

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE: 10 APRIL 2003

KILMARNOCK 400 TALENTPLUS AWARDS SCHEME

Report By Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To report to the Policy and Resources Committee the outcome of the assessments and deliberations of the Judging Panel with respect to the applications received to the Kilmarnock 400 Talentplus Awards Scheme.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 At its meeting on 12 December 2002, the Policy and Resources Committee nominated three Members to form the Judging Panel for the Kilmarnock 400 Talentplus Awards Scheme, along with two representatives from Diageo. The Members of the Council were:

- Provost James Boyd
- Councillor Thomas Farrell
- Councillor Daniel Coffey.

- 2.2 In total, 54 Applications were received for the Scheme, with a total applicant funding request value of £67,911, against a total fund availability of £25,000.

3. SUMMARY OF ASSESSMENT AND DELIBERATIONS

- 3.1 The applications that were received were first assessed by Officers from the Department of Community Services using a three stage process:

- applications were assessed on the basis of the 'applicant eligibility', then on the basis of 'project eligibility'
- applications were then categorised into 'Highly Recommended' or 'Recommended' based on an assessment of quality against the following criteria
 - Current Achievements;
 - Standard of Excellence;
 - Referee's Statement;
 - Ability to Complete Project; and
 - Costings
- finally, assessment was made of all applications to determine essential and non-essential elements of the proposed projects, and to gauge the scope for reduced but meaningful potential Award figures.

- 3.2 Within the 'Highly Recommended' category, the final assessment was able to produce a series of revised Award figures which would, although less than each applicant's request, still benefit the applicant significantly. The revised 'Highly Recommended' Awards list was subsequently reduced to a total of £25,145.

4. JUDGING PANEL MEETING

- 4.1 At its meeting on Tuesday 18 February 2003, the Kilmarnock 400 Talentplus Judging Panel, recognising that the standard of excellence within the 'Recommended' list was of a high standard, agreed to a 6% reduction across all Awards within the 'Highly Recommended' list. This further reduced the total Award value for 'Highly Recommended' Awards to £23,636.
- 4.2 The remaining funding of £1,364 was allocated to the 13 'Recommended' applicants on the equal basis of £100 per applicant. The surplus £64 was allocated towards the overall expenses associated with the Awards Ceremony held on 12 March 2003.
- 4.3 The following table summarises the Awards made:

Discipline		CATEGORY		Grand Total
		Highly Recommended	Recommended	
Art	Number of Awards	5	0	5
	Sum of Awards	£5,870	£0	£5,870
Sport	Number of Awards	23	13	36
	Sum of Awards	£17,766	£1,300	£19,066
Total Number of Awards		28	13	41
Total Sum of Awards		£23,636	£1,300	£24,936

- 4.4 Three Awards were made as 'Awards in Principle', and the applicants will, in due course, require to provide confirmation of course places in order to claim the Award.
- 4.5 A copy of the minute of the Judging Panel meeting of 18 February 2003 is attached at Appendix 1.

5. AWARDS CEREMONY

- 5.1 An Awards Ceremony for applicants took place on 12 March 2003 at the Diageo Reception Hall in Kilmarnock. Applicants were awarded their cheques and a framed certificate by members of the Judging Panel. The reception was provided by Diageo.
- 5.2 Positive feed-back from applicants and organisations in East Ayrshire in relation to the Kilmarnock 400 Talentplus Scheme has emphasised the desire for a similar initiative to be available on an annual basis.
- 5.3 It is therefore proposed that the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources be remitted to examine potential funding sources to support the continuation of the Talentplus Awards Scheme for the entire East Ayrshire area in future financial years.

6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 The Committee is asked to note that the Kilmarnock 400 Fund of £26,083, previously held in a suspense account within the overall banking arrangements of the Council, has now been fully utilised.

7. POLICY/LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

7.1 Nil.

8. RECOMMENDATIONS

8.1 The Committee is asked to:

- i) note the overall success of the Talentplus Awards Scheme and the Awards Ceremony held on 12 March 2003;
- ii) remit the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources to examine potential funding opportunities to allow the continuation of the Talentplus initiative for all of East Ayrshire in future years, and otherwise;
- iii) note the content of the report.

APPENDIX 1

Minute of Kilmarnock 400 Talentplus Scheme – Judging Panel, Tuesday 18 February 2003

LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

Nil

Fiona Lees
Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources
2 April 2003

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 18 FEBRUARY 2003 AT 1400 HOURS IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK

PRESENT: Provost Boyd and Councillors Daniel Coffey, Tommy Farrell; and Alan Strain and Gail Anderson, Diageo

ATTENDING: Melvin Griffin, External Funding and Sustainability Officer; Andrew Hamilton, Leisure Policy Officer; Joanne Moore, Arts and Cultural Development Officer; Angie Bennett, Sports Development Officer; Julie Armstrong, Assistant Administration Manager and Lynn Chapman, Trainee Administrative Officer.

APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR

1. Provost James Boyd was unanimously appointed to the Chair.

The Provost thanked everyone for their attendance at the Judging Panel. He stated that the response to the joint Scheme between the Council and Diageo had been tremendous and showed what a wealth of talent the area had especially as applications had been restricted to the old Kilmarnock and Loudoun Area.

The Provost welcomed the assessment team for which the last two weeks had been a testing time.

The Provost recognised that they had had a very difficult task in trying to determine recommendations to this Panel in a way that would be understandable and consistent within the budget constraint and thanked the team for there diligence and hard work.

The Provost further stated that 54 applications had been received worth a total value of £67,911. He advised that the applications had covered a very broad spectrum of sports and arts activities undertaken by young people and was pleased that this opportunity to recognise, and help others recognise the dedication, skills and determination that the young people had employed to get them to this stage of their own cultural development.

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2. There was submitted a report (copy enclosed) on submissions received to the Kilmarnock 400 Talentplus Scheme and the recommendations of the assessment team for the disbursement of grants.

Melvin Griffin then outlined the terms of the report and explained why the assessment team had reached their conclusions.

The Panel then made the following decisions:

NAME	ORDER	AMOUNT
Stephen McMichael	Highly Recommended	£470.00
Robert Murray	Highly Recommended	£1410.00
Peter Kirkbride	Highly Recommended	£470.00
Kieran Howie	Highly Recommended	£282.00
Gemma Watt	Highly Recommended	£705.00
Emma Munro	Highly Recommended	£940.00
Colin Ross	Highly Recommended	£1128.00
Alan Simpson	Highly Recommended	£940.00
Graeme McConnell	Highly Recommended	£611.00
Robert Skilling	Highly Recommended	£611.00
Brian Cahillane	Highly Recommended	£611.00
Robert Dorrans	Highly Recommended	£611.00
Heath Barclay	Highly Recommended	£611.00
Craig Steele	Highly Recommended	£940.00
Teri Coulter	Highly Recommended	£940.00
Allan Lusk	Highly Recommended	£470.00
Martin Fenton / Kaylin McKay	Highly Recommended	£1692.00
Hazel Ross	Highly Recommended	£940.00
Hayley Louise Munro	Highly Recommended	£940.00
Alison Allan	Highly Recommended	£470.00
Mhairi Gilmour	Highly Recommended	£564.00
Louise McKie	Highly Recommended	£940.00
Stuart Edgar	Highly Recommended	£470.00
*Catriona Milne	Highly Recommended	£512.30
Chortle Theatre Group	Highly Recommended	£1410.00
*Heather Anderson	Highly Recommended	£1504.00
***Scottish Ballett	Highly Recommended	£940.00
**Billy Kirkwood	Highly Recommended	£1504.00
Samantha Whiteford	Recommended	£100.00
Ross Turnbull	Recommended	£100.00
Joseph Brown	Recommended	£100.00
Jemma Calderwood	Recommended	£100.00
Graeme Kane	Recommended	£100.00
Emma MacKie	Recommended	£100.00
Eilidh Menzies	Recommended	£100.00
Brian Biggley	Recommended	£100.00
Mathew Milligan	Recommended	£100.00
Hannah Hunter	Recommended	£100.00
Martin Parker	Recommended	£100.00
Kevin McCloskey	Recommended	£100.00
Alistair Green	Recommended	£100.00
Steven Rooney	Refused	0
Gary David Broadfield	Refused	0
Joseph Kelso	Refused	0
Bonnyton Thistle Football Club	Refused	0
Kilmarnock Storm Junior Ice Hockey Team	Refused	0
Kilmarnock Jets	Refused	0

Kilmarnock Sports Acro Club	Refused	0
Kilmarnock Amateur Weightlifting club	Refused	0
Stephanie Lauren Smith	Refused	0
Renegade Dancers	Refused	0
Loudoun Academy Production	Refused	0
Kylie Dunlop	Refused	0
Kilmarnock Concert Brass	Refused	0

* Conditional on an offer of a place at University

** Note - this application was also initially approved by the Panel subject to an offer of a place at University, but following receipt of a subsequent representation from the applicant the Panel members decided to vary the condition to a requirement that the applicant obtain a place on an equivalent course run by Scottish Screen

*** Conditional on all places being filled by young people residing within the former Kilmarnock and Loudoun Area for at least 2 years.

Councillor D Coffey wished his dissent to be recorded in respect of the grant to the Scottish Ballet.

THE AWARD CEREMONY

3. The Provost intimated that the awards ceremony would be held on the evening of Wednesday 12 March 2003 and gave a broad outline of the format of the evening.

It was noted that the detailed arrangement would be remitted to the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources in consultation with the Provost.

The meeting terminated at 1435 hours