

Ray Windfarm Fund CIC Board Meeting

Date 23rd June 2022

By Zoom

Time 7.00pm

1. In attendance

David Burn, (DB) Chair; Sarah Crone (SC); Mark Neale (MN); Lesley Gosling (LG); Peter Ramsden (PR); Paul Cowie (PC) from item 4; Katie Wood (KW) from 7.30pm; Joanne Willis, (JW) CDO (Minutes)

Apologies Chris Robson (CR); Martin Chilvers (MC)

Non-attendance Andrew Harding (AH)

Action

2. Minutes of the last CIC meeting 26th May 2022 and matters arising

Accepted as a true record.

3. Declarations of interest

None

4. PEFs

- **213 £1,000**

PR suggested this should be a Community Foundation application, however the new agreement does not commence till 31st August, therefore this application would have a delay till September or October. The natural environment has been underrepresented with the fund. The majority of the Directors would like to invite a full application.

- **214 £4,200**

Encouraging that the club are making attempts to involve juniors and ladies in the sport. All agreed to invite a full application.

- **224 £15,725**

RWF and CF have supported similar requests. All agreed to invite a full application.

- **226 £15,000**

LG commented how busy the establishment is over a weekend with all the junior football clubs, it popular within our area. All agreed to invite a full application.

5. Applications

- **187 £10,000**

The application is much improved, with comprehensive cashflow details showing the forecasts for the next few years. Without a new vehicle the business is no longer viable. The RWF grant will safeguard the jobs of the two partners, allow the business to continue to provide a valuable service to the area of benefit and soon

could create further part time positions for an administration position and potentially other gardening roles. **Unanimous decision to support the application.**

6. Informal Enquiries

- **225** JW had advised that Directors would be unlikely to support the request for a contribution to living costs for a scholarship awarded to a performing arts theatre. Directors agreed that insufficient community benefit was evident. JW had already given the enquirer information regarding other sources of funding and put them in touch with North Tyne Youth, who had also recommended contacting the CF directly.

- **227 (PC declared an interest)**

Request for assistance with off road wheelchair, no further information had been forthcoming. Directors advised speaking with H2o trails who may have contacts due to their recent application, also to keep an eye on Facebook Marketplace for second-hand wheelchairs. To request full details from the enquirer though to advise there would be a potential maximum award of £1,000.

7. Community Foundation Agreement

DB has signed the agreement, dated 18th June 2022. The CF agreement will commence on 31st August 2022. It will be a rolling contract, with applications reviewed throughout the year after the monthly CIC meetings. The CF will receive £100,000 a year, as was the case with the Vattenfall agreement. The agreement is for one year with the option to extend.

8. Community Open Event and consultation work

JW

JW thanked all Directors for their help and attendance at the event, it seemed to be well received by those who attended. DB agreed, it shows the commitments of Directors to the RWF that all who were able to attend gave up their time to come along. JW circulated the report from the scenario board that Katherine and Helen had devised, which all agreed was an excellent idea. Katherine and Helen would like to meet with Directors a final time and present the report. Proposed to circulate a draft report by 15th July and meet with Directors on Wednesday 20th, JW to confirm the timings.

9. AOB

- **Amendment to a capital item for award 180**

The applicants would like to install a permanent fixture to the tap room, rather than the temporary measure applied for, no further funds are required. Directors agreed to the amendment.

- SDF Bellingham Firework display request, since Directors did not approve of awarding funds for the actual display, JW has enquired whether RWF could grant funds for any other part of the event. The food is provided by the Riverdale Hotel and only small costs remain. Agreed not to award any funding for this event.

Closed 7.45pm