

**RURAL PANEL (SPECIAL).**

Minutes of special meeting in County Buildings, Wellington Square, Ayr,  
on 21st March 2016 at 11.00 a.m.

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

Apology: Councillor Andy Campbell.

Attending: C. Monaghan, Head of Communities; J. MacMillan, Manager (Community Learning and Development Initiatives); 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. Minutes of previous meeting.**

The minutes of the previous meetings of [12th November 2015](#) and [15th February 2016](#) (Special) were submitted and approved.

**3. Applications for Financial Support.**

With reference to the Minutes of the special meeting of 15th February 2016 (Page 1, paragraph 3) there was submitted a report ([issued](#)) of March 2016 by the Head of Communities advising of applications for financial support from the Rural Communities Fund.

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

**Decided:** to award financial support as follows:-

<b><u>Organisation</u></b>	<b><u>Summary of Application</u></b>	<b><u>Panel Decision</u></b>
Carrick Community Leisure Group.	To seek funding towards a usable kitchen as part of modernising Carrick Sports Club.	To refuse the request for funding as it was the Panel's view that this was a joint venture predicated on the sale of alcohol;
Girvan Youth Trust	To seek funding to purchase the licence (£23,000) required for the Trust to use the Project SEARCH model, an Employment Support Scheme for young people with learning disabilities.	To refuse the request for funding as it was considered that the work fell within the scope of normal employability work and therefore did not require a specific project licence;

North Carrick Community Benefit Company (NCCBC).	To seek funding towards first aid defibrillator training.	To refuse the request for funding as it was considered that this was an organisation established to disburse community benefit monies.
Girvan and District Attractions and Entertainments Association.	To seek funding towards the cost of the Carrick Lowland gathering and Pipe Band, Heavyweights and Scottish Dancing Championships.	To award funding of £3,647.
Maybole Community Association.	To seek funding towards Christmas lights for Maybole.	To award funding of £4,000.

**In terms of Council Standing Order No. 13.1 (12) and in view of the urgency involved, the Panel agreed to consider the following two applications for financial support:-**

Maybole Community Council.	To seek funding towards the employment of an architectural team to enhance their application to Heritage Lottery Fund.	To award funding of 4,600.
South Carrick Community Leisure.	To seek funding towards the photographic documentation of the construction of the new leisure centre at Girvan.	To continue consideration of this request to a special meeting of this Panel, to allow further information to be sought.

The meeting ended at 11.55 a.m.