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To: Councillor John West, Master of Mortifications; Lord Provost Peter Stephen; Councillor Crockett; and Mr Frederick G.S. Dalgarno, Dean of Guild

Town House,
ABERDEEN, 25th May 2011

GUILDRY AND MORTIFICATION FUNDS SUB COMMITTEE

The Members of the **GUILDRY AND MORTIFICATION FUNDS SUB COMMITTEE** are requested to meet in Committee Room 3 - Town House on **TUESDAY, 31 MAY 2011 at 10.00am.**

JANE G. MACEACHRAN
HEAD OF LEGAL AND DEMOCRATIC SERVICES

BUSINESS

- 1 **Minute of Previous Meeting of 8th December 2010** (Pages 1 - 2)
- 2 **Request for Funding** (Pages 3 - 6)

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Agenda Item 1

GUILDRY AND MORTIFICATION FUNDS SUB COMMITTEE

ABERDEEN, 8th December 2010. - Minute of Meeting of the GUILDRY AND MORTIFICATION FUNDS SUB COMMITTEE. Present:- Councillor John West, Master of Mortifications, Chairperson; Lord Provost Peter Stephen; Councillor Adam (substituting for Councillor Crockett); and Mr Frederick G.S. Dalgarno, Dean of Guild.

Officers in Attendance:- Richard Wood, Enterprise, Planning and Infrastructure; and Catriona Gilmour and Martyn Orchard, Corporate Governance.

MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

1. The Sub Committee had before it the minute of its previous meeting of 22nd September 2010.

The Sub Committee resolved:-

- (i) to approve the minute; and
- (ii) to note the update provided in relation to the sale of the property at Westside of Carnie, Skene.

REVIEW OF ALLOWANCES

2. The Sub Committee had before it a statement prepared by the Head of Finance which (a) provided information concerning (1) the amount of allowances paid from the Guildry Funds to Burgesses of Guild, Widows and Widowers of Burgesses and Children of Burgesses for the years 1995 to 2009; and (2) the number of people receiving allowances for the same period; and (b) proposed that the allowances paid to Burgesses of Guild, Widows and Widowers of Burgesses and Children of Burgesses be increased by 5% rounded up the nearest £10 for 2010/11.

The Sub Committee resolved:-

to recommend that the following increases in annual allowances be approved by the Council with effect from 1st May 2010:-

Guildry Fund Allowance	Present Allowance	Proposed Allowance
Burgesses	£1,470	£1,520
Widows/Widowers of Burgesses	£1,470	£1,520
Children of Burgesses	£1,370	£1,410

- **JOHN WEST, Master of Mortifications, Chairperson.**

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COMMITTEE	Guildry and Mortification Funds Sub Committee
DATE	31 May 2011
DIRECTOR	Stewart Carruth
TITLE OF REPORT	Request for Funding

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

To request the release of funds in relation to 3 separate requests.

2. RECOMMENDATION(S)

To approve the release of funds as set out in the main body of the report.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

A financial statement for Guildry Funds for 2009/10 and indicative figures for 2010/11 are provided under Appendix 1

4. SERVICE & COMMUNITY IMPACT

There are no specific service or community issues arising from this report.

5. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

None

6. REPORT

- As part of the celebration of the 600th anniversary of the battle of Harlaw, the monument is being repaired and cleaned and 6 plaques are being attached to it to commemorate the main parties.

It has been agreed that the Burgesses of Guild and the Seven Incorporated Trades would jointly fund one of the plaques at a cost of £1,000, i.e. £500 each. The Sub Committee is asked to agree the release of funds and arrange to have a cheque for £500 raised from Burgesses' funds payable to the Harlaw Monument Committee and sent to:

Charles Burnett, Ross Herald
Sea view House
PORTSOY
Banffshire AB45 2RS

The Dean of Guild will arrange to obtain a cheque from the Incorporated Trades for their share.

- In the past few years, the activity level of the Burgesses of Guild has risen considerably. We have also set up our own website on which we record events held with photographs where appropriate and photographs of all new Burgesses are put on the website.

We have been relying on a member's camera (and, on occasion, a mobile phone) to take photographs but, in many cases, are limited in the size and quality of photographs we can take. Therefore, we would like to purchase a camera for exclusive use by the Burgesses and which will be kept by Garry Stevens, Clerk to the Burgesses. We have identified a suitable camera which would cost approximately £350.

- Recently the Court of Deans of Scotland (there are 11 Guilds in Scotland) had its annual meeting and dinner in Aberdeen. This happens only every 11 years and, as part of the programme for the day, we took them on a tour of the city. The cost of the coach hire was £270 and we would request that this be met out of Burgesses' funds.

7. BACKGROUND PAPERS

None

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STATEMENT OF THE GUILDRY FUNDS

APPENDIX 1

FOR THE YEAR 2009/10

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT	INDICATIVE	
	2009/10 £	2010/11 £
REVENUE		
Interest	15,645	12,129
Burgess Merchandise	-	
Compositions from Burgesses	710	520
	<u>16,355</u>	<u>12,649</u>
Lands of Skene	10,456	(112)
	<u><u>26,811</u></u>	<u><u>12,537</u></u>
EXPENDITURE		
Allowances paid this year to		
- Burgess		
3 Widows of Burgesses	3,754	4,616
- Daughters of Burgesses		
	<u>3,754</u>	<u>4,616</u>
3		
Expenses of Management	12,188	12,704
Photocopying, Stationery etc.	-	
Sum Invested	10,869	(4,783)
Guildry Award	-	
	<u><u>26,811</u></u>	<u><u>12,537</u></u>
CAPITAL ACCOUNT		
Lands of Skene Trust - Four Tenths, Valued at 31 March 2010 *	628,184	Valuation Awaited
Investments - External	400,000	400,000
Investments - City of Aberdeen Loans Fund	522,497	517,714
	<u><u>1,550,681</u></u>	<u><u> </u></u>

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