

GENERAL PURPOSES PANEL.

Minutes of meeting in County Buildings, Wellington Square, Ayr,
on 10th November 2010 at 10.00 a.m.

Present: Councillors Mary Kilpatrick (Chair), Stan Fisher, Ann Galbraith, Elaine Little and Mairi Low.

Apology: Councillor Ian Cavana.

Attending: E. Howat, Executive Director – Corporate Services; V. Andrews, Head of Legal and Administration; W. Pollock, Corporate Administration Manager; C. Coull, Senior Enterprise Project Development and Funding Officer; J. Brown, Project and Funding Support Officer; and A. Gerrish, Committee Administrative Officer.

Also
Attending: Provost Winifred Sloan.

1. Requests for Civic Hospitality.

There was submitted a report (issued) of 4th November 2010 by the Executive Director – Corporate Services

(1) advising

- (a) that the budget for civic hospitality in 2010/11 was £30,193 and that approvals against this budget had been made by either the Executive Director – Corporate Services under delegated authority, or by this Panel;
- (b) that the budget for 2011/12 would not be set until February/March 2011 and that the financial challenges for 2011/12 onwards had been documented; and
- (c) that it would therefore, be prudent to limit the level of forward commitments made against the 2011/12 budget, whilst recognising the need to confirm the position to those people requesting hospitality;

(2) reporting that the current revenue position for 2010/11 was as follows:-

Budget	£30,193
Actual	£15,622
Commitments (not yet paid)	£14,871
Resources Remaining	(£300)

- (3) anticipating that a balanced position could be achieved by 31st March 2011, as many of the committed costs were estimated; and
- (4) intimating that approval of the requests outlined in Appendix 2 of the report would commit £5,700 of expenditure from 2011/12 budget.

The Corporate Administration Manager updated the Panel in relation to seeking alternative funding for the Freedom Parade for the 1st Battalion Scots Guards on 9th December 2010.

Following a full discussion, various questions and comments were raised by Members of the Panel in relation to:- civic hospitality guidelines, alternative funding sources, re-charging of accounts and catering charges and the appropriate Officers responded accordingly.

Decided:

- (i) to note the current revenue position;
- (ii) to note the civic receptions approved under delegated authority as contained in Appendix 1 of the report;
- (iii) to approve hospitality in connection with:-
 - (A) Ayr Craigie Bowling Club Centenary – Dinner and Refreshments, for approximately 80 guests in the County Hall on 1st April 2011 at an approximate cost of £2,100;
 - (B) Troon Petanque Club Celtic Challenge International Tournament — Finger Buffet and Refreshments for approximately 90 guests in Walker Hall, Troon, on 29th April 2011, up to a maximum cost of £1,400; and
 - (C) Order of St John Ayrshire and Arran – Finger Buffet and Refreshments for approximately 160 guests in the County Hall on 24th June 2011, up to a maximum cost of £2,200;
- (iv) to agree that no further approvals for civic receptions against 2011/12 be agreed (including under delegated powers), pending confirmation of the budget position; and
- (v) to request the Provost's Office to submit any requests for civic hospitality requiring to be considered before 2nd February 2011, to a Special meeting of this Panel.

2. Conferences and Seminars.

There was submitted and noted a report (issued) of November 2010 advising that Councillor Peter Convery had represented the Council at the Sustainable Scotland Network Conference 2010 which had been held in Edinburgh on 4th November 2010 and which had been approved under delegated powers.

3. Applications for Financial Assistance from Voluntary Organisations.

There was submitted a report (issued) of 25th October 2010 by the Executive Director - Development and Environment outlining applications for financial support from Voluntary Organisations and recommending levels of support.

The Project and Funding Support Officer provided an update on the Ayr North Community Forum and advised that she would arrange for a visitation for the Panel to take place to this Group in January 2011 as previously requested and the Senior Enterprise Project Management and External Funding Officer advised that the Review of Grants report would be submitted to the next meeting of this Panel on 2nd February 2011.

Decided: to approve the level of funding for each project in 2010/11 for Local Based Organisations, National Organisations and Applications approved under Delegated Powers as detailed in Appendices 1, 2, and 3 of this Minute.

The meeting ended at 11.05 a.m.

APPENDIX 1**Voluntary Organisation**

<u>Organisation</u>	<u>Summary</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Ayr Craigie Bowling Club	Grant to fund some of the activities planned to celebrate the Centenary year of the bowling club.	Refused

APPENDIX 2**Voluntary Organisations**

<u>Organisation</u>	<u>Summary</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Deafblind Scotland	Grant would be utilised to provide deafblind people within South Ayrshire with information services, advice and support in their preferred format.	£2,884
South Ayrshire Access to Sport	Grant would be used to support current activities of the ASN (Assisted Support needs) Club Diamonds.	£4,000
Scottish Cancer Support	Grant would be used to purchase a caravan to provide respite care for cancer patients in their care and for bereaved families.	£10,000
Pathfinder Dogs	Grant would be used to contribute to train two volunteer puppy raisers.	Refused

Applications Approved under Delegated Powers**Between 1st August and 25th October 2010**

<i>Date of Approval</i>	<i>Organisation</i>	<i>Amount Awarded</i>
23/08/10	Crosshill Village Club	£200
23/08/10	River Ayr Tenants' Association	£450
23/08/10	South Ayrshire Women's Aid	£250
23/09/10	Elms Residents' Association	£125
23/09/10	Kincaidston Kidz Club	£150
23/09/10	The Boys' Brigade	£1,000
15/10/10	Ayr Choral Club	£700
15/10/10	Prestwick Business Association	£950