

Windfarm Panel

Minutes of Meeting of 10th May 2023

Location – Garden Room, Gargunnoch Community Centre

1. In Attendance

Trust representatives	Steve Barnet
Community Council representatives	None
Community representatives	Alison Younger, Vanessa Paynton, Jackie Campbell, Hope Brodie, Mike Fitches
Apologies	John Steele, Lee Mason

2. Approval of Minutes

Minutes were approved.

3. Declarations of Interest

Steve for GWF 7-23 and GWF 12-23 due to his role as a member of Gargunnoch Community Trust, Alison for GWF 13-23 due to the financial interest as a party providing a quote for the application.

4. Current Balance of Funds available

Bank Balance:	£43,613.56
Awarded not paid:	£9,936 (Sinking Fund, CC Zero Carbon, Defibrillator)

5. Applications

GWF 7-23 Gargunnoch Trust update to Beeches Path £6,500

Stuart Ogg joined the meeting and gave a comprehensive overview of the work that had been carried out in this project starting back in 2018. Stuart has made a number of grant applications to other bodies and has secured £50,000 from the Ian Findlay Path Fund, hopefully more funding will be secured later this month from Clackmannanshire & Stirling Environment Trust. At this stage Stuart is requesting up to £6,500 from Windfarm panel. It was noted that if the Environment Trust application was not successful he may need to apply for some additional funds from the Windfarm monies.

Steve left the room and took no part in agreeing outcome of grant.

The panel are supportive of this application, happy that only one quote had been provided as Stuart had gone out and pursued quotes to more than one supplier and the quote provided was in line with quotes that had supplied in the past. The panel would like to thank Jeremy, Stuart and Geoff for their time on this project, panel gave some feedback to Stuart on communication about path closure before work would be carried out and signage for alternative route.

Recommendation – the application was approved in full £6,500

GWF 12-23 Improvements to Drop-In Centre £600

Mairi Jackson joined the meeting as a Trust Director and gave an overview of grant request to commission an artist's impression of proposed improvements to the Drop-In Centre. The Trust want to make better use of the Drop-In Centre and increase their rental income. To date the Trust has gone out to a couple of individuals/businesses for feedback to gauge their interest in using the Drop-In and to identify improvements that might make it more attractive and fit for purpose. Purpose of the project is to generate interest and engage community members in a discussion around potential improvements that could be made

Steve left the room and took no part in agreeing outcome of grant.

The panel are supportive of the Trust's activity to better utilise the Drop-in Centre and they welcome the approach to consult with the community to explore the best options for the Drop-In. The Panel were however nervous that if an artist impression is created first and then feedback is requested there will be an assumption that future changes to the Drop-In Centre have already been agreed, especially if there is only one artists impression.

Any proposed substantial changes to the building or surrounds would, in due course, require a significant investment. It was felt that a more structured feasibility process, exploring a range of potential options and some cost/benefit analysis would strengthen the progress of the project at this stage. It would also be good to set out what was currently done in terms of marketing and advertising of the property as is, and what testing had been done with the commercial rental market.

Panel would welcome a revised application to help with costs of a feasibility study and artist's impressions/community consultation as part of that study.

Recommendation – the application was not approved.

GWF 8-23 Chat, Craft Create Class £250

Application received from Anne-Marie Stewart to set up a new community club where people will share craft ideas and skills, they will reuse, recraft and repurpose items they have at home that would otherwise be thrown out. Hope is people will come along, meet fellow crafters, pass on their skills, club would be open to all ages and abilities.

Panel approved hall rental for 6 months up to £250.

Recommendation – this application was approved in full £250.

GWF 9-23 Gargunock Burn £100

Application received from Lovat MacGregor for removal of all trees and branches on both sides of the Gargunock Burn from the school entrance to Foot O Green bridge. Last year Stirling Council reduced the height of the trees and branches after a request by the head teacher at the school, Lovat subsequently arranged for work to be carried out by a local contractor to remove all trees and vegetation at a cost of £100 which he funded himself.

It is not clear if the school currently see this as a concern or if they have already spoken with Stirling Council about maintaining the vegetation in the Gargunock Burn this year. Panel would prefer this request to have come from the school, have evidence of the risk assessment they have undertaken and confirmation of the role of the Council within this in terms of their responsibilities.

Recommendation – the application was not approved.

GWF 10-23 Noticeboard for Kirk Welcome Team £874

Application received from Kirk Welcome Team to purchase an information board. The Welcome Team have successfully ran a number of open days in recent years and have organized another for September 2023. The board will be used for historical and heritage information and will easily be visible for tourists and locals.

Recommendation – the application was approved in full £874.

GWF 11-23 Replacing Play Equipment at Park Sandpit £500

Application received from Play Park group, this is a newly formed group whose aim is to improve facilities in the village park. The group have held a meeting with Stirling Council and identified some changes, Stirling Council will cover the cost of – replacing Flying Fox and replenishing the sand pit, they will also support ongoing maintenance of new items purchased for park.

Panel are supportive of request for funds to reinstate a piece of play equipment that used to be in the sand pit for something similar and for any remaining money to be spent on paint for swings and slides, painting work would be carried out by volunteers.

Recommendation – the application was approved in full £500.

GWF 13-23 Gargunnoch Gala 2023 £1000

Alison left the room and took no part in the discussion or agreeing the outcome as Leckie Farm will be providing food for BBQ.

Application received from Gala committee for £1000 to cover Food, DJ and Hall Fees for 2023 Gala. Panel are happy to see the return of the village Gala and support their request and are pleased to see they are using local suppliers. Panel would have liked to have seen the committee apply for a Stirling Council Community Grant as they provide up to £400 for annual Gala days.

Recommendation - £922.40 was approved - £200 for DJ, £372 for hall fees, £350.40 for food

6. Monitoring/Feedback

Path group grants ongoing at Ladies Walk and Watson House, these grants will hopefully start in July 2023.

7. Youth Survey Results

Panel reviewed results of recent youth survey, an update will be in the next edition of The Bugle. Survey results will be shared with the local steering group that will be formed in due course to work with Stirling Council on a Local Place Plan for the village, further information on Local Place Plans can be found at

[Stirling Council Local Place Plans](#)

Action JC

The sub group were thanked for their time and efforts in pulling the survey together. A survey respondent was chosen at random to receive the cinema voucher and Jackie would make sure the voucher was delivered.

Action JC

8. Outstanding Action – Update on DRT

DRT does not cover Gargunnock, action closed.

Outstanding Action – Pump Track

John was absent from meeting.

Action JS

Outstanding Action – Community Endowment

Jackie to ask Gavin to contact Barclays about interest and conditions of a Treasury deposit fixed term account and a Standard Easy Access account.

Action JC

Outstanding Action – Membership Community Council and Youth Reps

Alison explained that the Community Council election process is ongoing at the moment and we should have 2 new Community Council members for our next meeting. Unfortunately nobody has come forward as our new Youth Rep, Alison to keep advertising for Youth Rep.

Action AY

Outstanding Action – Updates to Funding Guidelines and Terms of Reference

This action is complete.

9. AOCB

Panel would like to thank Hope for all her contributions as our Youth Rep and wish her good luck at University.

Jackie to contact Suzanne Galloway about requesting funds for memorial garden at the school.

Action JC

Alison informed panel that we may receive an application(s) for Breakfast Club and After School Club which will hopefully be reinstated for start of school term in August.

Mike informed panel that he would be stepping down at the end of 2022 as a panel member, Alison and Jackie are due to stand down at beginning of 2023 after serving 4 years.

10. Date of next meeting – 2nd October 2023