

Galawhistle Community Fund Panel Meeting

Thursday 1st November 2018, 7.15 pm
Douglas St Bride's Centre

MINUTES

Present:

Douglas

Jim Smith (JS)
Morag Flemming
Kyle MacMillan
John McAleer
David Ellis

Coalburn

William Prentice
Jim McBain
George Smith
Lesley McCranor

In Attendance: Tom Black (Foundation Scotland) (TB), Sam Bramwell (Foundation Scotland) (SB)

1. Welcome and apologies

- a. David Ellis (Douglas) agreed to chair the meeting.
- b. Apologies were received from Henry Thompson.
- c. Tom Black introduced Sam Bramwell as the new Foundation Scotland main contact for the Fund.

2. Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed to be a fair and accurate record. Proposed by William Prentice and seconded by Jim Smith. There were no matters arising.

3. Fund business

a. Fund statement

Panel noted a fund balance of £24,873.65 for distribution.

The next Fund payment from Ventient Energy is due in 1st March 2019 and so it should be available for distribution at the next Panel meeting, to be held in April.

b. Fund promotion

Posters were distributed to promote the last application deadline. The Fund had also been promoted via websites and through Facebook.

A 'Meet the Funder' event was going to be held at The St. Bride's Centre on 12th November and FS would be attending to further promote the Fund.

SB to provide posters and text for websites / e-mails / Facebook pages, for the Panel to distribute in advance of next application deadline.

Action: SB/All

SB to issue press release on awards made this round, to include details of next application deadline.

Action: SB

c. Grant payments system

FS has changed the way it makes payments and in future it will only be able to make electronic payments. This includes Panel expenses and a revised claim form is now available. Notifications of payments will be sent by email.

d. FS Panel survey

A copy of the report on the latest FS Panel survey will be circulated by TB.

Action: TB

4. Grant Making

a. Declarations of Interest

Members declared the following interests. The Panel agreed that members who had declared an interest could remain in the room and participate in the discussion but not in decision-making.

Lesley McCranor – Healthy Valleys

Kyle MacMillan - 7th Lanarkshire (1st Douglas) Scout Group.

b. Decisions

Applicant Name	Application No.	Purpose of Grant	Amount Awarded	Further conditions of grant / feedback to applicant
Douglas Community Projects Group	A489288	To commission and install a full size bronze statue of Sir James Douglas in a prominent location in Douglas.	£0	<p>Feed back to application: The Panel was unable to offer an award at this stage, but is happy to consider the application again at its next meeting. The Panel's requires the following conditions to be met before it can make a funding decision:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That evidence be provided that all match funding necessary for the project to proceed has been secured (e.g. offer letters from other funders); • That a formal long lease between Douglas Community Projects Group and the landowner regarding maintenance, repair, insurance and relocation (if the site is redeveloped) of the statue is provided; • That evidence of planning permission for the statue is provided; • That further evidence of wide community consultation and support is provided.
Lodge Newlands No. 949 Masonic Lodge	A489848	To contribute to the costs of improving the building to ensure it better serves the local groups that regularly use it.	£2,450.00	<p>Feed back to application: The Panel has concerns about supporting a group that restricts its membership on the grounds of gender and religious belief, however, it approves the grant award because it will enable urgent works to be undertaken on a building that is used on a regular basis by community groups; and in particular by the mother and toddlers group.</p> <p>It was minuted that two Panel members voted against the granting of the award to a masonic lodge on principle due to the organisation's restricted membership policy.</p>
7 th Lanarkshire (1 st Douglas) Scout Group	A491192	To contribute to the costs of kilts, hoodies, cooking equipment and a mess tent to allow 1 st Douglas Scouts to take part in the Haarlem Jamborette in July 2019.	£2,308.00	<p>Feed back to application: The Panel approves an increased award to enable the group to purchase 25 child and 2 adult kilts and hoodies. Further conditions of grant:</p>

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That an independently inspected copy of the group's accounts to 31 March 2018, signed by the independent person inspecting them, be submitted. • That the hoodies have the Fund logo added.
Healthy Valleys	A491233	To set up and run a telephone befriending and home visiting service for older people in Douglas, Coalburn and Glespin, including staff and volunteer costs.	£19,330.00	<p>Further conditions of grant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That, in addition to the completion report, a progress report is provided to Foundation Scotland six months after the start of the project. The reports should evidence that delivery funded by the Galawhistle Community Fund only takes place within the communities of Coalburn, Douglas and Glespin.
Total			£24,088.00	

c. Micro-grants

Billy Prentice reported that Coalburn CC has received seven micro-grant applications to date and it has made its first award to Lintfieldbank WRI.

Jim Smith reported that Douglas CC would discuss the possibility of running a micro-grant scheme and would feed back to the Panel.

Action: JS

5. Dates for next round

Dates for remaining 2019 grant-making rounds were agreed as follows:

Application deadline	Panel meeting
Thursday 7 th March 2019	Thursday 25 th April 2019
Thursday 12 th September 2019	Thursday 7 th November 2019

6. Any other competent business

The Panel noted that David Ellis had stepped down from Douglas CC and that Jim Smith had taken over as the Douglas CC representative on the Panel.

7. Date and venue of next meeting

7.15pm on 25th April 2019 at Coalburn One Stop Shop (venue tbc).

Action: SB

Summary of actions

Item	Description	Person
3b	Prepare and send publicity material for next application deadline to Panel Members	SB
3b	Distribute publicity material for next rounds	All
3b	Issue press release on awards made and next application deadline	SB
3c	Distribute FS Panel Survey report	TB
4c	Report back regarding possible Douglas CC micro-grant scheme	JS
7	Confirm venue of next meeting	SB