

# Ray Windfarm Fund CIC Meeting

Date 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2024  
Birtley Village Hall  
Time 7.00pm

## 1. In attendance

**Action**

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

## 2. Declarations of interest

MDG Application 388 NT & RCP SL 402 Wark Primary School

## 3. Minutes of the last meeting 25<sup>th</sup> April 2024 and matters arising

Accepted as a true record.

## 4. Minutes of the F & GP 14<sup>th</sup> May 2024

Accepted as a true record.

## 5. Notes of the ARC 18<sup>th</sup> April 2024

Accepted as a true record.

## 6. Applications

- **388 NT & RCP £18,524.67**

Request for a grant for replacement windows for Station House, Bellingham. Repairs are no longer possible and to make the office spaces more energy efficient they must be replaced. Match funding secured from Green Rigg and awaiting further decision from Northumberland Community Chest.

**Scoring – Impact 35 Organisation 18 Engagement and Inclusion 20 Planning and Delivery 20 = Total 93**

**Unanimous decision to award the full amount.**

- **402 Wark Primary School £4,000**

This application is requesting a grant towards the Key Stage 2 residential trip for Years 3 to 6, to Elterwater, where the pupil will undertake a varied programme of outdoor activities. Parents will contribute the remainder of the funding required.

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**Unanimous decision to award the full amount.**

## 7. Adapt Byrness to Morpeth Bus Funding

**JW  
DB  
LG  
PR**

Adapt would like to continue to offer the Byrness to Morpeth bus which has been funded by RWF for several years. The cost of this has increased due to a rise in fuel prices and wages. This year's cost will be £10,312.

**Unanimous decision to award the funding for the 2024-25 service.**

Discussion of the monitoring form took place; Directors would like the RWF to receive more publicity for the support and ensure residents in the area of benefit know about

the service. DB, PR, LG and JW due to have a meeting with Adapt in June where plans for a potential application will be discussed along with feedback from Directors. A report to be requested for publication in the local parish magazines and online newsletters.

### **8. Bellingham Middle School Funding**

KW has spoken to Bellingham Middle School, who have a similar number of children as Bellingham Primary School. Proposed to award the Middle School the same amount of money for the summer term.

**Unanimous decision to award £1,360.**

### **9. Succession Planning – Vice Chair and Chair of ARC**

**JW**

JW has contacted Rothley & Hollinghill and Wallington Demesne parishes, seeking interested parties to become a Director. There are two vacancies on the Board and five Directors due to stand down in two years after nine years' service. One nomination has been received. JW to put a notice in parish magazines and social media groups to ask if anyone in the community is interested. As DB will be standing down this year and SC will become Chair, the Board requires a new Vice Chair and Chair of the ARC.

Directors should contact JW expressing the interest in the roles. JW to email all absent Directors.

### **10. AOB**

**JW**

**LG**

**KW**

**AT**

- JW has received an email from Elsdon Village Fete, would we like to attend, discussed the merits of a presence at the local shows. Ask Vattenfall if they have any interactive displays that could draw in people. Purchase a Gazebo and new displays which show off more recent grant awards. We will attend all the shows.
- LG and JW had meetings this week about village shows, to invite all local village shows to a meeting at The Gun, to see if applications can be directed at shared resources.
- Potential meeting for all Primary, First and the Middle School as this has not happened for several years. KW and AT will attend, ask whether to hold in person or Teams. Like the shows there may be resources that could be shared.
- JW would like to start the grant surgery sessions soon, possible name 'Ray Wind Funds Roadshow', to move around the area, every quarter and answer questions from potential applicants, help with forms and paperwork etc.
- Annual Report – JW has met with LG to discuss possible case studies and potential
- press releases from this grant year.

Closed 8.00pm