

RURAL PANEL (SPECIAL).

Minutes of special meeting in County Buildings, Wellington Square, Ayr,
on 4th May 2010 at 10.00 a.m.

Present: Councillors Alec Oattes (Chair), Sandra Goldie and Mairi Low.

Apologies: Councillors Andy Campbell, Brian Connolly, Hywel Davies and Ann Galbraith.

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

1. Applications for Financial Support.

There was submitted a report (issued) of 27th April 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.

Following questions from Members regarding the proposed grant awards, the Enterprise Officer responded accordingly.

Decided: to award grants as follows:-

<u>Organisation</u>	<u>Summary of Application</u>	<u>Panel Decision</u>
Symington Bowling Club	to purchase a new lawnmower for the bowling green	Approve award of £2,000;
Kirkmichael Village Renaissance Group	to provide start up assistance to establish a village shop and tearoom	Approve award of £3,500;
Loans Community Council	to undertake a feasibility study to determine the design and cost of creating a rest and picnic area at Collenan Quarry on the Smugglers Trail	Approve award of £2,000 and request that the Community Council apply to the Awards for All and/or LEADER small grants for the balance of the funding; and

Carrick Centre,
Maybole

to employ a Development and
Funding Manager for a period
of two years

Approve award of £10,000
with £5,000 payable
immediately and the
remainder payable at end
of financial year 2010/11,
with option to defer until
2011/12 subject to
available resources.
The Panel further agreed
that an update report be
presented to a meeting of
the Rural Panel in early
2011.

The meeting ended at 10.30 a.m.