

# EDF Renewables Corriemoillie Strathpeffer Community Fund Panel Meeting

Monday 29 April 2019 at 7.00pm  
Strathpeffer Community Centre, Strathpeffer

## Minutes

### Present

Archie Macnab  
Gail MacLean  
Ron McAulay (Chair)  
Val Macgregor  
William Deas

### In Attendance

Bea Jefferson, Foundation Scotland (FS)

### Apologies

None

### 1 Welcome and introduction

RM welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### 2 Panel Update

2.1 Minutes from last meeting – 12 November 2018  
The minutes were approved as a true record.

2.2 Matters arising  
There were no matters arising.

### 3 Fund Update

3.1 Fund statement  
The Fund Statement previously circulated showed funds available of £4,125.38. This does not include the year 3 EDF payment which should be with Foundation Scotland shortly. Since producing the statement, a further micro grant payment has been made to the Community Council, reducing the balance to £3,446. Once the EDF payment is received approximately £17,000 will be available for distribution this year.

A number of the projects listed in the Fund Statement have experienced delays:

Strathpeffer Community Association funding for a youth worker is now expected to be spent in the summer/autumn of this year.

Strathpeffer Spa Bowling Club improvements have been partially completed, and will be finished in November 2019.

### 3.2 Annual Report 2018

The combined report for all EDF Corriemoillie Funds was circulated prior to the meeting. This report will be sent to EDF and be publically available via the FS website.

### 3.3 Micro-grants

Three grants were made from the Year 1 payment. The Year 2 payment has now been made to the Community Council. In addition, the underspend on the community consultation (lego event) has been transferred to the micro grant fund for distribution.

## 4 **Applications for Decision**

### 4.1 A510100 – Strathpeffer Under Fives

Grant Purpose: To contribute to hall hire for the period August 2019 to July 2020.

Declaration of interest: None

Decision: Award of £2,272.00

Subject to the following conditions:

None

### 4.2 A509985 – Strathpeffer Residents Association

Grant Purpose: To contribute to the cost of drainage and groundworks in the community park.

Declaration of interest: RM (Member of the Association)

Decision: Deferred

Feedback for the Applicant:

The Panel were supportive of the project. However, the Panel wish to reconsider the application once the costs of the drainage/groundworks and the developer contributions are known and planning permission is in place. This information should be supplied by the end of September 2019 for consideration by the Panel on 11 November 2019.

### 4.3 A492223 – Strathpeffer and District Community Rowing Club

Grant Purpose: To fund a cabin to be sited behind the Storehouse of Foulis on the Moray Firth, which will provide secure storage and changing facilities.

Declaration of interest: None

Decision: Award of £2,000.

Subject to the following conditions:

That a formal agreement is submitted to Foundation Scotland confirming the landowner's permission for the siting of the storage cabin for no less than ten years.

That match funding is obtained to a level which will allow the project to proceed as planned.

## 5 Any Other Business

### 5.1 Confirmation of Panel Deadlines and Meetings

	<u>Closing Date</u>	<u>Panel Date</u>
Year 3 Round 2	16 September 2019	11 November 2019
Year 4 Round 1	16 March 2020	27 April 2020
Year 4 Round 2	14 September 2020	9 November 2020

The above schedule was agreed.

### 5.2 Fund Promotion

Press releases on this round of awards will focus on Strathpeffer Under Fives.

Information on Round 2 will be circulated by the Community Council to their list of local contacts.

### 5.3 Community Plan

Consultation on the Community Plan is currently taking place. It should be finalised by the next funding round. The Fund guidance will be amended to make reference to the community plan – however, it will be made clear that the Panel will consider applications outside the plan priorities.

### 5.3 Short Notice Applications Outside Fund Deadlines

The Panel agreed that it would consider an application from the Community Council for funding Christmas lights before the next funding round. This met the criteria agreed at the November 2018 meeting:

- a) The need for the award could not be foreseen in time for the agreed deadlines
- b) There was a pressing deadline for the expenditure
- c) There was a clear benefit to the community as a whole, beyond the aspirations of a single organisation/group
- d) Funds were available to support the award.

The application would be submitted to FS as soon as possible, who would carry out an assessment and circulate the assessment for Panel approval via email.

No further business was raised and the meeting was closed.