

Small Grants Panel

**Meeting Notes of the Small Grants Panel held on
1 April 2011 Carlisle/Spedding Room, The Copeland Centre**

Present: Brian Hough (NDA)
Julie Betteridge (CBC)
Paul Dodson (CCC)
Diane Ward (CBC)
Paula Ratcliffe (CCF)
Rachel Graham (CCF)

1. **Apologies for absence**
Kevin Little (CCC)

2. **Disclosures of interest**
Brian Hough declared an interest in Item 6 Summergrove Project

Notes of the Previous Meeting
22 April 2011 Notes approved

3. **Award of Small Grants**
4.

Deferred applications from previous grants panel:

Whitehaven Adult Education – Counselling Qualification Course

Application no: 960059 **Grant Request: £16,125**
Grant approved £16,125 with the following conditions:

- Fund is informed of number of course attendees from Copeland
- A majority of those attending course should be from or work in Copeland
- Grant offer letter to stipulate the aim of the fund to provide additionality

Grants applications received:

Parton FC – Community Sports Pavilion

Application no: 960056 **Grant Request: £15,000**
PD noted that the contingency was on the low side and a project such as this would expect a 10% contingency. Project management controls will need to be in place to manage this.

Grant Approved £15,000 with the following conditions

- Project to keep Fund informed how the facility will be maintained
- Project should be able to demonstrate through progress reporting the wider community use of the facility including
 - Number of groups using the facility apart from the club on a yearly basis
 - Increase in the number of people participating in football at the club
 - Wider benefits to the community

Phoenix Enterprise Centre – Digital Exclusion

Application no: 960035

Grant Request: £20,000

Grant decision deferred.

Applicant to provide further information on

- the wider scope of the project
- how will the project measure its success
- Details of forward planning if the pilot is successful
- Is the project specifically for Cleator Moor residents or a wider remit?

Colliery Mission – Restoration of Mining Banners

Application no: 960047

Grant Request: £8528

Grant Approved £7,222 with the following conditions:

- Project lead to meet with CCF development working and representative from The Beacon and Haig Mining Museum to discuss how banners will be exhibited once restored

Crossfield Community Centre – Refurbishment Improvements

Application no: 960062

Grant Request: £10,000

Grant Approved £10,000 with standard conditions.

5. Emerging Projects Discussion

Summergrove Student Accommodation Project

An enquiry form has been received for the development of student accommodation at the Summergrove site. A discussion was held over the suitability of the Community Fund to support the project; the panel agreed that the project was not suitable due to the lack of community wide benefit.

Action: BH to contact Rob Rimmer and Development Team to notify the applicant

Ennerdale Community Pub

The community group have secured the lease of the pub and would like to revise their application to cover start up renovation cost. Some of the expenditure has been carried out and the panel agreed that it cannot cover retrospective expenditure but though there may be some way the Fund can support with a grant to offset the lease costs

Action: RG to get upto date business plan from group and circulate to panel for suggestions

St Nicholas Centre Improvements Project

RG carried out a development visit and advised the group to access business planning support from CSEP.

Action: RG to send CSEP application form to St Nicholas Centre group

Sellafield town centre information centre

BH briefed the panel on the concept of a project to relocate some aspects of the Sellafield Visitors Centre to a Whitehaven Town Centre location as an information centre with a tourism offer.

Copeland Coastal Initiative

BH suggested that the community groups participating in the project may wish to apply to CCF for funding and to inform the board the project may wish to draw to cover in a concept paper.

Action: RG to inform Don Taylor to prepare a concept paper for CCF Board

Whitehaven Harbour Pontoon Investment project

The panel noted that the project has approached the Fund to resubmit a proposal once the investment policy has been agreed.

6. AOB

Wath Brow Hornets

Initial grant approved December 2010 for £48,000. Panel approved amendments to scope of grant - value of work now £18,300. WBH will undertake repayment transfer of additional funds (£17,700).

Conditions to include:

- Joint publicity with RFL/Sport England
- Revised business plan with the additional costs / improvements being received
- The Fund to be advised of any additional outcomes the additional funding will provide

Sunbeams Music Trust

JB to liaise with Elaine Woodburn.

ERUFC

BH updated that the 3 year project for the centre coordinator has a £25,000 shortfall as the NDA Se funding has been reallocated and the group will need support in accessing additional mathc funding.

Action: BH to contact ERUFC with regard to the application for NDA funding.

Action: PR to liaise with ERUFC with regard to exploring other funding sources.

7. Date of Next Meeting

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