

GENERAL PURPOSES PANEL.

Minutes of meeting in County Buildings, Wellington Square, Ayr,
on 15th January 2014 at 10.00 a.m.

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

Attending: W. Pollock, Service Planning and Election Manager; C. Coull, Senior Enterprise Project Development and Funding Officer; J. Brown, Projects and Funding Support Officer; and A. Gerrish, Committee Services Officer.

1. Declarations 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 30th October 2013 (issued) ([link attached](#)).

3. Civic Hospitality Budget 2014/15.

There was submitted a report (issued) of 8th January 2014 ([link attached](#)) by the Acting Executive Director – Resources, Governance and Organisation seeking approval that the Civic Hospitality budget for 2014/15 be managed as effectively as possible, following its reduction by £10,000.

Decided:

- (1) to limit the number of guests at civic recognition receptions to a maximum of 70;
- (2) that the cost of hospitality provided should be reduced accordingly, without demeaning the Council's purpose of civic recognition;
- (3) that the type of hospitality offered would be carefully considered having regard to the nature of the proposed event;
- (4) that the practice of pro-actively offering civic recognition in cases of anniversaries and the like should be re-evaluated; and
- (5) that other associated costs would be reviewed accordingly and savings made where possible.

4. Request for Civic Hospitality – Dundonald Games Society.

There was submitted a report (issued) of 8th January 2014 ([link attached](#)) by the Acting Executive Director – Resources, Governance and Organisation seeking approval for the Council to provide civic hospitality to recognise the 25th anniversary of Dundonald Games Society.

Decided: to agree to provide funding for a Buffet for a maximum of 70 guests on Friday 13th June 2014.

5. Civic Hospitality Approved Under Delegated Powers

There was submitted and noted a list (issued) of January 2014 ([link attached](#)) detailing Civic Hospitality which had been approved under delegated powers between 11th December 2013 and 14th February 2014.

6. Attendance of Members at Conferences/Seminars under Delegated Powers.

There was submitted a list (issued) of January 2014 ([link attached](#)) detailing the Attendance of Members at Conferences/Seminars which had been approved under delegated powers.

Members again raised the issue of more than one member attending Conferences and the Service Planning and Election Manager intimated that he would speak to the Officers concerned.

Decided: to note the attendance of Members at Conferences/Seminars.

7. Applications for Financial Assistance from Voluntary Organisations.

There was submitted a report (issued) of 8th January 2014 ([link attached](#)) by the Head of Policy, Community Planning and Public Affairs outlining applications for financial assistance from Voluntary Organisations and recommending levels of support.

Decided:

- (1) to approve the level of funding for each project in 2013/14 for Local Organisations, Ayrshire Organisations and a Deferred Application as detailed in Appendices 1, 2 and 3 of this Minute; and
- (2) to note the applications approved under delegated powers as detailed in Appendix 4 of the report.

The meeting ended at 11.30 a.m.

APPENDIX 1**Local Organisations**

| <u>Organisation</u> | <u>Summary</u> | <u>Amount</u> |
|---|---|----------------------|
| Glenburn Miners Welfare FC (Under 13s) | Grant towards transport and accommodation costs of team attending the Easter Southport Tournament 2014. | £1,800 |
| Whitletts Victoria Football Club | Grant towards the costs of training facilities for the remainder of the football season 2013/14. | £2,000 |
| The Ark, Ayr | Grant towards the cost of providing laptop computers for use by young people and staff involved with Ark Project activities. | £3,989 |
| Belleisle Conservatory Limited | Grant towards the capital costs of restoring and refurbishing the Belleisle Conservatory. | £5,000 |
| Traders Youth Trust | Grant towards the running costs of the project including the let of premises, materials and equipment to enable the delivery of the Route Academy and Youth Cafe project. | £1,795 |

APPENDIX 2

National Organisations

| <u>Organisation</u> | <u>Summary</u> | <u>Amount</u> |
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| South Ayrshire Access to Sport | Grant towards the costs of hiring venues for weekly sports sessions for members at Dam Park and the Citadel in Ayr. | £2,330 |

APPENDIX 3

Deferred Application

| <u>Organisation</u> | <u>Summary</u> | <u>Amount</u> |
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| Troon Allotment Society | Grant requested for the installation of a water storage tank. | Refused |