

GENERAL PURPOSES PANEL

Minutes of meeting In County Buildings, Wellington Square, Ayr,
on 18th November 2009 at 10.05 a.m.

- Present: Councillors Stan Fisher (Chair), Ann Galbraith, Elaine Little and Mairi Low.
- Apologies: Councillors Ian Cavana and Mary Kilpatrick.
- Attending: D. Russell, Head of Legal and Administration; J. Thorburn, Enterprise Officer; W. Pollock, Corporate Administration Manager; L. Young, P. A. to Provost; J. McLellan, Senior Assistant Members' Services Officer; and A. Gerrish, Committee Administrative Officer.

1. Requests for Civic Hospitality.

There were submitted lists (issued) of November 2009 detailing a request for Civic Hospitality and Civic Hospitality which had been approved under delegated powers.

Decided:

- (1) to approve hospitality in connection with the Carrick and District Homing Society Centenary – Dinner/Refreshments for approximately 55 guests in Maybole Town Hall on 5th February 2010 at an approximate cost of £1,781.05, and
- (2) to note the requests for Civic Hospitality approved under delegated powers as follows:-
 - (a) Maybole and District Branch Save the Children – Annual Golf Tournament Sponsor of a Hole - Donation of £50; and
 - (b) Carrick Community Council's Forum – Launch of book – 'Carrick Scotland – Beyond the Tourist Guides' – Refreshments for approximately 50 guests in the County Hall, Ayr at an approximate cost of £113.50

2. Review of Town Twinning Policy and Practice.

With reference to the Minutes of 2nd September 2009 (Page 480, paragraph 2), there was submitted a report (issued) of 4th November 2009 by the Executive Director – Corporate Services advising of the results of the recent consultation with the Town Twinning Associations with regard to Town Twinning Policy and Practice.

A full discussion took place and questions and comments were raised by Members of the Panel in relation to the consultation, links with schools, best value, and economic and cultural benefits town twinning creates and the Corporate Administration Manager and the Head of Legal and Administration responded accordingly.

Decided: to continue this matter to enable further information to be sought.

3. Conferences and Seminars

There were submitted lists (issued) of November 2009 detailing requests for attendance at Conferences and attendance at Conferences which had been approved under delegated powers.

Decided:

- (1) that Councillor Brian Connolly represent the Council at the Implementing the new Equality Bill: the Implications for the Public Sector and Public Procurement in Scotland to be held in Edinburgh on 1st December 2009; and
- (2) to note
 - (a) that Councillor Peter Convery had represented the Council at the Sustainable Economic Growth Conference in Edinburgh on 29th October 2009; and
 - (b) that Councillor Philip Saxton had represented the Council at the Procurex Scotland 2009 Conference in Glasgow on 28th and 29th September 2009.

4. Applications for Financial Assistance from Voluntary Organisations

There was submitted a report (issued) of 2nd November 2009 by the Depute Chief Executive and Executive Director - Development and Environment outlining applications for financial support from Voluntary Organisations and recommending levels of support.

Decided to approve the level of funding for each project in 2009/10 for Local Organisations, Ayrshire Wide Organisations, National Organisations, Deferred Applications and Applications approved under Delegated Powers as detailed in Appendices 1, 2, 3 and 4 of this Minute.

5. Valedictory.

The Chair advised the Panel of Mr. Dan Russell's forthcoming retirement from the Council and on behalf of the Panel thanked him for his valuable contribution to the work of the Council and wished him a long and very happy retirement.

The meeting ended at 11.00 a.m.

LOCAL ORGANISATIONS

| <u>Organisation</u> | <u>Summary of Application</u> | <u>Amount</u> |
|-----------------------------------|--|---|
| Ayr FM | Grant requested to assist with administration costs of the project, the cost of radio licences and assistance with the rental of premises for the broadcast. | Defer for further information - Grant awarded by Awards from All. |
| Dundonald Music Festival | Grant to assist with contribution to annual music festival in Dundonald due to take place 28th, 29th and 30th May 2010. | Defer -Enterprise Group to assist with a possible events development grant. |
| Prestwick North Community Council | Grant to assist with an additional 20 lamp post mounted Christmas decorations to extend Christmas to the town centre. | Refused - Enterprise Group to inform Community Council to apply in ample time for 2010 to Awards for All. |

NATIONAL ORGANISATIONS

| <u>Organisation</u> | <u>Summary of Application</u> | <u>Amount</u> |
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| Deafblind Scotland | Grant to assist organisation to provide deafblind members living in South Ayrshire with information, advice and support as well as quarterly magazines and regular newsletters available in each individual's preferred format (Braille, Moon, large print or tape) with training, advice and support being offered to families, carers and professionals who work with deafblind people. | £2,884 |
| Victim Support Scotland | Grant to assist with the running costs, including rent/rates, heating/lighting, insurance, cleaning and maintenance and to contribute to salaries of staff based in the National Office West and allow them to continue to support services. | £2,000 |
| West of Scotland Institute of Sport (WSIS) | Grant to assist contributing towards the continued development of a top quality high performance sport infrastructure of support within the West of Scotland. | £5,000 – future applications to be more specific. |

DEFERRED APPLICATIONS

| <u>Organisation</u> | <u>Summary of Application</u> | <u>Amount</u> |
|---|---|---|
| Castlehill Church (‘Chill’ – summer holiday club) | Grant to assist with the purchase of audio-visual equipment to allow young people to enjoy presentations of music and drama as well as purchasing craft materials and games equipment for holiday club. | Refused – Enterprise Group to contact Group re: possible alternative funding. |

APPENDIX 4**Applications Approved under Delegated Powers**

| <u>Date of Approval</u> | <u>Organisations</u> | <u>Amount</u> |
|--------------------------------|---|----------------------|
| 30/09/2009 | Ardfin Food Co-op | £250 |
| 30/09/2009 | Ayr Fairtrade Partnership | £500 |
| 30/09/2009 | Crosshill Village Club | £200 |
| 30/09/2009 | Daily Christmas Project | £500 |
| 30/09/2009 | Dundonald Christmas Lights | £600 |
| 30/09/2009 | Loans Senior Citizens Association | £200 |
| 30/09/2009 | Troon Blind Club | £100 |
| 30/09/2009 | West Sound Religious Programming Advisory Group | £1,000 |
| 19/10/2009 | Girvan Christmas Street Party | £500 |
| 19/10/2009 | Holy Trinity Episcopal Church | £350 |
| 19/10/2009 | Lichtenfels Gardens Tenants Association | £495 |
| 19/10/2009 | Monkton Senior Citizens' Committee | £200 |
| 19/10/2009 | South Ayrshire Tenants' Group | £250 |