

RURAL PANEL (SPECIAL).

Minutes of special meeting in County Buildings, Wellington Square, Ayr,
on 18th February 2014 at 2.00 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; C. Coull, Senior Enterprise Project Development and Funding Officer; T. Simpson, Principal 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. Applications for Financial Support.

There was submitted a report (issued) ([link attached](#)) of 10th February 2014 by the Head of Policy, Community Planning and Public Affairs advising of rural grant applications that had been submitted as undernoted.

With regard to the applications for financial support from

- (1) Tarbolton Tenants' and Residents' Association, concern was expressed regarding the lack of consultation with the Portfolio Holder, the lack of information about the ownership of the war memorial and the fact that there were others other options of grant funding the Association could pursue; and
- (2) Carrick Community Councils' Forum, concern was expressed regarding the length of time that discussions had been on-going between the applicant and officers in this Council's Roads Service.

Decided: to agree as follows:-

<u>Organisation</u>	<u>Summary of Application</u>	<u>Panel Decision</u>
The Tarbolton and Tenants' and Residents' Association.	To seek funding towards the general upgrade of the war memorial and surrounding area including the installation of street furniture.	To agree to continue consideration of this application to the next meeting of this Panel, scheduled to take place on 27th March 2014, to allow for consultation with the relevant Portfolio Holder; to allow relevant Council Officers to assist the Association in pursuing other funding options and details of who owned the site. The Panel further agreed that clarification of the Council's responsibility for war memorials should be reported to the next meeting of this Panel.
Carrick Community Councils' Forum.	To seek funding to cover the costs of expert advice and contribute towards other costs regarding the installation of road signs at each of the entry points to Carrick.	To agree funding of £4,860 subject to:- (1) funding of £6,000 from Carrick Futures being in place; and (2) agreement at an early date, on the detail of the project between Council Officers (Roads and the Ayrshire and Arran Tourism Team) and the Carrick Community Councils' Forum. The Panel further agreed that progress of the application should be reported back to the next meeting of this Panel.

The meeting ended at 2.25 p.m.