

## Windfarm Panel

### Minutes of Meeting of 27th September 2021

Location – Garden Room, Gargunock Community Centre

#### 1 In Attendance

Trust representatives	Jill Patrick, David King
Community Council representative	David King
Community representatives	Alison Younger, Hope Brodie, Jackie Campbell, Fiona McCartney, Mike Fitches, Nathan Anderton

#### 1.1 Apologies, Douglas Barr

Alison welcomed Hope, Mike and Nathan to the panel.  
New Community Council representative required.

**Action DK**

#### 2 Approval of Minutes

Minutes were approved.

#### 3 Declarations of Interest

Application Number 67.GWF 13-21 East Glen Rhododendron Planting

Interest: No conflict of interest

Application Number 69.GWF 15-21 GOPW Christmas Vouchers

Interest: Jill Patrick – Committee member  
Alison Younger – Leckie Farm beneficiary of vouchers  
David King – Recipient of vouchers

#### 4 Current Balance of Funds available

Available Resources: £26,118.93

Payment due from Foundation Scotland around £24,000

#### 5 Applications

##### **Application 67.GWF 13-21 East Glen Rhododendron Planting £250**

Application from Willie Campbell who is a member of RSCG (Rhododendron Species Conservation Group) and ex Head Gardener at Gargunock Estate. The RSCG has species conservation areas throughout Scotland, East Glen, Gargunock is one of these areas. Willie is applying for £250 to purchase 10 Species Rhododendrons for the East Glen.

Willie explained that the Rhododendrons would be purchased from Glendoick Nurseries in mid October and planted towards the end of October. East Glen is open to villagers all year round and information boards acknowledging the grant will be placed in the East Glen and updates will be published in The Bugle, patience would be needed as plants may take 15 years to reach full flowering potential.

It was understood that there are very few plant nurseries which hold species stock of this nature and it was therefore impractical for the applicant to provide 3 quotes. Alternatively details of a different order with the same company was provided so that the Panel could be satisfied that the funding requested was appropriate for the application.

Recommendation - **The application was approved in full - £250.**

#### **Application 69.GWF 15-21 GOPW Christmas Vouchers**

Alison Younger, Jill Patrick and David King having declared an interest in this application left the meeting and took no part in the discussion or decision making.

Application from Gill Bell and Grace Smellie representing Gargunock Old People's Welfare Christmas Vouchers Committee. Gill and Grace wanted to stress that if their application is unsuccessful there would be no vouchers to give out this year and it would likely be the end of the Christmas voucher scheme which has been running since 1965.

GOPW have had no income for the last 2 years, they raised £300 running Bite & Blether and had more organized before lockdown. Every couple of years they have a main fundraiser, unfortunately their last one had to be cancelled and they hope to be able to rearrange it next year. GOPW are asking for £1200, they need £1500 to issue vouchers and will be using the £300 raised from Bite & Blether.

Gill and Grace satisfied the panels questions around process of identifying who should receive vouchers, percentage of vouchers used by recipients and plans for future fundraising. GOPW would need a decision by early November but not require money until January.

Given the nature of this application and the Xmas voucher scheme the Panel were satisfied that in this instance 3 quotes were not required

Recommendation – **The application was approved in full - £1200.**

## **6 Monitoring / feedback**

55.GWF 1-21 SWRI Zoom Meetings. It was agreed that SWRI can use the remaining funds on their application towards Speakers, this money should be spent by end of March 2022, any money left over should be returned. **Action JC**

42.GWF 35-20 Gala. It was agreed that this grant which was awarded before lockdown should be returned, Gala committee are encouraged to apply for future grants once up and running. **Action JC**

56.GWF 2-21 Community Litterpick Project. Not everyone was aware of this project, Jackie to contact Gilly and ask for a poster to be made for the noticeboard and published in future editions of the Bugle. **Action JC**

**7 AOCB**

Applications had also been received from Gargunnock Farmers and the Kirk Welcome Team, both groups decided to delay applications until next year. The applications have some similarities, Jackie to contact both groups to see if there is any value in working together on one application next year. **Action JC**

Quick turnaround on Trust sign off is needed on recent applications. Jackie to forward summary to David. David to contact Trust members. **Action JC & DK**

**8 Date of next meeting**

7<sup>th</sup> March 2022