

APPENDIX**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL****MISS BESSIE C ROXBURGH BEQUEST JOINT ADVISORY COMMITTEE****MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 2 AUGUST 1999 AT 1500 HOURS IN
DARVEL TOWN HALL, EAST MAIN STREET, DARVEL**

PRESENT: Councillors Robert McDill, Harry Wilson and Finlay MacLean; and Darvel and District Community Council Representatives Frank Donnelly (substitute for Moira Anderson), Max Flemmich and George Dalziel.

ATTENDING: Irene Townson, Principal Solicitor; Robin Baker, Treasury Services Manager; and Stuart Nelson, Administrative Officer.

APOLOGIES: Councillors David Macrae and Jim Raymond and Darvel and District Community Council Representative Moira Anderson.

CHAIR: Councillor Robert McDill, Chair.

BACKGROUND REPORT - MISS BESSIE C ROXBURGH BEQUEST

1. There was submitted a report dated 23 July 1999 (circulated) by the Solicitor to the Council which summarised, for the information of new Members of the Committee, and as a reminder for existing Members, the purpose and continuing administration of the Miss Bessie Clelland 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 terms of the report; and
- (ii) that, if necessary, a further meeting of the Joint Advisory Committee be held later this year to consider any request to utilise funds held within the Bequest for the purpose of assisting in meeting the cost of a proposal being investigated by the local Millennium Committee for the establishment of a Heritage Museum in Darvel.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

2. There was submitted a report dated 20 July 1999 (circulated) 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 that the total accrued interest for 1998/99 amounted to £1,441.00;
- (ii) to disburse the sum of £750.00 from the above-mentioned sum, with the remaining balance to be transferred to the Fund's reserves to protect against inflationary erosion of the Capital Fund; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the terms of the report.

SUMMARY OF APPLICATIONS

3. There was submitted and noted a summary of applications for financial assistance received as at 23 July 1999 (the closing date for receipt of applications) by the Director of Corporate Services.

APPLICATIONS

4. There were submitted 5 applications received under the Bequest (circulated).
After consideration of the applications for financial assistance, it was agreed to recommend to the Irvine Valley Local Committee:-

- (i) awards as follows, viz:-

(a)	Scottish Old Age Pensioners Association (Darvel Branch)	£200.00
(b)	Loudoun Musical Society	£100.00
(c)	Darvel Old Men's Cabin	£200.00
(d)	Darvel Friends of Guiding	£150.00
(e)	Darvel Horticultural Society	£100.00

TOTAL £750.00

- (ii) that, notwithstanding the outcome of the matter referred to in Item 1, above, regarding use of funds held within the Bequest, the Bequest be administered in a similar manner next year through a system of annual advertisement in the local press; and
- (iii) that application forms again be made available from appropriate East Ayrshire Council Offices, and that a closing date for receipt of applications be included on the said application forms.

The meeting terminated at 1530 hours.