

## Small Grants Panel



### Copeland Community Fund Small Grants Panel

Notes of the Grants Panel held on 22 February 2011 Nicholson Room, Copeland Centre

**Present:** Brian Hough (NDA)  
Julie Betteridge (CBC)  
Kevin Little (CCC)  
Diane Ward (CBC)  
Kimberley Elliott (CCF)  
Paula Ratcliffe (CCF)  
Rachel Graham (CCF)

1. **Apologies for absence**  
Paul Dodson (CCC)

2. **Disclosures of interest**  
Julie Betteridge declared an interest in CBC- Whitehaven Civic Hall Refurb

**Minutes of the Previous Meeting**  
16 Dec 2010 Minutes approved

3. **Award of Small Grants**

The Panel agreed a score threshold of 50% for all applications. All applications that score less than 50% will not be presented at the Grants Panel.

#### **Deferred applications from previous grants panel:**

##### Greenbank Community Association – Greenbank Play Area/MUGA

Application no: 960026 Grant Request: £30,000

Additional information was received following development officer visit.

**Grant approved £30,000** with the conditions the Fund is kept informed of:

- the number of people using the facilities
- the benefits to the community
- host of a launch event upon project completion
- receipt of a confirmed maintenance plan

##### Gosforth Nursery – Installation of Renewable energy systems

Application no: 960006

Grant Request: £49,066

Business plan received.

**Grant Approved £49,066.** Condition that there is a one year review required to ensure community wide use of the building

Egremont Rugby Union – Revenue costs towards coordinator

Application no: 960011

Grant Request: £25,000

On receipt additional information

**Grant approved £25,000.** Full business plan to be submitted by December 2011.

Cumbria Youth Alliance – Skills for Working Futures

Application no: 960005

Grant Request: £49,900

Further information was submitted and was declined due lack of added value above existing CYA delivery in Copeland.

**Declined**

Whitehaven Rugby League Foundation – ‘Give it a try’ project

Application no: 960022

Grant Request: £45,000

Further information submitted with a development officer visit. Applications declined further development work needed

**Declined**

**Applications received:**

Copeland Borough Council – Whitehaven Civic Hall Refurbishment

Application no: 960055

Grant Request: £5,000

Approved subject to the revision of outcomes to focus specifically on the benefits of the refurbishment. E.g. 2 additional meetings rooms, installation of disabled access.

The surplus income from the increased facility space to be re-invested within that facility

**Grant Approved £5,000**

Centre of Complimentary Care

Application no: 960017

Grant Request: £48,000

Panel declined due to the score being below 50% and scoring low in three main areas.

Development support to be offered to the applicant.

**Declined**

Whitehaven Adult Education/Howgill Family Centre

Application no: 960059

Grant Request: £16,125

Development team to advise applicant to submit additional information to the next Grant Panel.

Applicant to clarify the outcomes of the project: Where are the trainee councillors from? Where will they be placed once qualified? Howgill Centre? What is the forecasted number of councillors that will be working in Copeland?

**Deferred**

### Whitehaven, Egremont and District Credit Union – Revenue Support Costs

Application no: 960060

Grant Request: £20,000

Fund to be advised of position of sustainability within 6 months of project commencement.

**Grant approved £20,000**

### Sunbeams Music Trust – Revenue Support Costs

Application no: 960051

Grant Request: £29,606.29

Panel approved with the condition that there is a review of the match funding after the first year, and evidence of funding from the venues.

**Grant approved £29,606.29**

### Woodhouse Family Centre – Revenue Support Costs

Application no: 960045

Grant Request: £8,000

Panel declined due to the score being below 50%. It was recommended that the applicant works with the Community Development Team and comes back to the Panel with an amended application.

**Declined**

#### **4. Dates for Grant Panels**

The date of the April panel meeting has changed to 19<sup>th</sup> April at 8.00am.

#### **5. Discussion on Investment Policy**

A meeting is to be arranged to discuss. Brian suggested looking at the original constitution of the Fund to see if a loan scheme is possible.

#### **6. AOB**

Brian has been approached by applicants with emerging projects looking for BEC funding who may be better suited to apply to this fund. An agenda item 'emerging projects' is to be added to future agendas so that these can be discussed.

#### **7. Date of Next Meeting**

1 April 2011, 8.00am in the Carlisle/Spedding Room, Copeland Centre