

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE – 21 FEBRUARY 2002

KILMARNOCK COMMON GOOD FUND

Report by Director of Community Services

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To request the Committee to consider making a grant from Kilmarnock Common Good Fund to Kilmarnock and District Local History Group.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 At the meeting of Kilmarnock Central Local Committee on 30th October 2001, consideration was given to a Community Grant Scheme application by Kilmarnock and District Local History Group for the erection of brass plaques on nineteen buildings of historical interest in Kilmarnock. Eighteen of the buildings are within the Kilmarnock Central Committee area and one in Kilmarnock South Committee area.
- 2.2 The Committee agreed to refuse this application for budgetary reasons.
- 2.3 Following representations by the Secretary of the Local History Group, Mr Robert McWilliams, to Councillor Linton, Councillor Linton has requested that consideration should be given to funding the project from the Common Good Fund.
- 2.4 As Members will recall the agreed procedure for dealing with requests for funding from the Common Good Fund is through this Committee and thereafter by the Council.

3. DISCUSSION

- 3.1 As previously indicated, Kilmarnock and District Local History Group wish to erect a number of plaques on buildings of historic interest in Kilmarnock. The project has been split into two phases and whilst the total number of plaques to be erected is thirty, the first phase is targeted at nineteen properties.

- 3.2 The total cost of Phase 1 of the project is £22,500 and the group are hopeful of securing external funding of £17,500 mainly from the Heritage Lottery Fund. The group are seeking grant assistance of £2,500 from the Common Good Fund and intend to meet the balance themselves.
- 3.3 The Director of Finance confirms that the balances of the Common Good Fund are as follows:-

	Capital £	Revenue £	Total £
Balance as at 1 April 2001	153,000	5,000	158,000
Estimated Income during year	-	9,000	9,000
Expenditure during year	-	-	-
Projected Balance as at 31 March 2002	153,000	14,000	167,000

It is also confirmed that the nature of the project meets the principal objectives of the Common Good Fund.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The balances of the Common Good Fund are outlined in paragraph 3.3 above and a grant award of up to £2,500, the sum requested by the group, can be met from the revenue element of the balances if the Committee so wish.

5. LEGAL/POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 Funds from the Common Good Fund can be applied for any purpose that is considered to be in the interest of the community, so long as it is considered to be a proper and honest act of administration and is not contrary to legislative provisions.

6. CONCLUSION

- 6.1 Following refusal of a Community Grant application by Kilmarnock and District Local History Group for £2,500 to part fund the erection of plaques on buildings of historic interest in Kilmarnock by Kilmarnock Central Local Committee, a request has been received to consider awarding this grant from the Kilmarnock Common Good fund.

7. RECOMMENDATIONS

7.1 It is recommended that the Committee:-

- (i) consider making a grant of up to £2500 from the Common Good Fund to Kilmarnock and District Local History Group for the purposes outlined in this report subject to satisfactory completion of other elements of the funding package; and
- (ii) otherwise note the report.

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9th January 2002

LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

1. Community Grant Application – August 2001
2. Minute of Meeting of Kilmarnock Central Local Committee – 30 October 2001

Any person wishing to inspect the background papers listed above should telephone 01563 576023 and ask for William Stafford, Director of Community Services.

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AGENDA