

RURAL PANEL

Minutes of meeting in Maybole Town Hall
on 12th November 2015 at 7.00 p.m.

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

Attending: C. Monaghan, Head of Communities; J. MacMillan, Manager (Community Learning and Development Initiatives); T. Simpson; Corporate Accounting Manager; 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 26th March 2015 ([link attached](#)) were submitted and noted.

4. Rural Communities Fund Budgetary Control 2015/16 – Position Statement at 30th September 2015.

There was submitted a report (issued) ([link attached](#)) of 3rd November 2015 by the Head of Finance and ICT advising of the performance of the Rural Communities Fund's expenditure against its budget for the period to 30th September 2015 (Period 6).

Decided: to note the contents of the report.

5. Application for Financial Support.

There was submitted a report (issued) ([link attached](#)) of 26th October 2015 by the Executive Director – Economy, Neighbourhood and Environment advising that a rural grant application had been submitted as undernoted.

Decided: to award grant as follows:-

<u>Organisation</u>	<u>Summary of Application</u>	<u>Panel Decision</u>
Dunure Community Council - Community Pride in Dunure.	To seek funding towards the replacement of football/rugby posts.	Approve an award £4,950 subject to (1) confirmation from the Council that responsibility for insurance would continue to be met by them as landlord; and (2) provision of suitable guarantee for replacement goalposts by chosen provider.

Councillor Bill Grant joined the meeting during consideration of the undernoted item.

6. The Hutton Report.

There was submitted a report (issued [\(link attached\)](#) of 28th October 2015 by the Head of Communities updating on developments related to the Mapping Rural Social-Economic Performance (SEP) report that was published in March 2015, by the James Hutton Institute, referred to as "The Hutton Report".

The Panel discussed concerns arising from the Hutton Report.

Decided: to agree that a special meeting of this Panel be convened to discuss what further actions could be taken in response to the Hutton Report.

The meeting ended at 7.55 p.m.