

WARWICK DISTRICT COUNCIL

TO: LEISURE COMMITTEE - SEPTEMBER 21st 1999

SUBJECT: SPORTS GRANTS TO VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS

FROM: HEAD OF LEISURE AND AMENITIES

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 Members are asked to consider applications for grant aid received from Khalsa Junior Football Club and The Gap Project.

2. BALANCE OF FUNDS 1999 / 2000

Original grant budget £6400
Grants previously approved £2100
Balance of funds available £4300

3. FINANCIAL FACTORS

The following financial factors previously adopted by committee as being relevant in considering grant requests are :

- a) Organisation should be non-profit making
- b) Membership fees, where appropriate should be reasonable bearing in mind those of a similar organisation
- c) The financial situation of the organisation is such that assistance is necessary
- d) The applicants are making all reasonable effort to help themselves and are therefore worthy of Council support
- e) The objectives of the organisation benefits the inhabitants of Warwick District
- f) The organisations annual accounts are made available for inspection by the Head of Finance

4. KHALSA JUNIOR F.C.

- 4.1 An application has been received from the club towards the running costs of an F.A. Junior Team Managers Course for the under 17's players.

- 4.2 The aim of the course is to enable the under 17's to be aware of the growth, development of football and to learn the process of football fitness, emergency first aid and training opportunities.
- 4.3 The course was held at the Sikh Community Centre on 20,21 & 22nd August 1999. The total cost of the course was £880, comprising of registration, facility hire & exam fees.
- 4.4 The accounts of the club for the year ending 31st March 1999 show a surplus of £2028 and net current assets at that date of £3803. Total expenditure was £4338, including the purchase of kit and equipment £2422, and league and pitch fees £1532. Income was £6366 including subscriptions £2130, grants £1980, fundraising & donations £1612.
- 4.5 Due to the fact that the event has already taken place without the financial assistance of the Council and the current healthy financial situation of the club, members may wish to consider not offering a grant at this time.
- 4.6 Officers from this Council are currently working with the club to investigate various other avenues in which the club can attract financial assistance for further projects & development

5. **THE GAP**

- 5.1 An application has been received from the Gap's management committee whose aim is to provide educational, social & sporting opportunities and support young people and other residents of the Percy Estate.
- 5.2 The committee are applying for funding towards the installation of an outdoor basketball court. Posts have already been offered by the English Basketball Association as part of the Outdoor Basketball Initiative. The cost of installation and necessary start up equipment is £677.50.
- 5.3 There is a need for a new hard court tarmac surface to be laid before the basketball posts can be installed and the organisation are currently trying to raise the £1500 required.
- 5.4 At the previous leisure committee a request for the improvement of facilities at Millbank, which is the site for the basketball posts, was considered. Ward Councillors have agreed to some of the proposals, one of which is the provision of basketball posts.
- 5.5 Due to the newness of the group the committee have not been able to produce any financial accounts.

5.6 Members may wish to defer considering this application until officers are able to conduct further investigations in respect of this request.

6. **RECOMMENDATIONS**

6.1 Members offer no grant aid to Khalsa JFC in respect to their application for junior team manager course.

6.2 Members defer a decision regarding a grant to the Gap until officers are able to conduct a more detailed investigation into the tarmac area and the timescale for the implementation of the Millbank proposals.

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Background Papers : Nil

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Area of district effected : All

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