

**RURAL PANEL (SPECIAL).**

Minutes of special meeting in County Buildings, Wellington Square, Ayr,  
on 15th February 2016 at 11.45 a.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); D. Hashagen, Co-ordinator (Employability and Skills); G. Hunter, 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. Rural Communities Fund Budgetary Control 2015/16 – Position Statement at 31st January 2016.**

There was submitted a [report](#) (issued) of 8th February 2016 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 31st January 2016 (Period 10).

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

**3. Applications for Financial Support.**

There was submitted a [report](#) (issued) of 3rd February 2016 by the Executive Director – Economy, Neighbourhood and Environment advising that rural grant applications had been submitted.

Having heard various questions relating to the three grant requests, the Panel

**Decided:** to continue consideration of the following three grant requests to another special meeting of this Panel, to be held prior to the conclusion of this financial year, to allow further information to be sought regarding:-

- (1) Carrick Community Leisure Group;
- (2) Girvan Youth Trust; and
- (3) North Carrick Community Benefit Company.

**Councillor Bill Grant left the meeting after consideration of the grant request at (2) above.**

The meeting ended at 12.25 p.m.