

CULTURE AND SPORT SUB COMMITTEE

ABERDEEN, 7 May 2014. minute of meeting of the CULTURE AND SPORT SUB COMMITTEE. Present: Councillor Laing, Convener; and Councillors Boulton, Cameron, Thomson, Townson and Young (as substitute for Councillor Lesley Dunbar).

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DETERMINATION OF EXEMPT ITEMS OF BUSINESS

1. The Convener proposed that items 12 and 13 of today's agenda (Sport Aberdeen Business Plan and Garthdee Alpine Business Plan) be considered 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 12 (Sport Aberdeen Business Plan) and 13 (Garthdee Alpine Adventure Park Business Plan) of the agenda (articles 12 and 13 of this minute) so as to avoid disclosure of information of the class described in paragraph 8 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 19 February 2014.

The Sub Committee resolved:

to approve the minute as a correct record.

PRESENTATION BY ABERDEEN SPORTS VILLAGE

3. The Committee heard from Jan Griffiths and David Beattie of Aberdeen Sports Village, who outlined their vision for the organisation and provided information on partnership working they were involved in and the use of the Sports Village by residents. Ms Griffiths advised that the organisation was focussing on increasing participation by early years children, teenagers and senior citizens through a number of initiatives. Ms Griffiths and Mr Beattie answered a number of questions from members and the Convener thanked them for their participation.

The Sub Committee resolved:

to thank Jan Griffiths and David Beattie (ASV) for their presentation.

SPORTS GRANTS (ECS/14/034)

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

The report recommended:

that the Sub Committee:

- (a) consider the application through **the club development grants** and approve the following recommendation:

Applicant	Funding Recommended
Granite City Guerillas	£725
Total Award	£725

- (b) consider the applications through **the talented athlete grants programme** and approve the following recommendations:

Applicant	Sport	Funding Recommended
David Vernon	Athletics	£500
Chukwudi Onyia	Athletics	£1,000
Chris Leiper	Squash	£500
Total Award		£2,000

- (c) consider the applications through **the coach and volunteer workforce development grant programme** and approve the following recommendations:

Applicant	Club	Funding Recommended
Neil Kinninmonth	Deeside Thistle Cycling Club	£98.75
Alex Doig	Deeside Thistle Cycling Club	£98.75
Kenneth Reid	Aberdeenshire Cricket Club	£175
Jon Entwistle	Deeside Thistle Cycling Club	£98.75
Total Award		£471.25

The Sub Committee resolved:

to approve the recommendations.

CULTURAL AWARDS – PROJECT FUNDING (ECS/14/032)

5. 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:

Applicant	Project	Recommendation
AB+	Increase the volume	£4,650
AbChoir	An evening of modern theatre	£4,000
Aberdeen Art Gallery and Museums	After Hours	£2,600
Aberdeen Art Gallery and Museums	Lunchbreak Concerts	£4,750
Aberdeen International Youth Festival	Northern Lights Traditional Music Project	£6,000
Aberdeen Multicultural Centre	Cultural and Linguistic Diversity Enhancement Project	£4,850
Aberdeen Women's Alliance	Women Make History / Women of Aberdeen Plaques Trail	£10,000
Bethany Christian Trust	Writing Home	£7,870
Breathless Breastless	Breathless Breastless Project	£1,380
Castlegate Arts Limited	ACT International	£10,000
Creative Learning Team	Arts Across Learning Festival Hub	£10,000
Edinburgh Quartet Trust	Seven Last Words	£3,500
Fusion Youth Dance Company	Aberdeen Youth Dance Project	£2,500
Gray's School of Art/RGU	NE Scotland's Skills Biennale	£7,010
KaSt Dance Co and CityMoves	Stone Petals	£10,000
Literal Lines	Pieces of Eight	£1,730
Peacock Visual Arts	In Motion 2	£9,990
Puppet Animation Scotland	Aberdeen: Animated Music	£3,720
Satrosphere Science Centre	Magnet Magic	£2,256
SC and T	Increased accessibility project	£9,910
Scottish Contemporary Art Network	Contemporary Art Ideas	£3,000
Scottish Ensemble	Concert Series	£10,000
Sound Festival	Framed Against the Sky 2	£10,000

Applicant	Project	Recommendation
The Millennium Tapestry Company	The Commonwealth Tapestry Exhibition	£3,580
The Reading Bus	Is Anyone Out There?	£5,000
The Reading Bus	Our Cinematic Heritage	£4,150
University of Aberdeen	May Festival	£10,000
Made in Aberdeen	5 x Artist Bursaries	£10,000
Made in Aberdeen	2 x Artist Commissions	£10,000

The Sub Committee resolved:

to approve recommendations.

MARY GARDEN FUND 2014/15 (ECS/14/033)

6. The Sub Committee had before it a report by the Director of Education, Culture and Sport which presented a proposal from Aberdeen International Youth Festival in relation to the Mary Garden Fund.

The report recommended:

that the Sub Committee approve the proposal of Aberdeen International Youth Festival to use the Mary Garden Fund to support up to five young promising singers from Aberdeen to attend an opera residency.

The Sub Committee resolved:

to approve the recommendation.

ABERDEEN CITY LEGACY PLAN (ECS/14/031)

7. The Sub Committee had before it a report by the Director of Education, Culture and Sport which presented the Legacy Plan for Aberdeen city, further to the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games and the 2014 Glasgow Commonwealth Games.

The report recommended:

that the Sub Committee:

- (a) note the work of the city wide Legacy Working Group; and
- (b) approve the Games Legacy Plan as detailed in appendix 1 to the report.

The Sub Committee resolved:

to approve the recommendations.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Councillor Cameron declared an interest in the subject matter of the following article of business by virtue of his position as Board member of

Aberdeen Sports Village, and withdrew from the meeting prior to any discussion taking place.

ABERDEEN AQUATICS STRATEGY (ECS/14/035)

8. The Sub Committee had before it a report by the Director of Education, Culture and Sport which presented the Aberdeen Aquatics Strategy for approval.

The report recommended:

that the Sub Committee:

- (a) note the content of the report; and
- (b) approve the content of the Aquatic Strategy and to instruct that the strategy be launched on the official opening day of the Aquatic Centre.

The Sub Committee resolved:

- (i) to approve the recommendations; and
- (ii) to note with disappointment, the decision of Aberdeenshire Council to renege on their previous commitment to make an annual revenue contribution to the Aquatic Centre; and instruct officers to investigate the feasibility of introducing a pricing structure at the Sports Village and Aquatics Centre which differentiates between Aberdeen city residents and those living outside the city's boundaries.

ABERDEEN INTERNATIONAL YOUTH FESTIVAL – REFERRAL FROM AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE

9. Reference was made to article 2 of the minute of meeting of the Audit and Risk Committee of 27 February 2014 at which time this Committee noted that there was an outstanding action for officers to report to each meeting to provide an update on Aberdeen International Youth Festival. The Audit and Risk Committee noted that the management of risk in this regard should lie with the responsible service committee, and, as such, referred this matter to this Sub Committee. The Sub Committee had before it on this day, the minute extract from the aforementioned meeting of the Audit and Risk Committee.

The Sub Committee resolved:

to note the remit from the Audit and Risk Committee of 27 February 2014.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors Thomson and Boulton declared an interest in the subject matter of the following article of business by virtue of their positions as Board members of Aberdeen International Youth Festival. They did not feel it was necessary to withdraw from the meeting during consideration of this item.

ABERDEEN INTERNATIONAL YOUTH FESTIVAL – BULLETIN REPORT

10. With reference to the previous article of this minute, the Sub Committee had before it, a bulletin report, prepared by the Director of Education, Culture and Sport, which provided members with an update on the organisational review underway at Aberdeen International Youth Festival.

The Sub Committee resolved:

to note the content of the bulletin.

CREATIVE SCOTLAND – A SHARED PLAN FOR THE ARTS, SCREENS AND CREATIVE INDUSTRIES (2014 – 2024) – BULLETIN REPORT

11. The Sub Committee had before it a bulletin report prepared by the Director of Education, Culture and Sport, which provided members with information on Creative Scotland's ten year plan.

The Sub Committee resolved:

to note the content of the bulletin.

EXEMPT BUSINESS

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

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Boulton declared an interest in the subject matter of the following article by virtue of her position as Council appointed Board member of Sport Aberdeen. Councillor Boulton chose to remain in the meeting as Sport Aberdeen had a specific exclusion in terms of the Councillors' Code of Conduct.

Councillor Cameron declared an interest in the subject matter of the following article of business by virtue of his position as Board member of Aberdeen Sports Village, and withdrew from the meeting prior to any discussion taking place.

SPORT ABERDEEN BUSINESS PLAN (ECS/14/029)

12. The Sub Committee had before it a report by the Director of Education, Culture and Sport which presented the Sport Aberdeen Business Plan 2014/15.

The report recommended:

that the Sub Committee:

- (a) note the content of the report; and
- (b) approve the Sport Aberdeen Business Plan for 2014/15.

The Sub Committee resolved:

to approve the recommendations.

GARTHDEE ALPINE ADVENTURE PARK BUSINESS PLAN (ECS/14/130)

13. The Sub Committee had before it a report by the Director of Education, Culture and Sport which presented the Garthdee Alpine Sports Limited Business Plan for 2014/15.

Members raised concerns in relation to the formatting of the business plan, commenting that it did not contain much information other than financial data. Officers advised that they were in discussions with the Board in order that they are in a position to produce a fuller business plan at an early date.

The report recommended:

that the Sub Committee:

- (a) note the contents of the report;
- (b) approve the Garthdee Alpine Sports Limited Business Plan for 2014/15, on the basis that the recommended actions highlighted in section 5.4 of the report are implemented within prescribed timescales;
- (c) authorise officers to process the Council's budgeted grant payment to Garthdee Alpine Sports Limited for the quarter April to June and July to September 2014; and
- (d) instruct officers to report to this Sub Committee of 1 October 2014 on the progress of the recommended actions noted in the report.

The Sub Committee resolved:

- (i) to approve recommendations (a), (b) and (c) above; and
- (ii) to instruct officers to report to the Education, Culture and Sport Committee of 12 June 2014 and this Sub Committee (1 October 2014) on the progress of the recommended actions noted in the report.

- COUNCILLOR JENNIFER LAING, Convener