

## **Copeland Community Fund Project Board**

### **Notes of the meeting held on 17 January 2011 Nicholson Room, Copeland Centre**

**Present:** Mr. M Shields (Independent Member in the Chair for Items 1 - 5)  
Councillor E Woodburn (Chairman for the remainder of the agenda)  
Councillor D Moore (CBC)  
Mr B Hough (NDA)  
Councillor T Knowles (CCC)  
S McClure (Independent Member)

**In Attendance:** E Farrell (CCC); Stephen Brown (CCC, Items 1,2, 3, 4 and 5); P Dodson (CCC); P Ratcliffe (Community Development Worker); R Graham (Community Development Worker); L Taylor (Notes)

1. **Apologies for absence**

Councillor A Markley (CCC); J Betteridge (CBC); B Collins (CBC)

2. **Disclosures of interest**

E Woodburn declared a personal interest prior to the determination of the Egremont Methodist application due to being a member of Egremont Town Council

E Woodburn and D Moore declared personal interests prior to the determination of the Copeland Apprenticeship Initiative due to being elected members of Copeland Borough Council

3. **Notes of last meeting**

Agreed

**Uncompleted Actions of last meeting**

**Action JB/EF - Service Level Agreement Report - Amended documents to be brought to next meeting for signatures**

**Action JB - Ethics Policies of other funds to be sent to Board Members by e-mail**

4. **Copeland Community Fund Investment Policy Discussion Paper**

The board asked that this item be deferred to the next meeting and an officer be invited to present

**Defer to the next meeting of the Board – Action B Collins/J Betteridge to attend.**

5. **Quarterly Financial Report – CCC**

S Brown presented the financial update outlining the financial position of the fund at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2010 and detailing commitments up to March 2011

**Agreed that**

1. **The Board notes the financial position of the Copeland Community Fund as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2010 and**
2. **The Board confirms the loan of £5 million to the County Council and the investment of £5 million for a four year period. This loan would be included as part of the council's portfolio of investments and invested for periods of 1 year at a time to maximise returns without incurring increased risk.**

Members were informed that as yet an assurance audit on the fund requested by the Audit Commission had not started but should be completed before the end of the financial year.

The board noted that the annual payment from the NDA had been formally requested. B Hough informed members that this was being processed and should be expected shortly.

**Budget and Small Grants Financial Update**

P Radcliffe presented a report outlining grants awarded and detailing additional funding that had been achieved as a result of community development support. Team budget details were also included.

**Agreed – That the report be noted**

6. **Large Grant Applications**

Presentations were given in respect of large grant applications as follows. These were followed by questions from the Board

**North Copeland Youth Partnership** – Valda Young, Rebecca Dawson

**Phoenix Youth Project** – Gary Holland

**Egremont Methodist Church** – Philip Peacock, Alistair Bell

**Black Sail Youth Hostel** – Simon Ainley

**Copeland Apprenticeship** - Chris Pickles/ Lorraine Irving

**NB: Councillor Tim Knowles left the meeting following this item**

7. **Large Grant Decision**

<b>Organisation/Project</b>	<b>Amount Requested</b>	<b>Decision</b>
North Copeland youth Partnership	£42,136	Approved in principle provided all funding is in place. In the event that Lottery funding is achieved funding will be withdrawn
Phoenix Youth Project	£60,000 over a three year period	Approved subject to match funding being secured
Egremont Methodist Church Community Centre	£100,000	Not Approved due to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• sustainability concerns</li><li>• scope for community usage</li></ul>
Black Sail Youth Hostel	£250,000	Not Approved due to <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Lack of benefit for Copeland and its residents</li></ul>
Copeland Apprenticeship Initiative	£99,272	Approved subject to a breakdown of costs being submitted and the possibility of sponsorship of one of the Apprenticeship Awards mentioned in the presentation.

8. **AOB**

The Board were informed that this would be Eleanor's last meeting before her maternity leave and that Paul Dodson, Head of Community Regeneration would be attending the meetings during her absence.

The Chair asked that the thanks and best wishes of the board be noted.

**Well Bank Project**

B Hough brought to the attention of the board the Well Bank Project. A community led project in Bootle. It was suggested that more details of the scheme be brought to a future meeting of the board

**Action: BH to circulate information paper to Board Members**

**Publicity**

The Board asked what conditions were placed regarding publicity of the fund when offers of funding were made

**Action: PR/RG to e-mail criteria to Board Members**

10. **Date of next and meeting**

21<sup>st</sup> March 2011 at 2:00pm