The North Ayrshire Council Town Charitable Trusts

Notes of Guidance for Applicants

North Ayrshire Council has a number of Charitable Trusts for particular towns and villages which are intended to provide assistance to those in need. The areas covered by these trusts and the purposes for which funds are held within each trust are determined by the terms of the original bequests made to the Council or its predecessors. Any organisation providing assistance to persons in these areas, or any individual living in these areas, may apply for assistance from the relevant trust.

Areas Covered by the Town Charitable Trusts

- Kilwinning
- Dalry
- Largs
- Kilbirnie & Glengarnock

Applications

Organisations or individuals wishing to make an application to the trust fund are invited to complete and submit the appropriate application form to the Council. The application must confirm the area in which assistance will be provided and this must be one of the towns listed above. The applicant must also explain the trust purpose which is relevant to their application, who will benefit from the use of the funds and the way in which assistance will be provided.

Trust purposes applicable to Town Charitable Trusts

- **Trust Purpose A** - The prevention or relief of poverty

- **Trust Purpose B** - The provision of recreational facilities or the organisation of recreational activities with the object of improving the conditions of life for the persons for whom the facilities or activities are primarily intended

- **Trust Purpose C** - The relief of those in need by reason of age, ill health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage

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The Trust Purposes Explained

Applicants should be aware of the factors the Trustees will consider when awarding grant assistance from the Town Trusts.

Trust Purpose A - The prevention or relief of poverty

The Trustees may interpret poverty broadly and a person does not have to be destitute to be considered poor. The prevention of poverty includes preventing those who are poor from becoming poorer as well as preventing those who are at risk of being poor from becoming poor. It must be possible to:

- Demonstrate that the activities for which funding is requested becoming are clearly targeted at people suffering or at risk of poverty.

Activity which enables individuals or groups to escape or avoid poverty, such as training for work skills, may provide benefit under this purpose, as may direct help by monetary payments or assistance in kind to those suffering poverty.

Trust Purpose B - The provision of recreational facilities or the organisation of recreational activities

This purpose promotes the provision of recreational facilities in the interests of social welfare. Facilities or activities may be provided to the community as a whole, e.g. a community centre. Alternatively, facilities or activities may be provided to a particular section of the community as long as there is also a public benefit, e.g. a youth club, or a senior citizens club.

Note that where facilities or activities are not provided to the public as a whole but only to a limited section of the public:

> (i) that section of the public must be defined in terms of need, which must relate to their age, ill health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage; and
> (ii) the provider must be able to demonstrate that the benefit is being provide to a section of the public which is in need of it.

An example would be a club providing recreational or sporting facilities for people with learning difficulties or an activity club for senior citizens. Note that if considered appropriate, the activity may be provided to men only or to women only.

Trust Purpose C - The relief of those in need by reason of age, ill health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage

This purpose would include organisations concerned with the care or upbringing of children or young people, as well as organisations concerned with relief of the effects of old age or disability, for example by providing specialist advice or equipment or drop-in centres. It includes relief given by the provision of accommodation or care and would therefore also be relevant to housing associations and similar bodies aiming to relieve the effects of ill health or disability.

Further information

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