

**RURAL PANEL (SPECIAL).**

Minutes of meeting in County Buildings, Wellington Square, Ayr,  
on 19th September 2013 at 3.10 p.m.

Present: Councillors Alec Clark (Chair), Andy Campbell, Ann Galbraith, Bill Grant, William J. Grant, Helen Moonie and Alec Oattes.

Attending: C. Monaghan, Head of Policy, Community Planning and Public Affairs; M. Keirs, Senior Accountant; and A. Gibson, Committee Services Officer.

**1. Declarations of Interest.**

There were no declarations of interest by Members of the Panel in terms of Council Standing Order No. 17 and the Councillors' Code of Conduct.

**2. Application for Financial Support.**

There was submitted a report (issued) ([link attached](#)) of 10th September 2013 by the Head of Policy, Community Planning and Public Affairs advising of a rural grant application that had been submitted as undernoted.

A full discussion took place on the staging of Carrick Festival of Light Carnivals and Carousels event itself, in particular the free transport being provided to the rural areas for this event, why a grant request for this event had been made specifically to the Rural Communities fund and school workshops that would be taking place.

**Decided:**

(1) to award the grant as follows:-

<b><u>Organisation</u></b>	<b><u>Summary of Application</u></b>	<b><u>Panel Decision</u></b>
Carrick Rural Arts Group	To seek funding towards the Carrick Festival of Light Carnivals and Carousels event.	Approve award of £3,850; and

(2) to agree that the success of the event be reported back to the Members of the Panel and that an update on all future grants awarded from the Rural Communities fund be provided to the Members of the Panel thereafter.

The meeting ended at 3.20 p.m.