

Gargunnock Community Trust

Gargunnock Windfarm Fund Panel Meeting

To be held on 13th February 2020, at 7.30pm in Gargunnock Community Centre

MINUTES

1. Apologies (Jill Patrick)
2. Attending (Alison Younger, Geoff Peart, Kirsty Baird, Mark Evans, Chloe Bruce, Kimberley Hay, Julie Cole, Charlie Fitches, Jackie Campbell, Carol MacGregor-Administrator)
3. Minutes of last meeting - approved
4. Appointment of Panel Chairperson – Alison Younger - approved
5. Panel members – retirements and appointments

Kirsty and Kimberley would like to retire from the panel. The Chair thanked Kirsty and Kimberley for all their support and input to the Panel since its establishment. There are 2 new individuals, Ian Young and Fiona McCartney who have expressed interest in joining and having considered their statements in support of their interest this was approved. It was noted that the review of Terms of Reference would change the maximum panel number to 10.

6. Applications:

7.45pm 37. GWF 30-20 Paint Playground GPS, £500, Janine Rushton

38. GWF 31-20 Spinecrackers GPS, £500, Janine Rushton

8.05pm 39. GWF 32-20 Digital Future GPS, £500, Tracy Peddie

8.20pm 40. GWF 33-20 Gargunnock Curling Club, £2783, Jackie Stevenson

8.40pm 41. GWF 34-20 Gargunnock Cricket Club, £3730, Graham Brodie

8.55pm 46. GWF 39-20 Playgroup Transition, £7500, Aston Goundry and Debbie Masson

9.15pm 42. GWF 35-20 Gala, £461.98, Kimberley Hay

9.30pm 45. GWF 38-20 GASC Booking System, £720, Paul Smith

9.45pm 43. GWF 36-20 Guides Patrol Tent, £340, Kirsty Baird

44. GWF 37-20 Gargunnock Beekeepers, £1749, Kirsty Baird

7. Review of Terms of reference and Funding Guidelines (attachments) Given the busy agenda it was agreed that this would be brought to next meeting for discussion. Panel members were invited to email the Chair in advance with their thoughts.
8. Monitoring/Feedback Reports
Orienteering Monitoring form required. Others to be checked and followed up by Carol.

9. Proposed Dates of 2020 Meetings

30th March (Trust 23rd April), 22nd June (Trust 25th June), 5th Oct (Trust 22nd Oct)

10. Any Other Business

2020/2021 funds will be drawn down in April 2020

Attachments

'Awards by project type jan2020'

'GARGUNNOCK WINDFARM FUND GUIDELINES [2]'

'review report 13 Feb 20'

'Windfarm Panel Terms of Reference Update2'

RECOMMENDATIONS

7.45pm 37. GWF 30-20 Paint Playground GPS, £500, Janine Rushton

Active Ambassadors are a quarter of the school and senior members take a lead in encouraging other pupils to take part in activities during break times. It also encourages activity and sport. This helps to alleviate alienation and isolation and encourages team games and interaction between pupils. The current paintings on the playground have worn away and new paintings for games and expression would assist with the active ambassadors' roles and be fun for all pupils.

Recommendations:

The panel are happy to recommend this application for the full £500

38. GWF 31-20 Spinecrackers GPS, £500, Janine Rushton

Spine Crackers are pupils that meet every Friday lunchtime and encourages reading for pupils as an extra-curricular activity and strive to make it exciting and fun. It's also a good way to assist with good mental health. They would like to organise a guest author, Teresa Breslin, to the school on World Book Day in March. Advantage of having smaller school, all pupils get to interact and be involved. School can afford to do this every few years but not every year. Previous visits from guest authors have created a great buzz and many pupils have found inspirational.

Recommendations:

The panel are happy to recommend this application for the full £500. How the funds given over requires clarifying as the Panel were not sure if funds could be deposited direct into the school account. If not, it may be best to give the monies to the Parent Council for distribution for these projects.

8.05pm 39. GWF 32-20 Digital Future GPS, £500, Tracy Peddie

The application is for funds towards phase 2 of hardware to support the original Digital Destroyers phase 1 roll-out which has been incredibly successful aiding the pupils digital support and progression. The parent sponsors have already secured the majority of the funds and are looking for the £500 to help bridge the gap.

Recommendations:

The panel are happy to support the £500 and the draw down could be delayed until the next financial year if necessary.

8.20pm 40. GWF 33-20 Gargunock Curling Club, £2783, Jackie Stevenson

Declaration of interests from Kimberley Hay and Mark Evans due to their spouses being part of the committee.

From previous funds arranged, coaching sessions were rolled out and gained members and it was very successful.

Looking for funding towards team outfits as they are involved in club games and leagues and it would be good to represent the club and Gargunock as ambassadors for the village in team colours to look professional and have an identity. Looking for equipment as well as this is currently borrowed from venues and other clubs. Also, would like to run 2 more coaching sessions.

Recommendations:

It was agreed in principle that a grant would be made to support costs towards the Club pins, Coaching, Ice Fees – Coaching, Sliders, Delivery Stabilisers, Brushes

3 quotes are required to be supplied, only one received so clarification required from Gavin regarding this.

The panel require further clarification over what the costs attribution is regarding the clothing, and the self-purchase figure detailed in the application. Decision to request that they attend again at the next panel meeting to supply more information so that a final grant determination would be taken.

8.40pm 41. GWF 34-20 Gargunock Cricket Club, £3730, Graham Brodie

Looking to encourage more members and younger members within the village. The facilities are currently not fit for purpose. The league is informal and encourages diversity. Current lawnmower is also now not fit for purpose and this is what they require help towards purchasing. They would also be fundraising themselves. Vision is for the cricket club to become an integral and beneficial asset to the village. There are 10 village members. One of the players is a qualified coach who is part of Stirling County and would encourage the younger members of the village to get involved. Lawnmower would be kept in locked container.

Recommendations:

Panel is happy to approve the full amount requested. The Trust are invited to consider purchasing the item in order to reclaim the VAT and then the lawnmower would be gifted to the Cricket Club or any other arrangement that would work for the Trust.

8.55pm 46. GWF 39-20 Playgroup Transition, £7500, Aston Goundry and Debbie Masson

Existing paid playgroup offering not sustainable anymore due to change in government funding giving children 30 hours of free nursery care.

The project is to set up a satellite early years care facility overseen by the Cambusbarron Village Nursery (CVN) potentially operating as Gargunnoch Nursery. CVN is a commercial enterprise offering full day childcare in Cambusbarron funded via Stirling Council and governed by the care inspectorate.

If successful this would be a new model, as has not been done in this Council area before. The result would be that 'Gargunnoch Nursery' would be part of Cambusbarron Village Nursery. The final model will be dependent on the care inspectorate. If phase one turns out not to be feasible then phase two would not go ahead and that is the risk. The Cambusbarron Village Nursery board has not given its approval at this point in time. In addition to the consultancy time to design and negotiate a new model with CVN, the Care Commission and Stirling Council the existing regulatory paperwork for Gargunnoch will need to be reviewed and revised.

Recommendations:

1. Agree to £3000 for phase 1a subject to a fixed price agreement with the business consultant so that there was no risk of overspend in delivering outputs. A copy of the contract with the business consultant would be required to be submitted to the panel.
2. Note that there was interest from the Panel in agreeing the £1000 for phase 1b but request that further information on this be supplied at the next meeting on the 30th March.
3. Prior to the release of any funds that an agreement is in place from the Cambusbarron Village Nursery board that they are aware of the project and are happy to support phase one in principle.

9.15pm 42. GWF 35-20 Gala, £461.98, Kimberley Hay

Conflict of interest noted for Kimberley Hay as committee member.

Gala Committee are looking for funding for new marquee.

Recommendations:

Panel are happy to approve the full amount of £461.98

9.30pm 45. GWF 38-20 GASC Booking System, £720, Paul Smith

Current system is not intuitive and is very time consuming. Errors are occurring causing potential loss of funds for the club and over charging of parents.

Since making the application, there is another system that has been recommended by their accountant and is a monthly subscription package. They would like to trial and take on if suitable as is a better fit for their needs. A grant of £720 would cover monthly subscriptions for the next 5 years.

Recommendations:

Following a revised quote received from Paul, Panel are happy to approve the full amount of £684 to cover the 5-year period and request that funds be ring fenced within GASC accounts for the booking system. Should the system fail then any remaining funds would be refunded to the Wind Farm Fund.

9.45pm 43. GWF 36-20 Guides Tent, £340, Kirsty Baird

Conflict of interest noted for Kirsty Baird as a Guide Leader

The guides are looking for an additional tent for guide camps and expeditions

Recommendations:

Panel are happy to approve the full amount of £340

44. GWF 37-20 Gargunock Beekeepers, £1749, Kirsty Baird

Educational asset to the village. The honey produced would be recycled back into the village as community fundraising or more hives or community involvement projects in terms of designing labels.

Recommendations:

The panel are happy to support the full amount of £1749