

GENERAL PURPOSES PANEL.

Minutes of meeting in County Buildings, Wellington Square, Ayr,
on 14th January 2015 at 10.00 a.m.

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

Attending: W. Carlaw, Democratic and Governance Manager, D. Sherlock, Corporate
Policy Manager; J. Brown, Projects and Funding Officer; J. MacMillan,
Community Development Manager; and A. Gerrish, Committee Services
Officer.

1. Declaration of Interest.

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

2. Minutes of previous meeting.

Decided: to approve the Minutes of the previous meeting of 28th October 2014
(issued) ([link attached](#)).

3. Request for Civic Hospitality – Victim Support South Ayrshire 25th Anniversary.

There was submitted a report (issued) of 23rd December 2014 ([link attached](#)) by the
Head of Legal and Democratic Services seeking approval for funding from the Civic
Hospitality Budget to be used to provide civic hospitality to recognise the 25th
Anniversary of Victim Support South Ayrshire.

The Democratic and Governance Manager advised that civic hospitality had been
included in the Service Review Scopes to be carried out as approved by the
Leadership Panel on 2nd December 2014.

Decided: to approve the request for civic hospitality up to a maximum of £1,016
as it met the criteria of the Civic Recognition and Hospitality
Guidelines 'to mark significant local events and anniversaries'.

4. Conferences/Seminars

There was submitted a list (issued) of January 2015 ([link attached](#)) detailing the
attendance of Members at conferences/seminars which had been approved under
delegated powers.

Decided: to note the attendance of Members at conferences/seminars.

5. Applications for Financial Assistance from Voluntary Organisations.

There was submitted a report (issued) of 22nd December 2014 ([link attached](#)) by the Head of Communities outlining applications for financial assistance from voluntary organisation and recommending levels of support.

Concerns again were raised by Members of the Panel in relation to applications approved under delegated powers and the Corporate Policy Manager informed the Panel that all applications for grants above £500 were now included in the Appendices for Members consideration.

The Corporate Policy Manager intimated to the Panel that a geographical analysis of funding awarded to organisations for the year 2014/15 would be prepared as part of the grants review.

Decided:

- (1) to approve funding for projects in 2015 for Local Organisations, Deferred Applications from the previous meeting and Applications within the delegated limit; and
- (2) to note the applications approved under delegated powers as detailed in Appendix 5 of the report.

6. Chair's remarks.

The Chair requested the Panel to consider a visitation to one of the voluntary organisations to see how the grants assisted them in their delivery of service.

The meeting ended at 10.35 a.m.

Local Organisations

| <u>Organisation</u> | <u>Summary</u> | <u>Amount</u> |
|--|---|--|
| Dunure Community Council | Grant towards the cost of renewing Community Notice Boards and Play Park Equipment. | £3,230 |
| Girvan and District Attractions and Entertainments Association | Grant requested towards the cost of the Annual Lowland Gathering to be held on 7th June 2015. | Deferred for further information to a Special meeting of this Panel. |
| Girvan Traditional Folk Festival | Grant towards management, organisation and the delivery of a folk festival. | £5,000 |

Deferred Applications

| <u>Organisation</u> | <u>Summary</u> | <u>Amount</u> |
|----------------------------|--|----------------------|
| Gardening Leave | Grant towards the cost of the "Honesty Campaign" which aims at reducing the stigma around Armed Forces veterans with mental health issues. | £1,200 |

Applications within Delegated Limit

| <u>Organisation</u> | <u>Summary</u> | <u>Amount</u> |
|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| Lichtenfels Gardens Tenants Association | Grant towards the provision of a varied programme of events and entertainment. | £400 |
| Ayr Fairtrade Partnership | Grant towards promoting fair-trade by contributing towards venue and stall hire and also promotional materials for various events during 2015. | £800 |
| South Ayrshire Access Panel | Grant requested towards the annual running costs of the Panel. | Deferred for further information. |