

GENERAL PURPOSES PANEL.

Minutes of meeting in County Buildings, Wellington Square, Ayr,
on 9th November 2011 at 10.00 a.m.

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

Attending: W. Pollock, Corporate 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; and A. Gerrish, Committee Administrative Officer.

1. Scottish Youth Parliament - Request for Civic Hospitality.

There was submitted a report (issued) of 25th October 2011 by the Executive Director – Corporate Services

- (1) advising that South Ayrshire would be hosting the Scottish Youth Parliament at Prestwick Academy during the weekend of 17th and 18th March 2012; and
- (2) seeking funding from the Civic Hospitality Budget to provide civic hospitality for approximately 190 guests at their Annual Award Ceremony and Dinner in Troon Concert Hall on Saturday 17th March 2012.

Decided: to agree that the costs up to a maximum of £3,205 be met from the Civic Hospitality Budget for the Scottish Youth Parliament Annual Awards Ceremony.

2. Kirkin O' The Council - Request for Civic Hospitality.

There was submitted a report (issued) of 24th October 2011 by the Executive Director – Corporate Services seeking approval for all costs involved in the organisation of the Kirkin o' The Council on Sunday, 10th June 2012.

Decided: to agree that the costs up to a maximum of £3,000 be met from the Civic Hospitality Budget 2012/13 for the Kirkin o' The Council on Sunday 10th June 2012.

3. Civic Hospitality Approved Under Delegated Powers.

There was submitted and noted a report (issued) of November 2011 detailing Civic Hospitality which had been approved under delegated powers.

4. Variation in order of business.

In terms of Council Standing Order No. 10, the Panel agreed to vary the order of business as hereinafter minuted.

5. **Conferences and Seminars.**

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

Concerns were expressed by a Member of the Panel as to why two Councillors were attending the same Conference.

Decided:

- (1) to note
 - (a) that Councillor Peter Convery had represented the Council at the 'Make Prison Work' Annual Conference in Stirling on 30th September 2011;
 - (b) that Councillor Peter Convery would be representing the Council at the Sustainable Scotland Network's 10th Annual Conference in Edinburgh on 10th November 2011; and
 - (c) that Councillors Brian Connolly and Robin Reid had represented the Council at the Society of Personnel Directors Annual Conference on 3rd and 4th November 2011; and
- (2) to request that in future, the Executive Director – Corporate Services should keep the Members of this Panel informed if it was recommended by an Executive Director that more than one Councillor should attend any Conference; and
- (3) to remind Councillors that Conference/Seminar papers should be placed in the Members' Library.

6. **Applications for Financial Assistance from Voluntary Organisations.**

There was submitted a report (issued) of 1st November 2011 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 reported

- (1) that a funding workshop had been arranged to take place on 22nd November 2011 for Voluntary Organisations; and
- (2) that the application for the Ayrshire LGBTQ (SCIO) which had been deferred from the previous meeting on 31st August 2011 had now since been withdrawn.

The Senior Enterprise Project Development and Funding Officer updated the Panel on the contributions from North and East Ayrshire Councils with regard to funding for the Dalmellington Band.

A Member of the Panel referred to transport costs being a theme in applications from rural areas and suggested that this could be investigated at the forthcoming workshop.

Decided:

- (a) to approve the level of funding for each project in 2011/12 for Local Based Organisations, Ayrshire Based Organisations, National Based Organisations and Applications approved under Delegated Powers as detailed in Appendices 1, 2, 3 and 4 of this Minute; and
- (b) to request the Senior Enterprise Project Development and Funding Officer to investigate transport for rural areas.

The meeting ended at 10.45 a.m.

APPENDIX 1**Local Based Organisations**

<u>Organisation</u>	<u>Summary</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Girvan and District Visually Impaired Group	Grant towards the running costs of the group, including let of room, transport, administration, speakers expenses and outings.	£1,000
Prestwick Town Twinning	Grant towards the costs associated with a visit by 19 members of the Ariccia (Rome) Town Twinning Association to Prestwick from 26th August to 30th August 2011.	Refused
Newton Wallacetown Church (Room 60)	Grant towards part funding of salaries and expenses of youth workers.	£1,000 to be used for training and running costs.

APPENDIX 2**Ayrshire Based Organisations**

<u>Organisation</u>	<u>Summary</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Aspire2gether	Grant towards the costs of purchasing equipment and administration element of large project.	£3,000

APPENDIX 3**National Based Organisations**

<u>Organisation</u>	<u>Summary</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Deafblind Scotland	Grant towards providing information services, advice, support and social interaction opportunities to individuals who were deafblind.	£3,000

APPENDIX 4**Applications Approved under Delegated Powers
Between 13th August and 13th October 2011**

<u>Date of Approval</u>	<u>Organisation</u>	<u>Amount Awarded</u>
17/08/2011	Alloway and Southern Ayrshire Family History Society	£300
17/08/2011	Arcon Court Tenants' Committee	£200
17/08/2011	Ayr and District Blind Club	£450
17/08/2011	Ayr North Women's Forum	£433
17/08/2011	Monkton Senior Citizens' Committee	£200
17/08/2011	SeAscape (South Ayrshire Escape from Homelessness Ltd)	£300
01/09/2011	Ayrshire Archaeological and Natural History Society	£700
01/09/2011	Loans Community Centre Ltd	£100
01/09/2011	Marr Rugby	£984
01/09/2011	Muirhead Tenants' and Residents' Association	£350
15/09/2011	Crosshill Village Club	£200
15/09/2011	Mossblown Regeneration Group (Mossblown Fun Day)	£700
13/10/2011	Ayrshire Advanced Drivers	£500
13/10/2011	Mossblown and St. Quivox Community Council	£669
13/10/2011	Newton Tenants' and Residents' Association	£600
13/10/2011	Opportunities in Retirement (Ayr)	£1,000