

Ray Windfarm Fund CIC Board Meeting

Date 26th January 2023
Otterburn Memorial Hall
Time 7.00pm

1. In attendance

Action

David Burn, (DB) Chair; Lesley Gosling (LG); Peter Ramsden (PR); Chris Robson (CR); Katie Wood (KW); Martin Chilvers (MC); Paul Cowie (PC); Sarah Lunn (SL); Deb Walton (DW); Martin Dickson-Green (MDG); Joanne Willis, (JW) CDO (Minutes)
Apologies Mark Neale (MN); Sarah Crone (SC)

2. Introductions

All in attendance gave their name, position in the CIC and parish represented.

3. Minutes of the last CIC meetings 24th November 2022 and 1st December 2022 and matters arising

Accepted as a true record.

4. Notes of Virtual ARC 19th January 2023

Accepted as a true record.

5. Minutes of virtual F & GP 17th January 2023

Accepted as a true record.

6. Declarations of interest

DW – application 249, SL and PC – potential schools funding.

7. Grant Analysis

MC explained the spreadsheet, following the redemption of the shares in B4RN, there is approximately £184,000 to award before the grant year end in June.

8. Schools award and supplementary funding

KW outlined the proposal for the £10,000 award split between the six Primary and First schools per term. In addition to this funding, and following enquiries made to the schools by KW and JW, KW has proposed additional funding support be awarded to the schools to assist with the cost-of-living crisis. Schools can use this funding to assist families either through subsidising the school meal provision, subsidising transport costs for swimming or school trips for all pupils or to target families that need additional financial support. **Unanimous decision to support £10,000 and the further £13,120 proposed.**

KW left the meeting at 7.30pm

9. PEF

JW

- **261 CAN**

Discussed at ARC, Directors felt the whole board should decide whether to invite an application. Request for funding for a 0.6 FTE position in order to generate projects and proposals especially in social and rural isolation and renewable projects within the area of benefit (AoB). Directors agreed that further discussions should be held with CAN and other agencies regarding the need for assistance in this area. SL and MDG have contacts who JW will approach to attend the next CIC meeting. Invite representatives to talk to Directors for 10 minutes and answer questions about possible projects and avenues for funding to assist with social and rural isolation.

10. Applications

- **208 £22,197**

JW gave requested information about the usage of the hall. The application has been supplemented with quotes and planning permission has been applied for. They have secured match funding for the project and will provide the remainder themselves.

Unanimous decision to support subject to the approval of planning permission.

- **249 £10,000**

JW informed the meeting it is hoped approximately 90 Young Farmers from within the AoB will participate in the County Rally to be held within Rothley parish, the club have a small amount of reserves but require these for meeting expenses. RWF banners can be displayed on Rally Day and RWF publicity in the programme. **Unanimous decision to support the application.**

- **251 £45,897.75**

Improved application with requested information provided and a comprehensive report on the history, current condition, and proposed restoration to the tenter frames. Match funding has been offered by the Northumberland National Park and Northumbria Water. The National Trust are providing the use of a Conservation Officer to assist with the Listed Building Consent application. **Majority decision to pledge £10,000 towards the project once the remainder of the funds have been secured.**

11. Tech/hardware update

JW gave the figures for the iPads and advised Directors about the proposed terms of use. All accepted in principle, however JW to set up a meeting with MDG, MN and CR to discuss the requirements.

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12. Risk Register

Directors discussed the register, JW to remove the share investment.

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13. Repayable Grants

JW has contacted PyC and will liaise with PR and CR about a meeting to progress discussions.

JW

14. One Year Business Plan

Accepted by Directors. DB outlined the background to the need for the 5-year

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plan. PR, SC and PC have met to discuss, and PC is working on the first draft.

15. B4RN Update

The share investment has been redeemed. DCMS have reclassified the gigabit voucher scheme and as a result the value of the vouchers will be higher. PR, DB, CR meet with B4RN representatives, MDG would like to be involved in future discussions.

16. Subcommittee membership

The terms of reference and membership of the Application Review Committee and the Finance and General Purposes Committee were discussed. The new Directors were invited to join them if they wished. PC will have to stand down as Chair of the ARC from the end of the grant year due to work commitments.

Closed 8.40pm