

Windfarm Panel

Minutes of Meeting of 3rd October 2022

Location – Garden Room, Gargunnoch Community Centre

1. In Attendance

Trust representatives	Jill Patrick, Jon Park
Community Council representatives	Lorna Rodger
Community representatives	Alison Younger, Hope Brodie, Jackie Campbell, Mike Fitches, Nathan Anderton

Apologies - David Millar, Vanessa Paynton

2. Approval of Minutes

Minutes were approved.

3. Declarations of Interest

Jill and Jon for GWF 7-22

Alison for GWF 8-22

Lorna for GWF 9-22

4. Current Balance of Funds available

Bank Balance: £46,414.27 (assuming latest payment in account)

Awarded not paid: £11,200 (£10,000 Sinking Fund, £1,200 Hillpath Consultation)

5. Applications

GWF 8-22 Gargunnoch Primary School Theatre Production.

Gillian Orr, Headteacher at Gargunnoch Primary attended the meeting, Alison left the room and took no part in discussion. As Secretary of the Parent Council Alison was responsible for the application to the Community Fund for the same project.

Gillian spoke about impact Covid has had on school life and how the school are now looking to re-ignite some of the community engagement that has been lost over the last 2 years. In the past the school has worked with Tapsalteerie Theatre and would like to do this once more to put on a show in the Community Centre.

The overall cost of the project will be around £2,200 and the school are requesting a grant of £500, the school have also applied for a Stirling Community Grant and any shortfall will be covered by a small ticket charge to see the performance.

Recommendation – the application was approved in full - £500.

GWF 6-22 Commercial Survey for Village Shop

Panel and Trust approved this application prior to meeting via email correspondence due to time constraint. Application was for £810 so a commercial valuation could be carried out before the group made a grant application to another body for funding to purchase the shop.

Unfortunately Christine could not attend the meeting and questions that the panel had for Christine will be sent to her by email.

GWF 9-22 Defibrillator Training

Lorna left the room and took no part in the discussion as she is a Community Council member.

Community Council asked for £150 as a donation to TSAR (Trossachs Search and Rescue) for defibrillator training that recently took place. Unfortunately this request is for retrospective funding which is not allowed under our guidelines. The panel noted that they would welcome a future application to support similar planned activity.

Recommendation – the application was declined.

GWF 7-22 Community Centre Zero Carbon Project

Douglas Johnston joined the meeting, Jon and Jill left the room and took no part in the discussion as they are Trust Directors.

This application is for 20% of the following areas

- Improving Ceiling Insulation
- Replacing Internal lights with LED
- Installing Solar PV Panels on the roof

CARES Net Zero Scotland will fund the additional 80% of the project.

Douglas gave a comprehensive overview of the project and answered all questions the panel had. If the costs increase between quote and purchase the plan is to use the sinking fund to make up the shortfall.

Recommendation – the application was approved in full - £5,181

6. Monitoring/Feedback

GASC Monitoring forms received.

Paths group will be meeting over the coming weeks, aim is to have Ladies Walk and Watson House paths complete by end of the year.

Pond project has been granted a 6 month extension, ponds are making excellent progress and remain on budget, still some minor things to complete.

7. Outstanding Action – Encouraging applications from Young People

Jackie, Hope and Nathan to work together to create a plan for surveying young people of village, P6 – S6. **Action JC/HB/NA**

8. Outstanding Action – Sinking Fund

Panel would like to thank Gavin for preparing report to show where sinking fund monies have been spent. Jackie to request this as an annual report **Action JC**

9. Outstanding Action – Community Endowment Feedback from Kippen Windfarm

Feedback was shared from Kippen Trust who are going through this process. Alison, Stuart and Jackie to meet with representatives from Kippen Trust on 12th October.

10. AOCB

Jon has decided to step down as a Trust Director and will no longer be able to represent the Trust on the Windfarm panel, everyone thanked Jon for his contributions.

Jill has served 4 years on the Windfarm panel as a Trust representative, Jill was thanked for her valued contributions over the last 4 years.

Action for Jill and Jon to request 2 new Trust members

Action JP/JP

Future meeting dates for 2023 were agreed as 9th Jan, 8th May, 2nd Oct

Action for Alison to mention in next issue of Bugle that the panel can be contacted between meeting dates for urgent requests. **Action AY**

11. Date of next meeting – 9th January 2023