

CULTURE AND SPORT SUB COMMITTEE

ABERDEEN, 8 March, 2013 - minute of meeting of the CULTURE AND SPORT SUB COMMITTEE. Present: Councillor Laing (Convener); and Councillors Cameron, Forsyth (as substitute for Councillor Boulton), Nathan Morrison (as substitute for Councillor Lesley Dunbar), Jennifer Stewart, Thomson and Townson.

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DETERMINATION OF EXEMPT ITEM OF BUSINESS

1. The Convener proposed that the Sub Committee consider the reports identified on the agenda as being for determination in private, with the press and public excluded.

The Sub Committee resolved:

in terms of Section 50(A)(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, to exclude the press and public from the meeting for items 8 and 9 of the agenda so as to avoid disclosure of information of the class described in paragraph 6 (article 8) and paragraphs 4, 6, 8 and 9 (article 9) of Schedule 7(A) to the Act.

MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

2. The Sub Committee had before it the minute of its previous meeting of 10 January 2013.

The Sub Committee resolved:

to approve the minute as a correct record.

SPORT ABERDEEN – PRESENTATION FROM CHIEF EXECUTIVE

3. The Convener advised members that in terms of the Orders of Reference of the Sub Committee, the Chief Executive of Sport Aberdeen had been invited to attend today's meeting to provide information on the following areas –

- Strategic planning
- Finance
- Governance
- Quality
- Partnerships
- Capacity

Mr Robertson joined the meeting and first provided a synopsis of the progress made at Sport Aberdeen in the time since he took over as Chief Executive, he

continued that he had implemented a new structure, encourage a new culture in the organisation, and modernised the organisations approach to business. Mr Robertson alluded to the report on today's agenda (article 8 of this minute refers), and apologised for the organisation not providing a business plan in terms of the agreed timescales, but assured members that a robust business plan would be submitted to the Council by the end of March 2013.

The Convener thanked Mr Robertson for attending.

PROVISION OF CRICKET PITCHES IN THE CITY

4. The Sub Committee had before it a report by the Director of Education, Culture and Sport which presented a cricket pitch assessment which had been undertaken by officers a part of the review of leisure assets and playing pitches.

The Sub Committee resolved:

- (i) to note the content of the cricket pitch assessment in the city;
- (ii) to agree that there were sufficient cricket pitches across the city to address current demand;
- (iii) to instruct officers to work with the Cricket Association in the city to provide access to one cricket pitch throughout the season on a Saturday in line with the conditions set out in section 5.8 of the report;
- (iv) to note that the charge for the use of a cricket pitch at Duthie Park in the 2013 season is £33.50, in line with benchmarking charges;
- (v) to agree that an additional second pitch would be made available to the cricket association with the same conditions in section 5.8 at a cost of £4,475 plus VAT to the association; and
- (vi) to instruct officers to work with the association to introduce cricket pitch user meetings in May and September 2013, which would review the usage of cricket pitches across the city; and to report back to committee in spring 2014.

SPORTS GRANTS

5. With reference to article 3 of the minute of its previous meeting of 10 January 2013, the Sub Committee had before it a report by the Head of Communities, Culture and Sport which presented applications for financial assistance from seven sports organisations.

The Sub Committee resolved:

- (i) to approve funding to organisations as follows –

Organisation	Funding Awarded
Glentnar Community Football Club	£1,170
Netball Scotland	£3,500
North Region Girls Football League	£3,396
Ride the North	£2,000
Scottish Institute for Sport (Grampian)	£5,000
Stoneywood Dyce Cricket Club	£1,585

- (ii) to delegate the authority to officers to allocate £2,450.88 to Garthdee Alpine Sports subject to further discussions regarding targeting and evaluation of the programme

CULTURAL AWARDS

6. The Sub Committee had before it a report by the Head of Communities, Culture and Sport which presented recommendations for the Cultural Awards 2013/14 in the “Aspire”, “Access” and “Support” categories for £5,000 or under.

The Sub Committee resolved:

to approve funding to organisations as follows –

Applicant	Project Name	Category	Funding Awarded
Arts Development	War Artists	Access	£4,652
Creative Learning Team	Step Change	Access	£5,000
Starcatchers Productions Ltd	The Playground	Access	£5,000
Tullos Community Centre	Stories of Aberdeen	Access	£2,000
University of Aberdeen	May Festival	Access	£5,000
AIYF	Community Opera of Noye's Fludde by Benjamin Britten	Access	£5,000
AB+	Cultural Conversations	Support	£4,000
Aberdeen Barbershop Harmony Club	Delivering Local Barbershop Excellence	Support	£3,665
Granite City Highland Dancing Association	Granite City Highland Dancing Festival	Support	£1,800
NESMS	Series of Masterclasses	Support	£800
APA	SKILL UP Aberdeen 2014	Support	£5,000
Comper Centre, Gallowgate, Aberdeen	Doric Language Festivals	Aspire	£800
Aberdeen City Libraries	Creative Writing Festival	Aspire	£2,850
Aberdeen University	Night at the Museums: Passport to the World	Aspire	£1,200
AU Elphinstone	Bringing the Music Home	Aspire	£2,865
Grampian Festivals	Highland Dance champ Event	Aspire	£500
Grampian Youth Orchestra	Summer Course 2013	Aspire	£3,000
Doors Open Day Aberdeen	Doors Open Day (Aberdeen) 2013	Aspire	£800

UK CITY OF CULTURE – INFORMATION BULLETIN

7. The Sub Committee had before it an information bulletin by the Culture and Sport Commissioning Officer which brought members up to date with the Council's bid for UK City of Culture 2017.

The Sub Committee resolved:

to note the content of the information bulletin.

In accordance with the decision taken at item 1 of this minute, the following items of business were considered with the press and public excluded.

SPORT ABERDEEN – GRANT PAYMENTS

8. The Sub Committee had before it a report by the Director of Education, Culture and Sport which advised members that Sport Aberdeen had an outstanding requirement relating to the Funding and Service Provision Agreement with the Council, the Council's Local Code of Practice for the Funding of External Bodies, and Following the Public Pound.

The Sub Committee resolved:

- (i) to agree to provide additional time for Sport Aberdeen to produce its business plan for 2013/14; the additional time would require Sport Aberdeen to provide its draft business plan to the Council by 31 March 2013, with a view to it being approved by the Council by 31 May 2013 (in line with the process as set out in the Funding and Services Agreement.); and
- (ii) to authorise officers to progress the Council's budgeted grant payments to Sport Aberdeen for the first quarter of 2013/14 in line with the Funding and Services Agreement, noting that this is contrary to the Council's Local Code of Practice for Funding External Bodies and Following the Public Pound and the reporting requirements as set out in the Funding and Services Agreement between Aberdeen City Council and Sport Aberdeen.

SPORT ABERDEEN – REVIEW SUMMARY

9. With reference to article 7 of the minute of its previous meeting of 10 January 2013, the Sub Committee had before it an extract relating to Sport Aberdeen from the paper "Review of External Investment in Culture and Sport", to provide background information in relation to item 3 of today's agenda (article 3 of this minute refers).

The Sub Committee resolved:

to note the information.

- COUNCILLOR JENNIFER LAING, Convener