

GENERAL PURPOSES PANEL.

Minutes of meeting in County Buildings, Wellington Square, Ayr,
on 24th October 2012 at 10.00 a.m.

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

Attending: W. Pollock, Service Planning and Election Manager; M. Hastings, Enterprise Manager; J. Brown, Project and Funding Support Officer; and A. Gerrish, Committee Services Officer.

1. 1st Troon Company Boys' Brigade Pipe Band – Request for Civic Hospitality.

There was submitted a report (issued) of 9th October 2012 by the Executive Director – Corporate Services seeking approval for the Council to provide civic hospitality for a civic reception for the 1st Troon Company Boys' Brigade Pipe Band.

Decided: to agree to provide civic hospitality for up to a maximum cost of £2,000 for the 1st Troon Company Boys' Brigade Pipe Band in the County Hall on Wednesday, 5th December 2012.

2. Civic Hospitality Approved Under Delegated Powers.

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

3. Scotland's Towns Conference 2012.

There was submitted a report (issued) of 16th October 2012 by the Executive Director – Corporate Services seeking approval for Councillor Corri Wilson to attend Scotland's Towns Conference 2012 in Perth on 7th November 2012.

The Service Planning and Election Manager advised that Councillor Bill Grant as Portfolio holder for Economic Development Tourism and Leisure had also been nominated to attend this Conference.

Decided: to agree the attendance of Councillors Bill Grant and Corri Wilson at Scotland's Towns Conference 2012 on 7th November 2012.

4. Society of Personnel and Development Scotland, Annual Conference 2012.

There was submitted a report (issued) of 16th October 2012 by the Executive Director – Corporate Services seeking approval for Councillor Robin Reid to attend the Annual Conference of the Society of Personnel and Development Scotland in St. Andrews on 8th and 9th November 2012.

Decided: to agree the attendance of Councillor Robin Reid at the Society of Personnel and Development Scotland Annual Conference 2012 on 8th and 9th November 2012.

5. Attendance of Members at Conferences/Seminars Delegated Powers.

There was submitted a list (issued) of October 2012 detailing the Attendance of Members at Conferences/Seminars which had been approved under delegated powers.

Decided:

- (1) to note the attendance of Members at Conferences/Seminars; and
- (2) to request that Members are reminded to place any documents received in relation to Conferences attended in the Members' Library.

6. Applications for Financial Assistance from Voluntary Organisations.

There was submitted a report (issued) of 17th October 2012 by the Executive Director - Development and Environment outlining applications for financial support from Voluntary Organisations and recommending levels of support.

South Ayrshire Sports Council

The Enterprise Manager referred to the previous meeting of this Panel (Page 340, paragraph 3) when the Panel had agreed to award £5,000 to South Ayrshire Sports Council and to explore the possibility of future mainstream funding for this organisation.

Declaration of Interest

At this point, Councillor Cavana declared an interest in the South Ayrshire Sport Council's grant as he was on the Board of that organisation and withdrew from the meeting during its consideration.

The Enterprise Manager intimated that discussions with the Directorate of Children and Community were still ongoing and that it was hoped that mainstream funding would be in place for 2013/14, but in the meantime, the organisation still required funding of £3,000 to enable them to continue with their programme of activities.

Members expressed a view in relation to applications approved under delegated powers and suggested that a review of the process of awarding grants over £500 be examined.

Decided:

- (1) to approve
 - (a) the level of funding for each project in 2012/13 for Local Based Organisations and National Based Organisations as detailed in Appendices 1 and 2 of this Minute; and
 - (b) a further award of £3,000 to the South Ayrshire Sports Council towards the work of funding the annual programme of activities and to assist and develop local sports clubs and individuals;
- (2) to note the applications approved under delegated powers totalling £14,819 as detailed in Appendix 4 of the report; and

- (3) to request the Enterprise Manager to submit a report to the next meeting of this Panel on 19th December 2012 following discussion with Executive Director – Development and Environment about the current upper limit of £1,000 for applications for grants to be considered under delegated powers.

The meeting ended at 11.30 a.m.

APPENDIX 1**Local Based Organisations**

| <u>Organisation</u> | <u>Summary</u> | <u>Amount</u> |
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| Prestwick Business Association (copy of application tabled) | Grant towards the repair of Christmas lights in Prestwick. | £1,000 |
| Belleisle Conservatory Limited | Grant towards the purchase of software, set up costs and volunteers' expenses. | £920 |
| <p>Councillors Galbraith and Goldie declared an interest in the following application as they were members of the Regulatory Panel and withdrew from the meeting during its consideration.</p> <p>Councillor Kilpatrick, seconded by Councillor Cavana, moved that the grant to Craigie Community Council be refused.</p> <p>By way of Amendment, Councillor Allan, seconded by Councillor Cochrane, moved that £1,564 be awarded to Craigie Community Council.</p> <p>On a vote being taken by a show of hands, two Members voted for the Amendment and two for the Motion. The Chair exercised her casting vote in favour of the Motion.</p> | | |
| Craigie Community Council | Grant towards the applying for full planning approval of a community owned wind turbine. | Refused |
| Elms Residents' Association | Grant towards the erection of a fence at the rear of the play area on Elms Drive. | Refused |
| Newton Wallacetown Church | Grant towards the running costs of Newton Youth Ministries. | £1,000 |
| Ayrshire Hospice | Grant towards the running of a fireworks display. | Refused |

APPENDIX 2**National Based Organisations**

| <u>Organisation</u> | <u>Summary</u> | <u>Amount</u> |
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| Deafblind Scotland | Grant towards providing information services, advice, support and social interaction opportunities to individuals who were deafblind. | £1,500 |
| Ethnic Minorities Law Centre | Grant towards the continuation of legal services to black and minority ethnic residents in South Ayrshire. | Refused |
| Music in Hospitals | Grant towards assisting with the provision of 15 concerts of live music for people in long-stay hospital wards, residential care and day care centres. | £1,350 |