

# EDF Renewables Corriemoillie Strathpeffer Community Fund Panel Meeting

Monday 11 November 2019 at 7.00pm  
Strathpeffer Community Centre, Strathpeffer

## Minutes

### Present

Archie Macnab  
Gail MacLean  
Ron McAulay (Chair)  
Val Macgregor  
Neil Moscrop

### In Attendance

Bea Jefferson, Foundation Scotland (FS)  
Marion McDonald, Foundation Scotland (FS)

### Apologies

Peter MacLellan

### 1 Welcome and introduction

RM welcomed NM to the Panel. MM introduced as the new FS Fund Co-ordinator. BJ thanked for all her help.

### 2 Panel Update

- 2.1 Minutes from last meeting – 29 April 2019  
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 £11,553.96.

The statement included the recent short notice application for Christmas light connection. RM reported that the offer letter had not yet been received.

**Action: BJ/MM** to investigate and report back

Some additional project updates were given:

Peffery Way: signs have been purchased and will be erected soon.

**Action: RN** to get photographs of new signage

Strathpeffer Community Association: youth worker project is in doubt due to staff changes and potential change of use for areas of the centre due to increased nursery provision. SCA have requested a change of use for the funds – to develop secure outdoor space for under 5s and for toddler group and possibly to replace the bouncy castle which is hired out and used for events.

**Action: MM** invite SCA to submit a costed proposal which will be considered by email

### 3.2 Community Plan

The plan has been approved and is now on the community website. As a result Strathpeffer and District Development Trust is in the process of being established.

**Action: MM** to include Community Plan link in Fund factsheet. Projects should refer to the Plan but will still be considered on their own merits.

### 3.3 Project update – A509972 Strathpeffer & District Community Rowing Club

The Club has managed to negotiate a one year licence to occupy with the landowner at Foulis where the boat uses the public slipway to launch. Thereafter the site would be offered on a month to month basis. The Panel is concerned that this is potentially not secure enough to justify the fund investment, although they recognise that the Club may well be allowed to use the site for longer than the initial year. The Panel would like the applicant to try to secure a 5 year licence for a location somewhere at Foulis, and also to supply more information about other potential sites in the vicinity. Raising match funding is still a condition of the grant. (NM declared an interest as a Club member though he is not on the committee)

**Action: BJ/MM** contact the Club re the above

### 3.4 Short notice application approval

Record approval by email of A525010 Community Council application: £1,440 to provide electrical connections for the village display of Christmas lights.

**Action: RM** to get photos for MM

### 3.3 Micro-grants

No recent applications.

## 4 **Applications for Decision**

### 4.1 A525232 – Dundonnell Mountain Rescue Team

Grant Purpose: To upgrade the group's laptops, purchasing a semi-rugged laptop for use in forward positions and two non-rugged laptops to be stationed with a team-leader, base and/or trained operator.

Decision: Rejected

Feedback to the applicant:

While the Panel recognises the great work carried out by the Mountain Rescue Team, it felt that the project did not have enough evidence of benefit to the Fund area. The Panel would like to refer DMRT to the Education & Training Fund which may be able to help them meet other costs related to training volunteers.

#### 4.2 A509985 – Strathpeffer Residents Association (Resubmission)

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

Declaration of interest: RM (Member of the Association)

Decision: Award of £3,000.00

Subject to the following conditions:

That planning permission is obtained

That evidence of match funding is supplied to carry out the drainage/groundworks

### 5 **Any Other Business**

#### 5.1 Confirmation of Panel Deadlines and Meetings

	<u>Closing Date</u>	<u>Panel Date</u>
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 the play park project. Information should also be sent to the community website.

**Action: MM**

No further business was raised and the meeting was closed.