

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

MISS BESSIE C ROXBURGH BEQUEST JOINT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY 24 AUGUST 2001 AT 1400 HOURS IN DARVEL TOWN HALL, EAST MAIN STREET, DARVEL

PRESENT: Councillors Robert McDill, Jim Raymond, David Macrae and Finlay MacLean and Darvel and District Community Council Representatives Max Flemmich, George Dalziel and Les Pittams.

ATTENDING: Bill Walkinshaw, Administration Manager; Robert McCormack, Accountancy Assistant and Jennifer Morrison, Administrative Officer.

APOLOGY: Councillor Harry Wilson.

CHAIR: Councillor Robert McDill, Chair.

BACKGROUND REPORT

1. There was submitted a report dated 21 August 2001 (circulated) by the Head of Administrative and Legal Services summarising for the information of members of the Joint Advisory Committee, the purpose and continuing administration of the Miss Bessie Cleland Roxburgh Bequest contained in her Trust Disposition and Settlement registered on 26 October 1981. This Deed directed her Executors to pay over the residue of her estate "to the Common Good Fund of the Burgh of Darvel to be used in such manner as the Town Council of said Burgh may think fit".

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the Council's previous decision to use the Bessie Roxburgh Funds for the provision of a facility in Darvel to be named after Miss Roxburgh but that until such an appropriate Capital Project could be identified and approved, to continue to use the income deriving from the Bequest in part to make annual donations for local purposes;
- (ii) to note that authority had been remitted to the Irvine Valley Local Committee with its Elected Members being Trustees, to administer the Bessie Roxburgh Bequest while establishing a Joint Advisory Committee comprising those Councillors and 3 Representatives from Darvel and District Community Council to consider applications to the Bequest and make recommendations to the Trustees for approval; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

2. There was submitted a report dated 2 August 2001 (circulate d) by the Director of Finance which informed members of the Advisory Committee of the current fund balances and the amount available for disbursement in the current financial year.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the methodology applied in previous years to determine the level of funds for disbursement and that should the Bequest apply this same

methodology to note that the level of funds available for distribution was £599.00;

- (ii) to consider the use of revenue balances to “top-up” the amount available for distribution, if required; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

SUMMARY OF APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

- 3. There was submitted and noted summary of applications received under the Bequest as at 21 August 2001 (circulated).

APPLICATIONS

- 4. There were submitted (circulated) 10 applications received under the Bequest. After consideration it was agreed to recommend that awards be made as follows:-

- (i) Darvel Improvement Group - £250.00 towards a feasibility study/business plan for a proposed cultural centre in Mairs Road, Darvel.

It was further agreed to recommend that the Head of Administrative and Legal Services include the above project in his future report to the Joint Advisory Committee on possible Capital Projects in Darvel which the Bessie Roxburgh funds could be used for in line with the Council’s previous decision.

Councillor Raymond left the meeting during discussion of this item.

- (ii) Scottish Pensioners Association (Darvel Branch) - £70.00;
- (iii) Darvel Horticultural Society - £75.00;
- (iv) Loudoun Musical Society - £90.00;
- (v) Darvel Football Club - £100.00;
- (vi) Darvel Friends of Guiding - £150.00;
- (vii) Darvel Parish Church - £50.00;
- (viii) Darvel Heritage Group - £500.00 (memorial cairn);
- (ix) Darvel Mother and Toddlers Group - £100.00; and
- (x) Mrs R M Tittensor - £500.00 (art work for colour brochure on Sir Alexander Fleming).

It was further agreed that due to the costs incurred, not to advertise the Bequest in the Kilmarnock Standard but that it be remitted to the Administration Manager to examine and implement other less costly means of advertising the Bequest including the Darvel Local Office and the Local Member’s column in the Kilmarnock Standard.

The meeting terminated at 1452 hours.

AGENDA
