

## **RURAL PANEL**

Minutes of meeting in Maybole Town Hall,  
on 27th March 2014 at 7.00 p.m.

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

Apologies: Councillors Bill Grant, Helen Moonie and Alec Oattes.

Attending: C. Monaghan, Head of Policy, Community Planning and Public Affairs; D. Sherlock, Improvement Manager; T. Simpson, Principal Accountant; and A. Gibson, Committee Services Officer.

### **1. Introductory Remarks.**

The Chair welcomed those present to this Panel meeting.

### **2. 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.

### **3. Minutes of previous meeting.**

The minutes of the previous meeting of 21st November 2013 ([link attached](#)) and the special meeting of 18th February 2014 ([link attached](#)) (issued) were submitted and approved.

### **4. Carrick Community Councils' Forum.**

With reference to the Minutes of the special meeting of 18th February 2014 (Page 1, paragraph 2) when it had been agreed to award £4,860 to Carrick Community Councils' Forum towards the costs of expert advice and a contribution towards other costs regarding the installation of road signs at each entry point to Carrick, 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 Head of Policy, Community Planning and Public Affairs reported that the funding of £6,000 from Carrick Futures was now in place and that necessary discussions were nearing completion.

**Decided:** to note the position.

5. **Rural Communities Fund Budgetary Control 2013/14 – Position Statement at 28th February 2014.**

There was submitted a report (issued) ([link attached](#)) of 20th March 2014 by the Chief Accounting Officer advising of the performance of the Rural Communities Fund's expenditure against its budget for the period to 28th February 2014 (Period 11).

**Decided:** to note the contents of the report.

6. **Update on the Responsibility of War Memorials.**

With reference to the Minutes of the special meeting of 18th February 2014 (Page 1, paragraph 2), there was submitted a report (issued) ([link attached](#)) of 21st March 2014 by the Head of Policy, Community Planning and Public Affairs updating the Panel on the responsibility of war memorials and recommending an award of grant to Tarbolton Tenants' and Residents' Association towards the cost of upgrading their war memorial.

There followed discussion from Members regarding the use of the War Memorials Trust and the proposal of award of a grant to Tarbolton Tenants' and Residents' Association.

**Decided:**

- (1) to note the update on the responsibility for war memorials and their maintenance; and
- (2) to award Tarbolton Tenants' and Residents' Association a grant of £5,000 towards the costs of upgrading their war memorial and surrounding area including the installation of street furniture, subject to them having responsibility for the maintenance of the street furniture installed and to the detail of the proposed works being agreed with Council officers.

7. **Applications for Financial Support.**

There was submitted a report (issued) ([link attached](#)) of 21st March 2014 by the Head of Policy, Community Planning and Public Affairs advising that rural grant applications had been submitted as undernoted.

The Panel discussed the proposed award of grant to the Carrick Coastal Rowing Club with particular reference to the grant that had previously been awarded to them by this Panel.

**Decided:** to award grant as follows:-

<b><u>Organisation</u></b>	<b><u>Summary of Application</u></b>	<b><u>Panel Decision</u></b>
The 2 Pins Community Company	To seek funding towards the cost of designing, developing and erecting a signage board and the legal fees associated with the Land Register at the 2 Pins Community Centre.	Approve award of £1,400;
The Carrick Coastal Rowing Club	To seek funding towards the costs of materials, repairing, and building a boat shed at Maidens Harbour and the preparation of grassed land for the erection of the shed.	Approve award of £6,000;
Girvan and District Attractions and Entertainment Association	To seek funding towards the cost of story boards, artists work, materials and administration for the regeneration of the visitor attraction in Stumpy Tower, Girvan.	Approve award of £3,830; and
Mossblown Regeneration Group	To seek funding towards the cost of the refurbishment, repair and upgrade of Mossblown Community Centre.	Approve award of £5,000, subject to all other funding being in place.

The meeting ended at 7.30 p.m.

*At the conclusion of the meeting, there followed an informal discussion session with the members of the public present.*