

## **NorthConnect Legacy Fund Panel Meeting Minutes**

**On 25 November 2019 from 2.00pm  
At Buchan Development Partnership, Nethermuir Road, Maud**

### **Present**

Fiona Henderson (FH)	NorthConnect
Diane Tait (DT)	Buchan Development Partnership

### **In Attendance**

Iain Catto (IC)	Foundation Scotland (FS)
Fiona Milligan (FM) (via conference call)	NorthConnect

### **1. Welcome, Introductions and Apologies**

FH chaired the meeting. Apologies were received from Frank Gordon (Boddam Estates).

### **2. Minutes of the meeting on 25 March 2019**

Subject to various typos to be corrected, these were approved as a correct record.

IC would work up some case studies from completed projects over the summer.

There were no other matters arising.

### **3. Matters arising**

#### **3.1 Case studies**

IC has nearly finished a batch of case studies. They largely await photos. These will need to go on to the NorthConnect web-site as well as the Fund web-pages.

#### **3.2 Press releases**

These were all issued after the last funding round, with three themes: youth, community facilities, off-shore; and generated more local coverage than previously. IC will send electronic versions to FM.

#### **3.3 East Grampian Coastal Partnership**

The sci-art schools project will no longer be going ahead. EGCP was grateful to the Panel for considering the application and for its feedback.

#### 4. **Fund Statement**

IC had previously circulated a statement showing funds available at 20 November 2019 of -£7.00. The next donation of £20,000 from NorthConnect would arrive shortly. IC was advised to include the bank transfer charge for the last payment and this payment in the invoice.

Three of the grants awarded in March 2019 had not yet been drawn down - Aberdeenshire Sailing Trust, Collieston Community Development Group, and Rediscover Peterhead, the first two as they were still pursuing match funding.

#### 5. **Applications for Decision**

##### 5.1 A524330 - Men United

Grant purpose – To produce flyers and marketing materials to promote the group and contribute to other setup costs.

Declaration of Interest – DT (indirect interest).

Decision – award of £1,500, subject to a condition.

##### 5.2 A524723 - Port Erroll Heritage Group

Grant purpose – To contribute to the installation of information boards at the Trygve Gran memorial and Slains Castle Car Park.

Declaration of Interest – None.

Decision – award of £1,500, subject to conditions.

##### 5.3 A525621 - Peterhead Academy

Grant purpose – To purchase equipment for the bee-keeping after school club to maintain the beehives recently installed at the school.

Declaration of Interest – None.

Decision – award of £1,500, subject to a condition.

##### 5.4 A526837 - Aberdeenshire Sailing Trust

Grant purpose – To purchase wetsuits.

Declaration of Interest – DT (indirect interest).

Decision – award of £1,000.

##### 5.5 A526926 - The Friends of Aden Country Park

Grant purpose – To hold a combined Scottish/Norwegian event in 2020.

Declaration of Interest – DT (indirect interest).

Decision – award of £1,500, subject to conditions and further discussion with NorthConnect regarding the scope and content of the event.

- 5.6 A526927 - Peterhead Academy  
Grant purpose – To contribute to the annual S1 Community Days, including transport and materials.  
Declaration of Interest – None.  
Decision – award of £900.00, subject to conditions.
- 5.7 A527692 - Port Erroll School Parent Council  
Grant purpose – To contribute to the purchase and installation of new playground equipment.  
Declaration of Interest – None.  
Decision – award of £1,500, subject to a condition.
- 5.8 A527695 - Apex Church Peterhead  
Grant purpose – To contribute to the purchase of new tables, chairs, trolleys and room dividers for use in the community hall.  
Declaration of Interest – DT (indirect interest).  
Decision – award of £1,500.
- 5.9 A527754 - Crimond Community Centre  
Grant purpose – To upgrade the community centre's lighting to a low energy system.  
Declaration of Interest – None.  
Decision – award of £1,500, subject to conditions.
- 5.10 A527791 - Aberdeen Foyer  
Grant purpose – To support the cost of 30 financial inclusion sessions to be delivered in Peterhead Learning House by a qualified, skilled worker.  
Declaration of Interest – None.  
Decision – award of £1,500.
- 5.11 A528096 - Mintlaw Public Hall  
Grant purpose – To upgrade the hand-dryers in the toilets in the hall.  
Declaration of Interest – DT (indirect interest).  
Decision – award of £1,100.
- 5.12 A528153 - Artventure  
Grant purpose – To contribute to the cost of establishing two cultural community engagement initiatives, being a photography competition and a yarn festival.  
Declaration of Interest – None.  
Decision – award of £1,500, subject to a condition.
- 5.13 A528165 - British Divers Marine Life Rescue  
Grant purpose – To provide a trailer to transport injured marine mammals and the required equipment for rescue in the area.  
Declaration of Interest – None.

Decision – award of £1,500, subject to a condition.

5.14 A528166 - Cruden Bay Community Association

Grant purpose – To install CCTV at the village hall, Mill Park pavilion and the bowling club.

Declaration of Interest – None.

Decision – No award.

5.15 A528167 - Buchanhaven Harbour SCIO

Grant purpose – To contribute to the cost of installing solar panels on the harbour's boat shed.

Declaration of Interest – DT (indirect interest).

Decision – award of £1,500, subject to conditions.

5.16 A528727 - Stuartfield and District Community Association

Grant purpose – To restore the local telephone box and turn it into a local information kiosk.

Declaration of Interest – None.

Decision – award of £500, subject to conditions.

**6. Promotion of Awards**

IC had previously circulated a list of where applicants had heard about the Fund. This was a mix of Buchan Development Partnership, being a previous applicant, local posters, drop-in event for another FS-managed fund, e-mails from IC or FM, and a NorthConnect event locally.

**7. Funding Round in 2020**

7.1 NorthConnect is still to make a decision over the dates and details for the next round, but it is likely to be in Autumn 2020.

**8. AOCB**

**Actions List from this meeting**

Ref	Action	Who	When
1	Prepare case studies of completed projects	IC	Summer 2020
2	Issue press releases publicising the awards	IC/FM	After the awardees have been notified