

Ray Windfarm Fund CIC

Board Meeting

Date 24th June 2021

Place via zoom

Time 7.00pm

Action

- 1 **In attendance**
David Burn, Chair (DB); Peter Ramsden (PR); Martin Chilvers (MC); Richard Thornton (RT); Lesley Gosling (LG); Paul Cowie (PC); Sarah Crone (SC); Andrew Harding (AH); Katie Wood (KW); Mark Neale (MN) guest; Joanne Willis, (JW) CDO (Minutes)
Apologies Chris Robson (CR)
- 2 **Minutes of the last CIC meeting 27th May 2021 and matters arising.**
All accepted as a true and correct record, The Bellingham Practice have been sent an application form to complete. Otterburn Primary School Careers Open Day has been postponed to the autumn term due to continuing restrictions.
- 3 **Virtual ARC Meeting Notes 20th June 2021**
Accepted as a true record.
- 4 **Declarations of interest**
PC – Covid application 150. AH – application 175.
- 5 **Covid Application 150**
The self-employed applicant has requested a further tranche payment to support her business until September. There were discussions among Directors as to whether this should be regarded as an individual applying for funding, however the Covid19 Hardship Fund has supported other self-employed applicants. A majority decision was taken to support a final tranche of £1,000, to inform the applicant this will be the final payment.
- 6 **Applications**
 - **153** Much discussion has been held regarding this application over the preceding CIC and ARC meetings. A unanimous decision was taken to support the accommodation costs for £5,500 for the student. This will allow the student to attend a FE college and on graduation take up a position of employment with a local firm. JW to question whether the payment can be made in tranches. JW
 - **170** This is a business which delivers huge community benefit to the local area and beyond. All the requested further information had been delivered. A unanimous decision to support the application of £2,000. JW to speak to applicant regarding acknowledgement in publicity materials. JW
 - **175** The applicants currently hold £11,000 in their bank accounts. The Directors have supported an application for this in a previous JW

year. While they can sympathise with the inability to raise funds, it was felt they applicant had sufficient funds without a grant. Unanimous decision to decline the application. JW to inform the applicant if they require financial assistance in future years due to lack of funds to reapply.

7 **Risk Assessment**

Due to the Covid restrictions remaining in place till 19th July and cases on the increase nationally, the decision was taken to continue meeting via Zoom currently. This will be reassessed in line with the risk assessment continually.

8 **Large Project Expenditure**

PC gave an overview of the meeting held with BJ to discuss this matter. There would be conditions which the CIC would need to adhere to, it would also depend on how much funds were in the CIC account. The CIC would need to ensure Vattenfall were fully informed. The CIC would not look to take on a large capital expenditure project in the last 5 to 10 years of the grant agreement. The CIC are currently awaiting a response from the Vattenfall legal department, an addendum to the Governance Handbook may have to be drafted. PC relayed that a maximum figure of £50,000 per grant year would be a good starting point.

MC informed the meeting the Vattenfall invoice for the 2021-22 grant year is £202,250, discussions regarding priorities need to take place.

It was suggested the B4RN £50,000 investment on repayment could be put towards large project expenditure.

9 **ADAPT**

MC said there had been significant interest from Elsdon, Otterburn, Rochester, Byrness and West Woodburn for the weekly service to Morpeth. ADAPT were looking to commence the service on 14th July. JW to pay invoice received in 2020. RT and MN to try to publicise further in Kirkwhelpington, has already been shared on FB and village notice board. Passengers must contact ADAPT in the first instance to register an interest. Bus to be sanitised before and during the 2 hr stop in Morpeth.

10 **AOB**

- i. TyneRede Accountancy had raised £7,170 for Mind Northumberland in their 24-hour walking marathon. LG had taken part in a leg of the challenge.

Closed 7.55pm

Key Dates

22nd July 2021 Next CIC by Zoom