



EDF-ER Corriemoillie Strathpeffer Community Fund Panel Meeting

Monday 4th September 2017 at 5.30pm
Strathpeffer Community Centre, Strathpeffer

Minutes

Present

Bob Irvine
Archie Macnab
Valerie Macgregor
Peter MacLellan

In Attendance

Iain Catto, Foundation Scotland

Apologies

Tracey Gollan
John Ramsay
Fiona Denovan

1 Welcome and introduction

IC welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2 Appointment of Chair of the Panel

The Panel agreed to appoint BI to chair the Panel.

3 Panel Update

3.1 Minutes from last meeting

These were approved as a correct record.

3.2 Matters arising

3.2.1 Approval of Panel policies

The Panel agreed to adopt the draft Conflict of Interest Policy, Expenses Policy, Code of Conduct, and Communication Guidelines, submitted at the last meeting, without amendment.

3.2.2 Micro-grants scheme

IC had produced a draft form for use by the Community Council. The Panel were happy with that draft. The Panel confirmed that micro-grants should be for informal groups and individuals only. Constituted groups should apply to the main Fund.

3.2.3 Register of interests

Panel members completed declaration of interest forms.

4 **Fund Update**

IC reported that the Fund for 2017 was £13,566. Deducting the micro-grants amount of £678 payable to Strathpeffer Community Council left £12,888 available to be awarded.

It was agreed that the Community Council would pay for the community centre let charge for the meeting.

The Panel decided that it wished to ensure that some funds were made available for the second round of awards in the autumn.

5 **Applications for Decision**

5.1 IC reported that an application had also been received from Ullapool & District Pipe Band, but it was ineligible and had been withdrawn.

5.2 A450593 – 1st Fairburn Scout Group

Grant Purpose: To purchase five tents and four folding table/bench sets.

Declaration of interest: PM declared a direct interest and left the room.

Decision: Award of £795

5.3 A450624 – Peffery Way Association

Grant Purpose: To design and distribute a questionnaire to local residents and organisations to provide an up to date measure of the interest and possible use of the path. To contribute to the cost of providing signage along the path to aid walkers and cyclists.

Declaration of interest: VM declared an indirect interest, and stayed in the meeting.

Decision: Award of £2,000, subject to conditions.

5.4 A450633 - Strathpeffer Community Association Ltd

Grant Purpose: To fund a sessional worker, materials, room hire and other additional support to re-establish a local youth club.

Declaration of interest: None.

Decision: Award of £2,000

5.5 A450675 - Strathpeffer and District Pipe Band

Grant Purpose: To contribute to the purchase of new drums and harnesses for the band.

Declaration of interest: None.

Decision: Award of up to £2,000, subject to conditions.

5.6 A450757 - Strathpeffer Primary and Nursery School Parent Council

Grant Purpose: To contribute to the cost of installing an embankment slide and climbing net in the school playground.

Declaration of interest: BI and PM each declared an indirect interest, and both stayed in the meeting.

Decision: Award of £2,000, subject to conditions.

6 Fund Timetable

The date for the next Panel meeting was moved to Wednesday 1st November at 7pm. The timetable for the Fund was confirmed as follows:

	<u>Closing Date</u>	<u>Panel Date</u>
Year 1 Round 2	25 September 2017	1 November 2017
Year 2 Round 1	26 March 2018	7 May 2018
Year 2 Round 2	24 September 2018	5 November 2017

7 Fund Promotion

IC would distribute posters this weekend, and would issue the necessary press release alerting the community to the next closing date of 25 September. The Panel agreed that the awards to 1st Fairburn Scout Group and to Strathpeffer and District Pipe Band should be the ones highlighted in press releases on the awards.