.90	£9,538.65
BALANCE	-£253.55	£8,695.35

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SUMMARY STATEMENT BY THE DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE RESOURCES

(A) COMMUNITY COUNCILS

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
The Stewarton Coat of Arms Committee	5,000 descriptive souvenir brochures; commemorative mementoes for Primary School children; and adult VIP and guest mementoes.	£2,500.00	£2,000.00	£500.00	£1,570.79 (as at 21 December 2001)	N/A	£1,360.00

COMMENTS:- The Group was founded on 24 July 2001 the aim of which was to regain the Stewarton Coat of Arms from the Lord Lyon Office, Edinburgh on behalf of the Community Council and the people of Stewarton. The group is a sub-group of Stewarton & District Community Council, and meets monthly in the Council Chambers, Stewarton.

The Assessing Department (Community Services) has recommended an award of £1,360. The souvenir brochure the group wish to print will contribute positively to community pride in Stewarton and the children's crested pencil cases can be viewed as educational in terms of adding to the young people's understanding of their community. No support is recommended for the adult VIP and guest mementoes as it does not demonstrate value to the community or the organisation itself.

(A) COMMUNITY COUNCILS (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
Stewarton and District Community Council Lifelong Learning Committee	Disc CD's, BT phoneline for web and one year subscription, dream software tutorial and Microsoft Word 2000.	£550	£550	Nil	£6.90 DR	£1,200.00	£550

COMMENTS:- The Group was founded in September 2000 for computer learning course. The Group initially attended the "Big Bus" facility located at Lainshaw Primary School. This grant will be used to provide the equipment and facility for students and others to advance their skills where they have no computer of their own. The group is open to anyone from the Stewarton area on a computer course and others who want to update their skills or wishing to access information.

The Group have already been awarded £140.00 from the 2001/2002 budget for payment of community transport scheme charge for use of the minibus to Kilmarnock and return for students attending learning opportunities.

The Assessing Department (Support to Communities) has recommended approval of £550 and has advised that approval of the grant would offer the opportunity for unemployed continuing learners, returners to train in local area. Informal approach and support should be of benefit to those attending. The software packages have been chosen to allow development of typing skills, CV's etc on an individual basis. This would allow for the development of an informal education idea which is not at present available in the area.

(A) COMMUNITY COUNCILS (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
Stewarton & District Community Council Lifelong Learning Committee	Community transport scheme charge for use of the minibus from Kilmarnock and return on a weekly basis	£140	£140	Nil	£6.90 DR	£1,200	

COMMENTS:- The Group was founded in September 2000 for computer learning course. The Group initially attended the "Big Bus" facility located at Lainshaw Primary School. The current course (European Computer Driving Licence) is being run at Kilmarnock Football Club Fitness Centre, Rugby Road, Kilmarnock because no suitable facilities exist in Stewarton therefore students need to be transported to the course.

Any resident of Stewarton who attends the European Computer Driving Licence course at Kilmarnock and who, therefore, requires transport to the course venue can join the organisation. The course is set to last for 20 weeks from Monday 8 April 2002 and is timed from 9.30 am until 12 Noon.

(A) COMMUNITY COUNCILS (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
Kilmaurs Community Council	Noticeboard	£757.00	£757.00	Nil	Treasurer's account - £1,317.82 (February 02) Youth Project - £4,413.60 (January 02)	£1,200.00	£757.00

COMMENTS:- The main purpose of the Group is to promote the wellbeing of the community of Kilmaurs, by ascertaining, co-ordinating and expressing to the Local Authority, to other public agencies and other interested bodies, the views of the community by taking such action in the interests of the community as happens to be expedient and practical. The group meets each month in 'The Cabin', Main Street, Kilmaurs and presently has 16 members.

The group would like to provide a new noticeboard for the purpose of displaying notices relative to the functions and operation of the Community Council. This hopefully will enable the Community Council to display more information for the benefit of the public. The group would like the noticeboard to be installed in May/June 2002 at the latest. As it is to be installed in a boarded-up window in a busy thoroughfare, it will improve the area concerned.

The group has advised that the money in the Youth Project Account (£4,413.60) cannot be touched or used for Community Council business. They further advise that after recent expenditure on administration and expenses they will probably be left with approximately £150.

The group has consulted with the owners of Alldays Stores, to utilise a boarded up window and also East Ayrshire's Planning Department for advice. Three quotes were received and one was selected at the Community Council meeting on 5 February 2002.

The Assessing Department (Support to Communities) has recommended approval of £757 as the application addresses the priorities of communication for adults and young people regarding notices and events, training and education. Approval of the grant would benefit the community by providing relevant information to all. They feel that it is a worthwhile undertaking as many people indicate that they do not know about Council services.

Notwithstanding the above, it would be advisable if Committee are of a mind to approve the application to add another condition to say "future responsibility for the repair and maintenance of the noticeboard will lie with Kilmaurs Community Council and not East Ayrshire Council".

(B) 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 application was continued for further information at the last cycle of Local Committees. The Group have met the cost of central repairs to the premises leased from the Council. Homes and Technical Services have agreed, in principle, to reimburse the group for the cost of repairs. Accordingly, the group's contribution to the project has increased from £3,660 to £4,600. The group have two bank accounts with a total balance of £4,533. Members going on the holiday have paid £2,863, leaving a revised balance of £1,670. Including the reimbursement for costs of repair work, the total funds available to the group are £4,080. However, these are ring-fenced for the annual running costs of the Club.

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 Assessing Officer has advised that the holiday is for one day extra this year and this accounts for the additional cost compared to last year. 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 will assist to improve the independent living skills of young adults with learning disabilities; and
- (ii) the expenditure will allow a holiday to take place which will provide a stimulus for the young adults and much needed respite for carers.

(C) 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
Fenwick Playgroup and Pre-School Centre	To purchase play equipment, security badges and fee for administration goods.	£624.04	£554.04	£70.00	£798.04		

COMMENTS:- The group provides a quality community based pre-school education in partnership with East Ayrshire Council. The organisation is run by Committee with direction from paid Early Years Workers and administrator. The group meets each morning between 9.30 am and 12 pm at John Fulton Hall, Fenwick and currently has 40 members.

The group would like to purchase a table and benches for their home corner along with some new cushions and a play mat for the children to use in the reading corner. For security purposes the group would like to purchase identity badges for all members of staff and visitors - which would also indicate their position in the organisation. Finally, they would like to purchase some administrative goods to allow them to produce their annual centre handbook and other admin work.

The group have advised that the funds presently in the bank account are required to cover the day-to-day running costs of the group.

The group have taken advice from East Ayrshire Council staff regarding curriculum development equipment and regarding production of centre handbook - security is a key issue in childcare settings and providing staff with identity badges will reflect East Ayrshire Council security procedures.

(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 2000/2001	RECOMMENDED GRANT
The Fulton Club, Fenwick	Costs towards the Christmas party 2002.	£200.00	£200.00	£66.00	£459.23	Not applicable.	£200.00

COMMENTS:- The Group, formerly know as Fenwick Senior Citizen's Club, was formed By Fenwick Community Association 24 years ago. In 1993 it became self supporting and was renamed The Fulton Club. This is the only Senior Citizen's Club in Fenwick with the total membership being 41. Average attendance is 26-35 and the average age of people attending is 70.

The Assessing Department (Support to Communities) has recommended that the full amount of £200.00 be granted as the Group addresses issues of Social Inclusion by encouraging interaction between the elderly population of those communities on a weekly basis.

Over the past 2 years both the membership subscriptions and weekly fees have been increased to enable the Group to continue to function. The membership subscription is currently £3.00 and the weekly fee 50p. The Committee recognise that many elderly people have limited incomes and to raise the subscriptions and fees higher may prevent them from participating.

The Group received a grant award from this Committee on 23 January 2002 of £600.00 for outings, entertainment, hall rent, catering and miscellaneous, and it was agreed to continue consideration of the Christmas party 2002 element of the application to this meeting to take cognisance of the available budget.

The costs for the Christmas party is an increase from the cost of running the 2001 Christmas party. This increase is to (a) ensure that the cost of attendance does not rise greatly; (b) pay for entertainment at the party which was free last year, and which may not be free this year; and (c) to cover costs of any increase participation.

The Group currently have £459.23 in their bank book - £400.00 of this is committed to the overall cost of the yearly projects.

(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
Fenwick Church Badminton Club	To purchase steel badminton posts, badminton net, badminton rackets and shuttlecocks.	£292.86	£262.86	£30.00	£175.17	N/A	

COMMENTS:- The group is a self-financing group providing leisure facilities for locals to participate in exercise and fun to give a healthy lifestyle. The group began over 30 years ago and is open to anyone 16 years or over, regardless of the ability to play the game. The group meets in Fenwick Church Hall each Monday during September to March. The group currently has 15 members.

Approval of the grant would allow new equipment to be purchased. The posts (cast iron) and net are over 30 years old and do not conform to the current health and safety standards for sports equipment. The club is trying to attract new members, which had some success this year due to extensive advertising. To enable beginners to join, the purchase of rackets is essential - existing members have their own. A constant supply of shuttlecocks are required for weekly games. The success of the project will be measured by the number of club members sustained and new members joining.

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Stewarton Annick Football Club	To help pay for accommodation, transport and food for teams attending an International Football Tournament in Blackpool over Easter.	£4,220	£1,000	£3,220		27 April 2001 - £2,350 (equipment); 27 April 2001 - £300 (trip) 6 September 2001 - £375 (trip)	

COMMENTS:- The main purpose of the organisation is to provide opportunities to youth and adults to take part in coaching and football matches. The group meets six days a week in The Centre, Stewarton and Stewarton Academy. The group are affiliated to the Scottish Youth Football Association and East Ayrshire Sports Council.

The group have two teams aged 12 and 15 attending an International Football Tournament in Blackpool over Easter. The trip would allow many young players from disadvantaged backgrounds an opportunity to mix with other young people from other areas of the United Kingdom and Europe. It would help our young players to develop their own identifies at a crucial stage in life ie teenage years. The Club would also act as ambassadors for East Ayrshire Council. This is great opportunity for many of their young players to participate in an International sporting event. 40 young players from East Ayrshire and 10 volunteers would take part in the project.

The group advised that the funds presently shown in the bank account are for ongoing upkeep of the Club. The group run age groups from 5 years old up to adults and the cash in bank allows the group to continue with so many teams, payment of lets, fees, etc including equipment.

(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 2000/2001	RECOMMENDED GRANT
East Ayrshire Youth Association (North)	To assist with the costs for the group's programme of events 2001/2002 for young people.	£3,800.00	£3,000.00	£800.00	£1,643.66	£3,000.00 (split between 5 Local Committees)	£600.00 per Local Committee

COMMENTS:- The Association (formerly Kilmarnock and Loudoun Youth Panel) was formed in 1944 to cater for youth in the community. The Association is affiliated to East Ayrshire Sports Council. Their aims are to promote fellowship and liaisons involving the local Youth Clubs by uniting them in various activities throughout the year. The Association caters for any youth between the ages of 10-18 residing in East Ayrshire.

The Assessing Department (Educational and Social Services) recommends that the application be supported on the following basis:- (i) the application addresses the Social Strategy Priority of working with young people to enable them to reach their full potential through achievement, empowerment and health; (ii) the funding would allow young people to meet from different areas and get to know one another through organised activities; and (iii) the Association is run by volunteers with about 50 events over the year including a residential outdoor adventure weekend open to all young people. The application is cross-boundary being split between Northern Area, Irvine Valley, Kilmarnock South, North and Central. The calculation for the cross-boundary element is a straight forward split amongst the five Local Committees concerned as affiliations vary annually. The application has already been approved by both Kilmarnock North and South Local Committees. Irvine Valley and Kilmarnock Central Local Committees agreed to continue consideration of the application to the next financial year in light of their current budgetary positions.

At the current time Stewarton is the only youth organisation from the Northern Area affiliated to the Association, although the Department of Educational and Social Services hopes to re-establish groups in Fenwick, Kilmaurs and Dunlop, in the near future.

Attached as Appendix 1 to this application is a Programme of Events for 2001-2002 to which all affiliated organisations are invited. Most events take place within Kilmarnock with groups travelling to participate although it has been stressed that all affiliated groups can bid to host an event in their area if an appropriate venue is available.

(F) YOUNG PEOPLE (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
Dunlop Uniformed Group	2 tents and 3 kayaks	£2,354.00	£2,079.00	£275.00	Current Account - £103.70 (31/12/01); Deposit Account - £419.48 (31/12/01)	N/A	£2,079.00

COMMENTS:- Dunlop Uniformed Group comprises of the Brownies, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts and the groups meet weekly in Dunlop Church Hall. The group currently has 62 members and is affiliated to the Scout and Guide Associations. The purpose of the group is to provide a structured programme for young people based on Scout and Guide laws. Approval of the grant for the tents would allow the group to cope with the numbers they have for spring and summer camping. The kayaks are a step up from the seven general purpose boats they have at present. A few of the older Scouts have been kayaking for a number of years and are more than ready to advance from general purpose boats. It would enable more of the youngsters to be on the water at the same time due to having more boats. It would also allow the older children to develop their kayaking skills in boats designed for a more advanced level and give them an opportunity to supervise the younger children on the water.

The group have been unable to raise sufficient funds themselves with the use of their marquees at events like agricultural shows which were a good income generator. This was virtually wiped out last year by the foot and mouth crisis. Other costs include training for new leaders and new materials.

The Assessing Department (Support to Communities) has recommended approval of £2,079 and has advised that the application addresses the social strategy priority of working with young people to enable them to reach their full potential through achievement, empowerment and health.

Notwithstanding the above, it would be advisable, if Committee were of a mind to approve the application, to add an additional condition, viz:-

“Where there is an intent to purchase and use equipment for an activity for which there are nationally or locally recognised Codes of Practice it is expected that an organisation will adopt similar standards of care in use, maintenance and storage. In making this grant, the Council does not render itself liable in respect of any claims which may arise at the instance of any person in respect of loss, injury or damage as a result of:-

- (i) any fault or defect in the equipment to be purchased with the grant as specified in the application; and
- (ii) any use of said equipment by any person at any time and for any purpose.