

Ray Windfarm Fund CIC Meeting

Date 24th August 2023
Reed Hall, Bellingham
Time 7.00pm

1. In attendance

Action

David Burn, (DB) Chair; Lesley Gosling (LG); Chris Robson (CR); Sarah Lunn (SL); Sarah Crone (SC); Martin Dickson-Green (MDG); Martin Chilvers (MC); Peter Ramsden (PR); Berry Jordan (BJ) Vattenfall; Joanne Willis, (JW) CDO (Minutes) Deb Walton (DW) from item 9.

Apologies

Katie Wood (KW); Paul Cowie (PC); Alison Thomson (AT)

2. Minutes of the last CIC meetings 27th July 2023 and matters arising

Accepted as a true record.

3. Notes of Virtual ARC 17th August 2023

Accepted as a true record.

4. Declarations of interest

None

5. Applications

• 299 Belsay Primary School £4,185

JW

Music has been hugely underfunded in schools and can provide huge enrichment to students and improve concentration, confidence of the children and help with retention of information. MC enquired about the schools VAT position, JW to ask whether it can be reclaimed.

Scoring – Impact 38 Organisation 18 Engagement and Inclusion 18

Planning and Delivery 18 = Total 92

Unanimous decision to support the application.

6. PEF 305 Northumbria Police

It was felt the statutory funding issue was not properly addressed at the ARC. All Directors felt that this was not something that could be supported, as not convinced that it is not a statutory provision.

Decline the application.

7. Community Foundation Small Grants Programme Remaining Funds

JW

There is £2,108 remaining in the Small Grants Programme fund. Directors agreed to transfer the remaining balance to the Legacy Fund. JW to advise CF.

8. Grant Analysis

MC gave a synopsis of the document and JW outlined the current enquiries and applications that are being processed.

9. Village Shows

**JW
PC**

There are a number of village shows in from Bank Holiday Monday at Elsdon and throughout September, Kirkwhelpington, Corsenside and Upper Redesdale, should we have a stand? Decided to attend Elsdon on 28th August, as a stand already booked. To concentrate on the upcoming community engagement event at The Gun and grant surgeries on a quarterly basis. JW and PC to attend Elsdon Village Fete.

10. Community Engagement Event

**JW
SC
LG
DW
MC**

Date agreed of 4th October, LG to confirm with The Gun. To follow a similar format to the last event, informal with interactive displays to request views on community transport, volunteer drivers and dementia friendly spaces along with how to apply for funding and promotion of the Ray Wind Funds through photographs of previous grant awards. DW to help to promote the event on social media. SC, LG, DW, MC and JW to set up a working group to plan.

11. B4RN Update

DB

DB informed the meeting the Barrasford build has been officially approved by the Department for Science Innovation and Technology (DSIT), with digging due to start within weeks. DB will send a note of appreciation to Lynne Rawles of B4NTR who has worked tirelessly to achieve this outcome and has acted with great perseverance, professionalism and diplomacy.

12. AOB

- SL gave an overview of a potential application from the Deanery Schools Group, which would benefit several schools across the AoB and outside. Directors would accept an application.
- EAT Bursary award for Birtley individual approved, JW to inform.
- BJ delivered Vattenfall goody bags from the Ray Windfarm visit yesterday evening.
- PR has attended a concert at Kirkharle where reference to the award from RWF was given.
- Directors would like to thank Vattenfall and the staff who conducted the tour for the excellent visit to the windfarm, and those that were unable to attend would appreciate the opportunity to visit in the future.

Closed 8.20pm