

GENERAL PURPOSES PANEL.

Minutes of meeting in County Buildings, Wellington Square, Ayr,
on 19th December 2012 at 10.00 a.m.

Present: Councillors Mary Kilpatrick (Chair), Ian Cochrane, Ann Galbraith and Sandra Goldie.

Apologies: Councillors John Allan and Ian Cavana.

Attending: V. Andrews, Head of Legal and Administration; W. Pollock, Service Planning and Election Manager; M. Hastings, Enterprise Manager; J. McMillan, Manager (Community Learning and Development); C. Coull, Senior Enterprise Project Development and Funding Officer; J. Brown, Project and Funding Support Officer; and A. Gerrish, Committee Services Officer.

1. Variation in order business.

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

2. South Ayrshire Sports Council.

Reference was made to the Minutes of 20th June 2012 (Page 340) when it had been agreed that the Enterprise Manager should investigate the possibility of mainstream funding for future years for the South Ayrshire Sports Council and there was submitted a report (issued) of 6th December 2012 by the Head of Enterprise, Leisure and Events

- (1) detailing background information of South Ayrshire Sports Council;
- (2) informing
 - (a) that almost all requests for financial assistance in relation to sports activities were considered by South Ayrshire Sports Council and that a sophisticated assessment method had been developed for the disbursement of financial assistance which ensured that all applicants were dealt with in a fair and consistent manner; and
 - (b) that this arrangement had been operated in South Ayrshire since the Council had transferred the responsibility to consider a large range of requests for financial assistance from the voluntary sector/community sports clubs to the Sports Council;
- (3) advising that it was unlikely that mainline budget funding would be able to sustain the long term funding of South Ayrshire Sports Council and that the removal of £8,000 per annum from service budget allocations would have a significant impact on Leisure Services service delivery to the communities of South Ayrshire; and
- (4) proposing that funding for South Ayrshire Sports Council continued to be considered on an annual basis following the submission and consideration of a request for financial assistance by this Panel.

Decided:

- (i) to note the information contained within the report which outlined the previous arrangements that the Council had established to support the voluntary sport sector in South Ayrshire; and
- (ii) to request that the Head of Enterprise, Leisure and Events consider further alternative possible funding routes for this organisation in advance of any further request for grant funding being submitted to this Panel.

3. Royal Aeronautical Society Prestwick Branch 50th Anniversary – Request for Civic Hospitality.

There was submitted a report (issued) of 12th December 2012 by the Executive Director – Corporate Services seeking approval for the Council to provide civic hospitality for a civic reception for the Royal Aeronautical Society Prestwick Branch 50th Anniversary.

Decided: to agree to provide civic hospitality for up to a maximum cost of £1,650 for the Royal Aeronautical Society Prestwick Branch in the County Hall, Ayr on Wednesday, 27th March 2013.

4. Troon Town Twinning Association.

There was submitted a report (issued) of 4th December 2012 by the Executive Director – Corporate Services seeking approval for the Council to provide civic hospitality for a civic reception for Troon Town Twinning Association in recognition of its 25th Anniversary of twinning with Villeneuve-sur-Lot, France.

Decided:

- (1) to agree in principle, to provide civic hospitality for up to a maximum cost of £2,700 for the Troon Town Twinning Association in either, Troon Concert Hall or the County Hall, Ayr at a date still to be confirmed, but anticipated to be around the first weekend in June 2013; and to grant authority to Officers to finalise arrangements for the reception, keeping costs to a minimum; and
- (2) to request that confirmation of details of the civic reception be reported to this Panel on 6th March 2013.

5. South Ayrshire Children's Panel.

There was submitted a report (issued) of 4th December 2012 by the Executive Director – Corporate Services seeking approval for the Council to provide civic hospitality for a civic reception for the South Ayrshire Children's Panel to mark the transferring of this responsibility to the new national structure.

Decided: to agree to provide civic hospitality for up to a maximum of £1,125 for the South Ayrshire Children's Panel in the County Hall, Ayr, on a date to be arranged towards the end of June 2013.

6. Civic Hospitality Approved Under Delegated Powers.

There was submitted and noted a list (issued) of December 2012 detailing Civic Hospitality which had been approved under delegated powers.

7. Applications for Financial Assistance from Voluntary Organisations.

There was submitted a report (issued) of 6th December 2012 by the Executive Director - Development and Environment outlining applications for financial support from Voluntary Organisations and recommending levels of support.

Decided:

- (1) to approve the level of funding for each project in 2012/13 for Local Based Organisations as detailed in Appendix 1 of this Minute; and
- (2) to note the applications approved under delegated powers totalling £7,410 as detailed in Appendix 3 of the report.

8. Delegated Authority for the Voluntary Organisations Grant Scheme.

Reference was made to the Minutes of 24th October 2012 (Page 501, paragraph 6 (3)) and there was submitted a report (issued) of 12th December 2012 by the Executive Director – Development and Environment

- (1) advising of the outcome of the review of current Delegated Authority arrangements in relation to the Voluntary Organisations Grant Scheme; and
- (2) proposing
 - (a) to retain the current delegation arrangements in relation to approvals under the Voluntary Organisations Grant Scheme; and
 - (b) that as Members had raised concerns about specific awards of grant under delegated authority, further consideration and review should be given to the criteria under which applications were currently considered.

Decided:

- (i) to retain the current delegation arrangements in relation to approvals under the Voluntary Organisations Grant Scheme, pending further consideration and review of the criteria under which applications were currently considered; and
- (ii) to request that an informal meeting be arranged with Members of the Panel to consider the criteria for guidelines for funding to Voluntary Organisation prior to the next meeting of this Panel on 6th March 2013.

APPENDIX 1**Local Based Organisations**

| <u>Organisation</u> | <u>Summary</u> | <u>Amount</u> |
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| Ayr Thistle Colts (Under 13s) Football Team | Grant towards the costs of transport and accommodation to facilitate attendance at the Blackpool Cup Football Tournament in May 2013. | £1,875 |
| The 2 Pins Community Company | Grant towards the costs of public liability insurance, travel expenses, administration costs and accountant's fees during the developmental stages of the project. | Deferred |
| Troon Petanque Club | Grant towards the purchase of a storage container for equipment. | £1,000 |
| Annbank Over 60's Club | Grant towards the costs of members visiting the Scottish Lochs. | £200 |