**Minutes**

**Gargunnock Trust**

**Gargunnock Windfarm Fund Panel**

**21st October, 7.30pm, Gargunnock Community Centre**

**Present:**

Interim Chair – Kimberley Hay

Attending - Geoff Peart, Kirsty Baird, Mark Evans, Chloe Bruce, Jill Patrick

Apologies – Julie Cole, Charles Fitches

Administrator - Carol MacGregor

Applications on the agenda

**New Applications:**

GWF 24/19 Welcome Team of Gargunnock Church-History of Gargunnock Kirk Information Leaflet **£242** (no representation 7.45pm)

GWF 25-19 Gargunnock Community Trust-Community Centre Entrance Works **£2432.13** (Douglas Johnston 8pm)

GWF 26-19 Stirling County U15's Tour Fund Group-U15's Tour to France 2020 **£500** (Shona Crawford 8.15pm)

GWF 27-19 Gargunnock Old People's Welfare-Christmas Vouchers **£1000** (Anne Muirhead 8.30pm)

GWF 28-19 Gargunnock Community Council - Community Centre Defibrillator **£1921.14** (Jeremy Wilkinson 8.45pm)

*RESUBMISSION* GWF 20-19 Community Council Notice Board **£1157** (Jeremy Wilkinson)

Invited attendees

Douglas Johnston – Gargunnock Community Trust

Jeremy Wilkinson – Gargunnock Community Council

Shona Crawford - Stirling County U15's Tour Fund Group

Anne Muirhead and Grace Smellie - Gargunnock Old People's Welfare

1. **Apologies**

Julie Cole, Charles Fitches

1. **Minutes of last meeting**

Approved

1. **Election of Chairperson**

The Trust has advertised for more volunteers and the potential of a new Chairperson in the Bugle but there has been no response.

The Trust has also approached the Community Council to find a more long-term solution however no one from the Community Council has come forward. A member of the community has been approached and is possibly willing to come on from the start of 2020 as a voting or non-voting Chair.

It was also put forward that Stirling Council could support the position as a remit within one of their Community support services.

The course of action agreed is to ask the Trust to re-advertise in the Bugle and on the Gargunnock Facebook page to engage interest in addition to the individual who has been approached.

1. **New Applications**

*GWF 24/19 Welcome Team of Gargunnock Church-History of Gargunnock Kirk Information Leaflet* ***£242***

No one from the Welcome Team were available to attend however all details are in the application.

**Recommendation**

Encourage the group to provide a digital copy of this leaflet and the previous leaflet to put on the local website page. Also, for reprints they can approach local business for advertising/sponsorship.

The consensus is to approve the application.

*GWF 25-19 Gargunnock Community Trust-Community Centre Entrance Works* ***£2432.13***

The entrance was never upgraded at time of purchase and has now disintegrated to a critical point.

The legacy and capital elements within the Community Trust budget are ones which are for works which were not completed at the time of taking over the Community Centre from Stirling Council 6 years ago. There are not enough funds available within this budget to complete the ongoing works required to maintain the Community Centre.

The question was raised regarding what the business plan contingency and strategy was to pay for the ongoing works to the property, as the wind farm money was not a factor or resource at that time.

The business plan is now due for renewal as part of the 30-year long term plan.

**Recommendation**

As there is not a quorum of 5 non-Trust panel members presiding at this meeting, the application will be differed to the next meeting.

*GWF 29-19 Gargunnock Community Trust – New Boiler Control System* ***£1475***

Existing control system is not fit for purpose.

**Recommendation**

As there is not a quorum of 5 non-Trust panel members presiding at this meeting, the application will be differed to the next meeting.

*GWF 26-19 Stirling County U15's Tour Fund Group-U15's Tour to France 2020* ***£500***

The Stirling County U15s are part of development programme for the boys who do not train within the private school league. They are also part of the pool of players which can be selected for the Caledonian league and compete with the private schools for this.

Not all the boys are financially able to pay so the overall fundraising is used to assist to ensure it is inclusive.

Fundraising occurs throughout the year via a large variety of events throughout Stirling where all the boys are also involved.

The application is to help the 2 Gargunnock boys who will represent their club and their village to assist in the purchase of kit required for the tour.

The tour only happens at the U15 level so there will not be the same opportunity to apply for funds next year as there are no boys in the village at the right age range currently.

**Recommendation**

Would be good if the boys could go into the primary school for an hour and talk about their experience to inspire the children. Also, for the support from FALCK etc to be mentioned in the tour programme if possible.

The consensus is to approve the application.

*GWF 27-19 Gargunnock Old People's Welfare-Christmas Vouchers* ***£1000***

The Christmas vouchers were supported by many groups years ago but that has dropped to four individuals running it now. The vouchers go to those they know are 65 and over. It is advertised in the Bugle to communicate what they are and to find out who has come onto the 65+ register. There is also a list of those who do not wish to receive one.

Other fundraising is carried out in the form of quiz’s, local ceilidh and plans are being put in place for a local event.

**Recommendation**

The consensus is to approve the application.

*GWF 28-19 Gargunnock Community Council - Community Centre Defibrillator* ***£1921.14***

There is currently a defibrillator in the phone box next to the shop which has been used. The Trossachs Search & Rescue advise on maintaining it free of charge and their recommendation for geographical placement is at the Community Centre. The funds are for a slightly newer version of the one at the shop including the replacement pads and upkeep. The Trust have agreed to it being placed in the CC and to provide the electricity. The management of it would be through the Community Council which has no assets to acquire the defibrillator themselves.

**Recommendation**

The consensus is to approve the application.

*RESUBMISSION GWF 20-19 Community Council Notice Board* ***£1157***

The issues raised for the original application at the previous wind farm panel meeting where the application was rejected, have been addressed as per the resubmission document and this is the reason for the resubmission. Money has already been raised from Stirling Council so looking for match funding to support the purchase.

**Recommendation**

The consensus is to not approve the application.

The panel feel that it is not a viable project to be funded by the wind farm funds as there is already a noticeboard and better use can be made of the Community Council and Trust pages in The Bugle for communication purposes. They also comment that the monies raised from Stirling Council could be used to investigate alternative options for example put a rear panel on the existing noticeboard or upgrade existing noticeboard.

1. **Previous grant application update/monitoring form**

Information in grant tracker

1. **Proposed Next Dates of Meeting**

9th December 2019

1. **Other Business**

Terms of reference

There are several areas within the terms of reference which the panel feel is ambiguous or require updating and rewording and would suggest that these be reviewed.

The panel would like to have another meeting to discuss isolating the areas in question which they would like to make clearer. Half an hour to be added into the next meeting to accommodate this.

Encouraging future applications

Kimberley to enquire about taking a table at the Christmas Fayre to promote the Wind Farm Fund and assist with general enquiries regarding eligibility and help with application form completion.