

# Ray Windfarm Fund CIC Meeting

Date 28<sup>th</sup> November 2024  
Otterburn Memorial Hall  
Time 7.00pm

## 1. In attendance

**Action**

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

## 2. Welcome to New Director Shirley Stuchfield, Elsdon parish representative

## 3. Declarations of interest

Not applicable.

## 4. Minutes of the last meeting 26<sup>th</sup> September 2024 and matters arising

Accepted as a true record.

## 5. Minutes of the F & GP 12<sup>th</sup> November 2024

Accepted as a true record.

## 6. Notes of ARC 22<sup>nd</sup> October and 21<sup>st</sup> November 2024

Accepted as a true record.

## 7. Grant Analysis

JW explained the document, the recently paid out Small Donations Fund Awards and remaining balance for the grant year.

## 8. Preliminary Enquiry Form

- **452 Scots Gap Community Group £3,500**

Request for funding towards the cost of a replacement boiler to enable the Methodist Chapel to continue with its weekly programme of events including 'Friday at the Gap'.  
**Invite a full application.**

## 9. Applications

- **308 Church & Community Partnership Tynedale £3,090**

The applicant would like funds to deliver dementia training to willing participants in parishes within our area of benefit and ensure that community facilities have the equipment such as sippy cups, cutlery and signage to welcome attendees who are living with dementia and their carers. This will enable our communities to become dementia friendly and more accessible.

**Scoring - Impact 35 Organisation 20 Engagement & Inclusion 20 Planning & Delivery 18 Total=93**

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

- **394 Chollerton PCC £10,200**

Request for funding towards the cost of car park creation on the Glebe field next to the vicarage at St Giles. This will improve health and safety for those attending life events and other intended community events at the church as current roadside parking is dangerous

and only allows for approximately six vehicles. JW has circulated the site plan, confirmation of Green Rigg grant with conditions, solar lighting plan and reassurance the car park is classed as temporary sent by the applicant after the ARC meeting request.

Directors have concerns with the lack of an accurate plan with marked parking bays and trees present in the field, while the email quote gives a different area to that of the plan sent to JW.

**Decline the application in its current form, if the issues are addressed the applicant can reapply.**

- **404 Northumberland Archives Charitable Trust £6,500**

The request is to allow for the papers and sketches of Philip Cheswright, RNVR officer and husband of Patricia Trevelyan to be catalogued, digitised and webmounted, as a celebration of 80 years since WWII. An exhibition would be held at Wallington Hall (the Trevelyan family home) and outreach workshops at 5 communities across the area.

The outreach workshops have already been funded, and therefore the funding requested would be for the digitisation and cataloguing which will take place at Ashington. While the exhibition will be held at Wallington for several months, attendees will have to pay to enter or be National Trust members, therefore Directors felt the community benefit was not significant enough to support the project.

**Decline the application.**

- **449 Miscreations Theatre £3,164**

The grant funding will support a week of interactive workshops with Otterburn, Cambo, Greenhaugh, Kielder and Bellingham schools teaching children about the world beneath our feet particularly soils. Directors are supportive of extra-curricular activities and experiences for school children to enhance their education.

**Scoring - Impact 35 Organisation 18 Engagement & Inclusion 15 Planning & Delivery 15 Total=83**

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

## **10. Social Media/ Website**

SC and JW met with Twenty Seven Design from Hexham, who work with Vattenfall to discuss the promotion of the RWF. Any work undertaken will require a budget, Berry Jordan had suggested at September CIC this is something Vattenfall could contribute to. SC to confirm whether this is possible. The company could produce video case studies and/ or revisits of projects to help promote the Funds, help to manage website content working with JW.

The website developer is due to finish the application portal so applicants can apply directly through the website, JW will then check the site for content and to ensure links work correctly.

## **11. Community Transport**

**JW**

The transport subgroup met on 7<sup>th</sup> November with Caroline Clarke from Church & Community Partnership Tynedale and Ben Dickson-Green from North Tyne & Redesdale Partnership. Caroline gave a lot of information gathered from her extensive work on community transport and existing pilot scheme which is running with one volunteer driver. In the first seven days of November the driver had already made 11 journeys, the need is evident.

Caroline informed the group of a 'Car Club in a Box' franchise which she thought could

work well for Bellingham. JW to set up a meeting with the owner to discuss.

## **12. Risk Assessment**

**JW**

No changes, JW to update dates of review.

## **13. Director Applications/ Interviews**

MDG and SL will join SC on the interview panel with interviews due to take place in January 2025.

## **14. B4RN Project Update**

The Kirkwhelpington project is progressing and individual house kits are now being installed. More wayleaves have been agreed and the first connections are due to take place in January 2025. Further investment would be helpful in case of any unforeseen circumstances which increase build costs.

## **15. AOB**

- Discussion of SDF request from Otterburn Memorial Hall took place, JW to advise them to speak to MDG about link between the existing WiFi and the requested Starlink.

**Closed 8.45pm**