

**RURAL PANEL.**

Minutes of meeting in Maybole Town Hall, Maybole,  
on 11th February 2010 at 7.00 p.m.

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

Apology: Councillor Hywel Davies.

Attending: M. Newall, Head of Planning and Enterprise; R. MacDonald, Head of Community Development; C. Cox, Planning Manager; J. Thorburn, Senior Enterprise Officer (Europe); T. Simpson, Principal Accountant; and A. Gibson, Committee Administrative Officer.

Also

Attending: S. Baird, LEADER Programme Co-ordinator.

1. **Introductory Remarks by the Chair.**

The Chair welcomed those present to this Panel meeting.

2. **Presentation by the Planning Manager regarding the Council's Local Development Plan.**

The Planning Manager gave a presentation in relation to the Council's Local Development Plan.

**Decided:** following a number of questions from Members and the public, to thank her for her informative presentation.

3. **Presentation by the LEADER Programme Co-ordinator regarding the LEADER Programme.**

The LEADER Programme Co-ordinator gave a presentation in relation to the LEADER Programme in South Ayrshire.

**Decided:** following a number questions from Members and the public,

- (1) to thank her for her informative presentation; and
- (2) to agree that the Senior Enterprise Officer would look at the best approach for local communities in the rural areas to take up this funding.

**4. Question which had previously been raised.**

There was submitted a letter (issued) of 28th December 2009 from Tarbolton Tenants' and Residents' Association enquiring "what during periods of adverse weather conditions, is the official Council policy towards treatment and prioritisation of the main routes, streets and pavements, within the rural communities and particularly within the Kyle area."

The Head of Planning and Enterprise gave a presentation in relation to this Council's Winter Service Policy and Plan with reference to the recent poor weather conditions in December 2009 and January 2010.

There followed a number of questions from Members and the public, to which the Head of Planning and Enterprise responded.

**Decided:**

- (1) to thank him for his informative presentation; and
- (2) to note
  - (a) that, following a question from a member of the public in Tarbolton and resulting from a recent investigation, Council employees had not illegally "tipped" asphalt in the Tarbolton area; and
  - (b) that he was willing to attend the Community Council or other local meetings to discuss the Council's Winter Service Policy and would take on board any comments he received.

At this point, Councillors Galbraith and Goldie left the meeting.

**5. Scottish Agricultural College, Auchincruive.**

A member of the public enquired as to the proposed use of land at Auchincruive and stated his objection to the use of this site for housing purposes.

**Decided:** having heard the Planning Manager, the Panel noted the current position with regard to proposals for this site.

**6. Windfarms in North Carrick.**

A member of Maybole Community Council enquired as to the current position of applications for windfarms in the North Carrick area.

**Decided:** having heard the Planning Manager, the Panel noted the current position.

*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

### 7. Rural Communities Fund – Revenue Budgetary Control 2009/10 – Position Statement at 31st December 2009.

There was submitted a joint report (issued) of 25th January 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 December 2009 (Period 9).

**Decided:** to note the contents of the report.

### 8. Applications for Financial Support.

There was submitted a report (issued) of 11th January 2010 by the Depute Chief Executive and Executive Director – Development and Environment advising that rural grant applications had been submitted by various organisations for consideration.

Councillor Oates declared an interest in the application for Dailly Community Activity Centre Association as he was a member of that Association and withdrew from the meeting during consideration of that application. Councillor Low took the Chair for consideration of that application.

**Decided:** to award grants as follows:-

<u>Organisation</u>	<u>Summary of Application</u>	<u>Panel Decision</u>
Craigie Community Centre	To seek funding to create a separate female toilet at the rear of the building.	Approve award of £3,000.
Dailly Community Activity Centre Association	To seek funding to contribute to the reopening of the Community Activity Centre as a community owned facility.	Approve award of £2,500 subject to all other funding being confirmed.

### 9. Resumption of Chair.

At this point, Councillor Oattes resumed as Chair of the meeting.

### 10. 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 9.10 p.m.