

Minutes

Gargunnoch Trust

Gargunnoch Windfarm Fund Panel

30th April 2018, 7.30pm, Gargunnoch Community Centre

Present:

Interim Chair - Geoff Peart

Panel Members - Julie Cole, Kirsty Baird, Stuart Ogg, Kimberley Hay, Charles Fitches

Administrator - Carol MacGregor

Applications on the agenda

Continued Applications:

GWF 1/17: Outdoor Learning Zone Update

GWF 5/18: Footbridge Maintenance

GWF 2/18: Community Centre Sound System

New Applications:

GWF 6/18: Forth Valley Orienteers - Gargunnoch Map - £450

GWF 7/18: Gargunnoch SWI – Trip to Dumfries House - £300

GWF 8/18: Gargunnoch Farmers Club – Outdoor Cordless Speakers - £300

Invited attendees

Stuart Campbell – Community Centre Sound System

Jason Inman – Forth Valley Orienteers

Kathleen Sinclair – Gargunnoch SWI

Bobby McAllister – Outdoor Cordless Speakers

1. Apologies

Mark Evans, Stuart Campbell, Jason Inman

2. Minutes of last meeting

Carol to check that the Old Peoples Welfare are aware that the panel are willing to add an additional £500 towards their voucher gift scheme.

Continued Applications

GWF 1/17: Outdoor Learning Zone Update

The draft Memorandum of Understanding [MoU] between the Trust and the Parent Council had been circulated prior to the meeting. The OLZ sponsors are meeting with the Parent Council tonight (30th April 2018) at which Douglas Johnston of the Gargunock Trust will be in attendance. Therefore, an update will be available from The Trust after the Parent Council meeting.

GWF 5/18: Footbridge Maintenance

Waiting for the public liability insurance to be implemented. The recommendation is that quotes be sought for a policy that will cover other works being carried out by the community in the village as the policy will be out in place by the Gargunock Trust.

Recommendation

Subject to the PLI coverage being obtained at a reasonable cost the panel is happy to delegate approval of an additional sum for the upgrading of the village bridge to the Chair. The Chair undertook to inform panel members of the additional cost.

GWF 2/18: Community Centre Sound System

Stuart Campbell unable to attend the meeting but sent an email after the meeting to say that the Trust has more questions on the latest but hopefully all their questions can be answered by the next meeting. See also GWF 8/18 below.

3. New Applications

GWF 6/18: Forth Valley Orienteers - Gargunock Map - £450

Jason Inman was not available to attend the meeting and was not available by phone when the panel attempted to contact him during the meeting.

There was a question over where they are based, however if the proposal is of benefit to the village the application would be eligible on that basis. The view is that it would be beneficial if something could be done for local groups such as Guides, GASC and the Primary School - such as running events for them or have an open event and make the map available to the local groups. These conditions would be required to be put onto any offer.

Recommendation

In principle the Panel is happy to support the application subject to the Administrator ascertaining who would own the copyright of the map if it is funded by The Gargunock Trust and-whether an electronic version can be made available. Information on the scale, area coverage and media format of the map would also be required.

GWF 7/18: Gargunock SWI –Trip to Dumfries House - £300

This is the first year the SWI have arranged a trip like this and they are trying to encourage new members and to make the outings and events educational. The GWF grant would go towards the cost of the coach hire which equates to £19.50 a head. Members are being asked to pay £22.50 for the tour which includes lunch. It was noted that the Gargunock SWI benefits local members aged from 35 to 90+.

Recommendation

Panel approved the recommendation to the Trust for the full £300, with the caveat that it may not be able to support all future activities of this nature.

GWF 8/18: Gargunock Farmers Club – Outdoor Cordless Speakers - £300

Up to now the Farmers Club have hired a system the Gargunock Show but it costs £300 and is not fit for purpose. They are looking for new outdoor blue tooth speakers which could be flexibly deployed and could match the system which is currently in the Community Centre. This would be available for other village users like the Gala.. The number of speakers required, costs and technical requirements remained to be finalised.

Recommendation

The Panel considered that this system was potentially useful but would require a proper technical appraisal. Given that the existing CC system was to be the subject of a technical assessment it was agreed that this new application should be considered as part of that exercise. In the meantime, the potential use of the existing CC system for the Show will be raised with the Trust.

4. Draft Annual Report

The Chair had circulated a draft Annual Report which had to be submitted to Falck and Foundation Scotland under the Memorandum of Understanding with the Trust. The Report was generally acceptable to the Panel but there was discussion regarding the likelihood of obtaining an Independent Chair and on whether it would be desirable to seek an increase in the membership of the Panel to facilitate the appointment of a young person [15-21]. There was also a suggestion that there should be more emphasis on what the benefits to the community have been so far within the Report

Recommendation

That the Report be approved, subject to the adoption of a rotating rather than independent Chair, addition of more detail on the benefits to the community of approved applications and the proposal to increase Panel membership for a young person [15-21]

5. Other Business

It was agreed that the deadline for applications should to be one week prior to the panel meetings to allow reasonable time to consider the applications. It was also noted that suitable accreditation to Foundation Scotland and Falck has been added to the Windfarm Fund website and the application forms as required by the MoU.

6. Date of next meeting

Monday 3rd September 2018, 7.30pm – Gargunock Community Centre

The next meeting scheduled after this will be January 2019, date and time tbc.