

RURAL PANEL.

Minutes of meeting in Symington Community Hall, Symington,
on 10th June 2010 at 7.00 p.m.

Present: Councillors Alec Oattes (Chair), Andy Campbell, Brian Connolly, Ann Galbraith, Sandra Goldie and Mairi Low.

Apology: Councillor Hywell Davies.

Attending: M. Newall, Head of Planning and Enterprise; R. MacDonald, Head of Community Development; C. Coull, Senior Enterprise Project Development and Funding Officer; J. Thorburn, Enterprise Officer; T. Simpson, Principal Accountant; and A. Gibson, Committee Administrative Officer.

Also

Attending: N. Wallace, Ayrshire Joint Planning Unit.

1. Introductory Remarks by the Chair.

The Chair welcomed those present to this Panel meeting.

2. Presentation by Nigel Wallace, Ayrshire Joint Planning Unit regarding an update on the Biosphere.

Nigel Wallace, Ayrshire Joint Planning Unit gave a presentation regarding an update on the Biosphere and the proposed Galloway and Southern Ayrshire Biosphere.

Decided: following a question from a member of the public, to thank him for his informative presentation.

3. Traffic Management in Dundonald.

A member of the public

(1) advised

(a) the Panel that he was concerned about the current traffic management arrangements in and around Main Street and Tarbolton Road, Dundonald; and

(b) that the Roads Section of the Council were currently undertaking a Traffic Management Study of the area; and

(2) enquired if this Panel could provide funding for works to be undertaken to make these roads safer.

The Panel heard the Head of Planning and Enterprise and Councillor Campbell (Local Member) in response.

Decided: to note

- (i) that funding for road improvements could not be made by this Panel;
- (ii) with pleasure, that the Roads Section of the Council were working with the community to improve road safety; and
- (iii) that the member of the public should contact the Council's Senior Enterprise Project Development and Funding Officer to ascertain if any funding sources were available to him to help improve road safety in Dundonald.

The Chair announced that the public's participation in this stage of the proceedings had ended and, thereafter, the Panel dealt with the formal business of the meeting.

B U S I N E S S

4. Rural Communities Fund – Revenue Budgetary Control 2009/10 – Position Statement at 31st March 2010.

There was submitted a joint report (issued) of 27th May 2010 by the Depute Chief Executive and Executive Director – Development and Environment and the Executive Director – Corporate Services advising of the expenditure against its profiled budgets for the year ended 31st March 2010 which showed a full year underspend of £1,448 against the Rural Communities Fund budget, and that this underspend would contribute to the General Fund surplus or deficit for financial year 2009/10 per the Annual Accounts.

Decided: to note the contents of the report.

5. Rural Communities Fund – Revenue Budgetary Control 2009/10 – Position Statement at 31st May 2010.

There was submitted a joint report (issued) of 27th May 2010 by the Depute Chief Executive and Executive Director – Development and Environment and the Executive Director – Corporate Services advising of the expenditure against its profiled budgets for the period to 31st May 2010 (Period 2).

Decided: to note the contents of the report.

6. Declaration of Interest.

Councillor Oattes declared an interest in the following item of business on the agenda as he was a member of the Group seeking grant assistance and withdrew from the meeting during discussion thereof. The Panel agreed that Councillor Low should take the Chair.

7. **Application for Financial Support.**

There was submitted a report (issued) of 3rd June 2010 by the Depute Chief Executive and Executive Director – Development and Environment advising that a rural grant application had been submitted as undernoted.

Decided: to award grant as follows:-

<u>Organisation</u>	<u>Summary of Application</u>	<u>Panel Decision</u>
SAYLSA (The Stranraer to Ayr Line Support Association)	To seek funding towards providing a community minibus to serve Barrhill Station.	Approve award of £4,970, subject to funding of £12,690 from LEADER, £4,970 from Carrick Futures and £2,750 of the Groups own funding being in place.

8. **Resumption of Chair.**

Councillor Oattes resumed the Chair at this point in the meeting.

9. **Closing Discussion.**

After the Chair announced that the formal business of the meeting had concluded and opened the meeting to questions from the floor, the Panel noted that there were no further questions.

The meeting ended at 8.00 p.m.