

# Ray Windfarm Fund CIC Meeting

Date 25<sup>th</sup> July 2024  
Colwell Village Hall  
Time 7.00pm

## 1. In attendance

**Action**

David Burn, (DB) Chair; Lesley Gosling (LG); Sarah Crone (SC); Sarah Lunn (SL); Martin Chilvers (MC); Martin Dickson-Green (MDG); Peter Ramsden (PR); Phil Lawless (PL); Joanne Willis (JW) CDO (Minutes)

**Apologies** Chris Robson (CR); Alison Thomson (AT); Deb Walton (DW); Katie Wood (KW); Paul Cowie (PC)

## 2. Declarations of interest

None

## 3. Minutes of the last meeting 27<sup>th</sup> June 2024 and matters arising

Accepted as a true record.

## 4. Minutes of the F & GP 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2024

Accepted as a true record.

## 5. Notes of ARC 17<sup>th</sup> July 2024

Accepted as a true record.

## 6. 2024-25 Budget

**JW**

JW gave an overview of the grant analysis spreadsheet with the 24-25 Vattenfall donation valued at £386,870. Directors requested clarification on the RPI formula used to calculate the donation, JW to request information from BJ. Due to the £150,000 grant for B4RN and £25,000 grant to North Tyne Youth there is a reduced amount to consider. Directors agreed to keep the schools fund at £50,000, and to reduce the EAT Bursary and SDF amounts to reflect last years granted amounts. Discussion took place regards transport, more consultation is required to get to an application stage, meetings due to be held in September to include local schools. The local shows will also receive a budget. Due to the size of the fund it was agreed not to move the interest accrued to the Legacy Fund as this would be better within the CBF. The website requires a notification that up to £10,000 will be awarded as a maximum grant. CIC meetings where grant applications are considered will now move to alternative months, with the next being in September, therefore, there will be six in this grant year. The ARC will continue monthly and F & GP will also remain the same.

## 7. Show Core Fund

**JW**

JW presented a spreadsheet showing a breakdown of the core funds that could be awarded to Bellingham, Corsenside, Elsdon, Corsenside, Kirkwhelpington and Upper Redesdale Shows. Directors accepted the figures and approved the amounts for each show, these are events in the local calendar that involve much of the communities within the parishes and will benefit many people. JW to send letters to all notifying them of the award and that we must be shown evidence of their spending. Due to the smaller CBF available after commitments to B4RN and NTY it was agreed not to attend all the shows. As Elsdon was attended last year, it was suggested that Bellingham and Corsenside should be attended this year. JW to look at gazebos and promotional materials. To rotate which shows are attended each year and use as a celebration of the achievements of the Ray Wind Funds.

## 8. Policy Reviews

JW

- **Confidentiality**
- **Financial**
- **Induction**
- **Safeguarding**

JW listed the amendments suggested for the financial policy during the F & GP, these were agreed. The reserve figure is agreed at £10,000, to work towards one years operational costs. JW to speak to PyC and David Gold to ask for recommendations on alternative banking provisions. **All policies reviewed and approved.**

## 9. Risk Assessment

JW

Point 1 should be updated to reflect the new maximum grant award figure of £10,000.

## 10. AOB

- Website update provided. Directors would like to proceed with the site as it is and update with the new application portal once it is completed.
- **B4RN** – Kirkwhelpington project will be signed off on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> July 2024, with the project hoped to be completed by January 2025. The local investment target for Kirkwhelpington has been reached, while there remains a shortfall for Barrasford.
- Directors expressed their thanks to DB for expertly chairing the RWF for four Years. SC will become Chair in August 2024.

Closed 8.00pm