

NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL

REPORT

To: LEISURE SERVICES COMMITTEE	Subject: CASTLECARY RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION - AWARD OF LOTTERY FUNDING FOR MEMORIAL GARDEN	
From: HEAD OF SPORT & RECREATION		
Date: 19 February 1999	Ref: MMcM/KN/CM	

1. **Introduction**

The purpose of this report is to advise Committee of progress on an application to the National Lottery Charities Board which was submitted by Castlecary Residents Association for the construction of a memorial garden within the village of Castlecary.

2. **Background**

The Castlecary Residents Association (CRA) wished to commemorate two local children who died in a tragic accident in 1958, through the creation of a memorial garden and a multi-sport area with an artificial surface. The community judged that, apart from the local children benefiting from the provision, the facility could be seen as a lasting testimony to the dead children

The Department of Leisure Services were approached by CRA and asked for assistance in completing an application to the National Lottery Charities Board (NLCB).

3. **Progress To Date**

Following local government reorganisation, the land in question was inherited from Cumbernauld Development Corporation, although not allocated to any particular Department. Consequently the land required to be transferred to the Leisure Services account before a lease agreement could be arranged between the two parties. The Department of Planning & Development have confirmed that the land will now be transferred. A five year lease agreement with an annual lease fee of £25.00, payable by CRA to the Department has been agreed.

At present, the Department maintain the ground at the site concerned at a cost of £400.00 per annum. However the higher specification of maintenance required as a result of the memorial garden has been costed at an additional £168.00 per annum.

The Department will continue to honour the existing allocation of £400.00. Castlecary Residents Association have agreed to compensate the Council for the additional maintenance cost (£168.00) on an annual basis. This will be incorporated into the lease agreement.

4. **National Lottery Charities Board Award**

The application submitted by CRA was awarded a total of £19,910.00 to enable the construction of the memorial garden element of the project only. The NLCB were unable to allocate funding for the multi-sport area as the low number of children within the village of Castlecary could not justify the full award of £66,389.00.

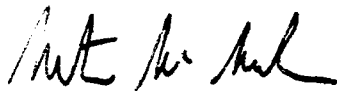
5. **Conclusion**

The Department is not in a financial position to assist this group at this time. However, the success of the project demonstrates the ability of the Department to assist groups in obtaining alternative sources of funding.

The Department will continue to offer such support to groups where possible.

6. **Recommendations**

For information only.

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