

GENERAL PURPOSES PANEL.

Minutes of meeting in County Buildings, Wellington Square, Ayr,
on 2nd February 2011 at 10.00 a.m.

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

Attending: K. Briggs, Principal Solicitor; W. Pollock, Administration Manager; C. Coull, Senior Enterprise Project Development and Funding Officer; J. Brown, Project and Funding Support Officer; L. Young, P.A. to the Provost; J. Lindsay, Senior Accountant; and D. Knight, Committee Services Officer.

1. Declaration of Interest.

Councillor Little declared an interest in the following item of business on the agenda regarding The Maclaurin Trust - Request for Civic Hospitality as she is a Trustee of the Maclaurin Bequest and withdrew from the meeting during its consideration.

2. The Maclaurin Trust - Request for Civic Hospitality.

There was submitted a report (issued) of 17th January 2011 by the Executive Director – Corporate Services advising that a request had been received from Mr. John Walker, Trustee, The Maclaurin Trust seeking funding towards the costs of a civic opening of a public exhibition on the Life and Work of David Donaldson (painter and the Queens' Limner in Scotland) to be held in The Maclaurin Art Gallery, Rozelle, Ayr on 2nd April 2011.

Decided: to agree

- (1) that the costs up to a maximum of £1,000 be met from the Civic Hospitality Budget for the civic opening of a public exhibition on the Life and Work of David Donaldson (painter and the Queens' Limner in Scotland) to be held in The Maclaurin Art Gallery, Rozelle, Ayr on 2nd April 2011;
- (2) that once the event had taken place, the Executive Director – Corporate Services should provide a detailed breakdown of the costs to a future meeting of the Panel; and
- (3) that future requests for hospitality should include a detailed breakdown of the costs.

3. South Ayrshire Energy Agency - Request for Civic Hospitality.

There was submitted a report (issued) of 17th January 2011 by the Executive Director – Corporate Services advising that a request had been received from the South Ayrshire Energy Agency seeking funding towards the costs of the Schools Calendar Competition Awards for 2011 to be held in the County Hall, Ayr on 20th June 2011.

Decided: to agree

- (1) that the costs up to a maximum of £300 be met from the Civic Hospitality Budget for the Schools Calendar Competition Awards for 2011 to be held in the County Hall, Ayr on 20th June 2011; and

- (2) that in relation to the future funding of the Annual Awards Events, the Administration Manager should discuss funding for future years with the Energy Agency including the possibility of offering help in kind.

4. Conferences and Seminars.

There was submitted a list (issued) of January 2011 detailing attendances at Conferences which had been approved under delegated powers.

Decided: to note

- (1) that Councillor Margaret Toner had represented the Council at the Scottish Local Authorities Economic Development Group Annual Conference 2010 in Stirling on 26th November 2010; and
- (2) that Councillor Peter Convery had represented the Council at the Scottish Marine Regions Consultation Event in Glasgow on 25th January 2011.

5. Applications for Financial Assistance from Voluntary Organisations.

There was submitted a report (issued) of 18th January 2011 by the Executive Director - Development and Environment outlining applications for financial support from Voluntary Organisations and recommending levels of support.

With regard to the Applications Approved under Delegated Powers, Members of the Panel raised a number of concerns in relation to the lack of information that was available in relation to these organisations and the possible duplication of funding and the relevant Officers responded accordingly.

Decided:

- (1) to approve the level of funding for each project in 2010/11 for Local Based Organisations and Applications approved under Delegated Powers as detailed in Appendices 1 and 2 of this Minute;
- (2) to request the Executive Director – Corporate Services to undertake a comprehensive review of all funding awarded from this Council to Voluntary Organisations; and
- (3) to agree that Elected Members make suggestions as to which voluntary organisations they would like to visit to the next meeting of this Panel.

Councillor Galbraith left the meeting at this point the time being 10.50 a.m.

6. Chair's Remarks.

The Chair enquired about the progress being made with regard to the proposed Review of Grants Systems and the Senior Enterprise Project Development and Funding Officer responded accordingly.

The meeting ended at 10.55 a.m.

Voluntary Organisations

<u>Organisation</u>	<u>Summary</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Age Concern Luncheon Club (Girvan Branch)	Grant towards the costs of refurbishing the kitchen including units, walling and flooring and also flooring in the dining room	£5,000
Ayr North Community Forum	Grant towards the costs of re-establishing Ayr North Community Forum as the umbrella for all the groups in the area and to re-launch the Wellbeing Centre in Lochside Church, Ayr	£2,395 (with an initial payment of £1,500 to be made once the terms of the lease had been completed and liability insurance was in place and that the remaining £895 to be drawn down at a later date) and that an update would be provided to the meeting of this Panel on 1st June 2011.

**Applications Approved under Delegated Powers
Between 15th October 2010 and 7th January 2011**

<i>Date of Approval</i>	<i>Organisation</i>	<i>Amount Awarded</i>
15th October 2010	Tots Spot Toddler Group	£ 900
15th October 2010	Craigie Allotment Society	£ 100
4th November 2010	Girvan and District Visually Impaired Group	£1,000
4th November 2010	Kincaidston and Belmont Bowling Club	£ 400
4th November 2010	Lichtenfels Gardens Tenants' Association	£ 495
4th November 2010	Loans Senior Citizens' Club	£ 200
4th November 2010	Three Village Garden Club	£ 100
17th November 2010	Academy and St. Meddans Court Residents' Association	£ 350
17th November 2010	Ayr and District Blind Club	£ 450
17th November 2010	Ayr and District Macular Degeneration Group	£ 300
17th November 2010	Ayr Bruins Junior Ice Hockey Club	£ 400
17th November 2010	Daily Christmas Project	£ 500
17th November 2010	Kincaidston Action Group	£ 250
17th November 2010	Opportunities in Retirement, Troon	£ 349
17th November 2010	Scottish Marriage Care	£1,000
14th December 2010	Ballantrae Rural Initiative – Care in the Community Ltd	£ 500
14th December 2010	Harbour Tenants' and Residents' Association	£ 200
14th December 2010	Harbour Tenants' and Residents' Association (Running Costs)	£ 250
14th December 2010	Loans Gala Committee	£ 200
14th December 2010	North Wallacetown Tenants' and Residents' Association	£ 400