

Copeland Community Fund Project Board
Notes of the Meeting held on 26 July 2012 Nicholson Room, Copeland Centre

Present: Mr T Knowles (Chairman)
Councillor E Woodburn (CBC)
Mr D Moore (CBC)
Mr S McClure (Independent Member)
Mr M Shields (Independent Member)

In Attendance: P Dodson(CCC); J Betteridge (CBC); P Ratcliffe (Community Development Worker), R Kendrick (Community Development Worker), K Elliott (Grants Officer) I Hill (Away Day Facilitator)

1. **Apologies for absence**

Mr B Hough (NDA)
Councillor A Markley (CCC)

2. **Disclosures of interest**

E Woodburn – 4.2, 6.1 professional
T Knowles – 4.6, 6.3 professional

3. **Notes of last meeting, 30 March 2012**

Agreed.

4. **Actions from Previous Meeting**

The annual payment with interest for late period has now been made by the NDA.
The annual Drigg payment has also been made.

5. **Finance**

The Board reviewed and noted the budget sheet.

6. **Large Grant Requests**

6.1 Organisation/Project	Amount Requested
Copeland Work and Skills Partnership Copeland Apprenticeship Initiative	£92,960 over 3 years revenue
Decision Approved	
Special Conditions as per the appraisal are to be met:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• An evaluation of phase 1 will be needed before phase 3 can go ahead• The grant requested from the Fund will be reduced in line with any surplus following the award of match funding.• Applicant to provide evidence of match funding	

6.2 Organisation/Project	Amount Requested
The Whitehaven Foyer The Whitehaven Foyer	£1,000,000 over 2 years capital
<p>Decision Deferred</p> <p>The Board agreed their support in principle for the project but deferred the project decision to obtain further detailed information on the development and delivery timescales including match funding. The Board also wish to understand the projects issues around welfare reform. The Fund Team and Copeland Council will have a discussion with the Foyer project team and request additional information for the Board.</p> <p>The Board agreed for the Chair to write a letter of support in principle to the Energy Coast Board Chair in support of the project.</p>	

6.3 Organisation/Project	Amount Requested
YHA YHA Blacksail – A Green Beacon	£164,961 over 1 year capital
<p>Decision Declined</p> <p>Given concerns highlighted in the appraisal around match funding and fit to fund criteria the appraiser was unable to make a favourable recommendation. The Board declined after a full discussion.</p>	

6.4 Organisation/Project	Amount Requested
Regen NE Copeland Ltd West Lakes Xtreme	£199,835 revenue
<p>Decision Approved £42,662 Investment grant Approved £157,173 Development grant (subject to RGF decision)</p> <p>The Board discussed the importance of assisting projects through asset development and were keen to support the land assembly element with an investment grant of £42,662 with match as detailed on the application. The Board agreed to support the remaining £157,173 development grant request to assist the project in receiving Regional Growth Fund. The Board agreed to release this development grant assistance once the RGF 1st stage decision has been made and to be matched against the RGF grant approved.</p>	

7. **Forward Planning**

The Away Day following the Board will pick up this Item.

8. **Any other Business**

Annual report – a copy was given to each of the Board members and the Board were informed that it is available on the Fund website. RK to send to Lesley Taylor for Dispatches circulation.

Chair suggested that RK get in touch with Ted Thwaites to arrange a presentation to the Local Committee of CCC.

9. **Date of next meeting**

Thursday 20 September 2012 at 10.00am, Carlisle Spedding Room, The Copeland Centre