

CULTURE AND SPORT SUB COMMITTEE

ABERDEEN, 19 February 2014 - minute of meeting of the CULTURE AND SPORT SUB COMMITTEE. Present: Councillor Thomson (Acting Convener); and Councillors Boulton, Cameron, Lesley Dunbar, Stewart, Townson and Young (as substitute for Councillor Laing).

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In the absence of the Convener, Councillor Thomson assumed the Chair.

MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

1. The Sub Committee had before it the minute of its previous meeting of 1 July 2013.

The Sub Committee resolved:

to approve the minute as a correct record.

ABERDEEN PERFORMING ARTS (ECS/14/012)

2. The Sub Committee had before it a report by the Director of Education, Culture and Sport which presented background information on Aberdeen Performing Arts (APA).

The Committee heard from the Chief Executive of APA, Jane Spiers, and the Director of Finance and Corporate Services of APA, Garry Craig, who (1) stated the ambitions for APA moving forward, including their vision, values and goals for the organisation; (2) advised of the organisation's five year business plan; (3) provided a synopsis of the planning framework and development priorities for APA; (4) advised that they were undertaking an organisational review to take account of new and updated policies and procedures, the harmonisation of employees' terms and conditions and the requirement to comply with the Freedom of Information Act as of 1 April 2014; and (5) outlined their financial and governance arrangements. Ms Spiers answered a number of questions from members, and the Acting Convener thanked Ms Speirs and Mr Craig for their contribution.

The report recommended:

that the Sub Committee note the content of the report and the work of Aberdeen Performing Arts in delivering on the city's cultural ambitions and providing leadership for the sector.

The Sub Committee resolved:

to approve the recommendation.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Cameron declared an interest in the subject matter of paragraph 5.4.18 of the report due to his position as Director of Peacock Visual Arts and indicated that he would withdraw from the meeting if there was to be any discussion on this application.

Councillor Boulton declared an interest in the subject matter of paragraph 5.4.9 of the report by virtue of her position as a Council appointed Board member of Castlegate Arts. Councillor Boulton advised that she attended these meetings as an observer and as such did not feel it was necessary to withdraw from the meeting.

CULTURAL AWARDS – PROJECT FUNDING (ECS/14/011)

3. The Sub Committee had before it a report by Director of Education, Culture and Sport which presented recommendations for the allocation of cultural awards – project funding.

The report recommended:

that the Sub Committee –
approve the recommendations as follows:

Organisation	Funding recommended
Aberdeen Barbershop Harmony Club (Granite City Chorus)	£4,870
Aberdeen Chamber Music Concerts	£1,500
Aberdeen Performing Arts – International Youth Theatre	£10,000
Aberdeen Performing Arts – Singer Songwriter Festival	£10,000
Aberdeen Sinfonietta	£3,000
Aurora Scottish Dance and Music	£1,500
Elementz Adult Community Dance Company	£3,000
Fitlike records	£5,000
Grampian Hospitals Art Trust	£10,000

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Organisation	Funding recommended
Grampian Youth Orchestra	£7,500
Granite City Highland Dancing Association	£1,200
The Learig Orchestra	£1000
The North East of Scotland Music Scotland	£800
Peacock Visual Arts	£10,000
Quids in Theatre Company	£9,510
RGU Open House	£6,000
Scottish Community Drama Association	£3,390
Scottish Culture and Traditions Association	£2,000
Scottish Opera	£5,000
Special Collections Centre	£4,950
Station House Media Unit – 57 Degrees North	£10,000
Station House Media Unit – shmuFM	£3,500
Tete a Tete – Grind	£5,000
Transition Extreme – Extreme Art School	£8,000
University of Aberdeen – Director’s Cut	£4,000

The Sub Committee resolved:

- (i) to approve the recommendations; and
- (ii) to request that officers work with ACT Aberdeen (Castlegate Arts), with a view to the organization reapplying for funding in May 2014.

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SPORTS GRANTS (ECS/14/014)

4. The Sub Committee had before it a report by the Director of Education, Culture and Sport which presented nine applications for financial assistance.

The report recommended –

that the Sub Committee:

(a) considers the applications through the development grants and approve the following recommendations:

Applicant	Funding Recommended
School of Football – St Machar Academy	£978
Aberdeen Roughnecks American Football Club	2,000
Games for Scotland – a day to celebrate	£5,000
Total Award	£7,978

(b) considers the application through the coach and volunteer workforce development grant programme and approve the following recommendations:

Applicant	Sport	Funding Recommended
D Fraser	Table Tennis	£80
D Webster	Trampolining	£130
A Pearson	Cycling	£147.50
Total Award		£357.50

(c) considers the application through the talented athlete grants programme and approve the following recommendations:

Applicant	Sport	Funding Recommended
P Gillespie	Touch Rugby	£247
L Thomson	Weightlifting	£690
J Steel	Rowing	£1,000
Total Award		£1,937

The Sub Committee resolved:

to approve the recommendations.

COMMUNITY SPORTS HUB UPDATE – INFORMATION BULLETIN

5. The Sub Committee had before it an information bulletin by the Director of Education, Culture and Sport which brought members up to date on the development of sportscotland's community sports hub initiative within the city.

The Sub Committee resolved:

to note the information provided.

PLACEMAKING: PLACE PARTNERSHIP UPDATE – INFORMATION BULLETIN

6. The Sub Committee had before it an information bulletin by the Director of Education, Culture and Sport which advised members on the programmes developed through the Creative Scotland Place Partnership investment agreement.

The Sub Committee resolved:

to note the information provided.

MADE IN ABERDEEN – INFORMATION BULLETIN

7. The Sub Committee had before it an information bulletin by the Director of Education, Culture and Sport which advised members of the "Made in Aberdeen" initiative to profile and support the development of individual creative practitioners who live in Aberdeen.

The Sub Committee resolved:

to note the information provided.

- **COUNCILLOR ROSS THOMSON, Acting Convener**