

RURAL PANEL (SPECIAL).

Minutes of special meeting in County Buildings, Wellington Square, Ayr,
on 29th June 2011 at 9.00 a.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, M. Hastings, Enterprise Manager; G. Collins, Community Engagement Manager; T. Simpson, Principal Accountant; and A. Gibson, Committee Administrative Officer.

1. Applications for Financial Support.

There was submitted a report (issued) of 6th June 2011 by the 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 Manager responded accordingly.

Decided: to award grants as follows:-

<u>Organisation</u>	<u>Summary of Application</u>	<u>Panel Decision</u>
Maidens Bowling Club	To seek part funding to purchase a new lawnmower for the bowling green.	Refuse the request of funding of £2,700 as this was a routine replacement of existing equipment and therefore not compatible with the Ayrshire LEADER, Local Development Strategy. It was further agreed that this Council would give advice to the Bowling Club as to more appropriate avenues for funding.

Councillor Oattes declared an interest in the following grant application as he was a Board member of the Carrick Way Project and withdrew from the meeting. Councillor Low took the Chair.

Carrick Way Community Interest Group	To seek part funding towards the cost of completing the Northern Loop of the Carrick Way, including signage, the installation of kissing gates, stepping stones and making good sections of the footpath.	Approve award of £2,500 as this was an activity compatible with the Ayrshire LEADER, Local Development Strategy.
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The meeting ended at 9.08 a.m.