

Ray Windfarm Fund CIC Meeting

Date 25th April 2024
Elsdon Village Hall
Time 7.00pm

1. In attendance

Action

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

2. Declarations of interest

MDG Application 390 B4RN SL 402 Wark Primary School

3. Minutes of the last meeting 28th March 2024 and matters arising

Accepted as a true record.

4. Notes of the ARC 18th April 2024

Accepted as a true record.

5. PEF

- **402 Wark Primary School £4,000**
Request for funding towards residential trip for years 3-6. **Invite a full application.**

6. Applications

- **336 Sarah Morpeth £4,651**

Request for a grant for an existing business development to run craft workshops in Elsdon. CR has looked at the accounts which are sound, the business is well established within the village and is likely to bring in visitors, which could in turn benefit other businesses. A lot of research has been conducted by the applicant.

Scoring – Impact 30 Organisation 18 Engagement and Inclusion 18 Planning and Delivery 18 = Total 84

Unanimous decision to award the full amount.

- **343 Barrasford Village Hall £8,500**

This application is requesting a grant towards the final stage of cladding to the village hall. The village hall is widely used by between 3-400 people per month and is currently the only community building in the village since the closure of the pub. The village hall volunteers are working hard to hold the community together. However, it was noted they have considerable reserves and could contribute more funds towards the project.

Scoring – Impact 40 Organisation 18 Engagement and Inclusion 18 Planning and Delivery 18 = Total 94

Majority decision to award the full amount. Seek permission for a RWF plaque.

- **383 Semibreve CIC £2,500**

This application is requesting a grant to allow a film to be made of the performers in Kirkwhelpington on 25th May 2024 celebrating the life of some famous local women for e.g. Rachel Parsons of Ray Demesne, the film will allow Kirkwhelpington PCC to attract funding

for Heritage Lottery bids. A free concert will also be staged later in the year for locals.

Scoring – Impact 35 Organisation 18 Engagement and Inclusion 18 Planning and Delivery 18 = Total 89

Unanimous decision to award the full amount, conditional on other match funding secured.

- **384 Kirkharle Creative £5,000**

To enable the Creative to host ten concerts, eight in the summer and two in the winter in St Wilfred's Church. This programme of concerts has been well received over the last few years and the applicant would like to continue. It is hoped that there will be enough surplus with the grant and ticket revenue to become self-funding in future years.

Unanimous decision to award the full amount, to give a strong indication this will be the last award of this kind.

- **390 B4RN £350,000**

Request for top-up funding towards second stage of the superfast broadband rollout for Kirkwhelpington and Woodburns following on from Barrasford. There is currently 38% sign up in Kirkwhelpington and 22% on Woodburns. There are continued events within the community to raise the outstanding investment figure to bridge the shortfall. Vattenfall have been consulted and are content with the proposal from Directors to award over three years. PR suggested rather than an even split over three years to award the largest amount in the first year to allow them to have a kick start to the project. JW to liaise with SC on grant award letter.

**JW
SC**

Scoring – Impact 40 Organisation 18 Engagement and Inclusion 18 Planning and Delivery 18 = Total 94

Unanimous decision to award the full amount, to be split £150,000 Augst 2024, £100,000 August 2025 and £100,000 August 2026. The award will be subject to B4RN proceeding directly to build the whole project following Barrasford.

7. School summer term funding

JW

School report prepared by KW shared. **Unanimous decision to continue to support the primary, first and pre-school provisions in the area of benefit.**

8. Website and email update

JW

It is hoped that all Directors have now installed their Microsoft 365 mailboxes or received assistance from Cavtec to do so. Meeting papers have been placed on the shared drive, which Directors have accessed successfully. This will ensure there are no GDPR compromises with RWF paperwork.

The website is ongoing, JW and Lightbulb Web Design are working on the application process which will happen within the website and will allow for a streamlined system which should be more efficient.

9. AOB

- **SDF091 Northumbrian Mounted Archers** request for £500 funding for taster day, it is open to both mounted and ground archers, with separate provision for both. The applicant had provided more information as requested. **Approved**

by majority.

- PR raised the issue of succession and potential retirement of Directors in the future, agreed to seek two further Directors to fill the maximum Board positions of fifteen. JW to approach Wallington and Rothley in the first instance to see if their PCs can recommend anyone for interview for the positions.

Closed 8.15pm