

Small Grants Panel

Meeting Notes of the Small Grants Panel held on 19 April 2011 Wellington Room, The Copeland Centre

Present: Brian Hough (NDA)
Julie Betteridge (CBC)
Kevin Little (CCC)
Diane Ward (CBC)
Paula Ratcliffe (CCF)

- 1. Apologies for absence**
Paul Dodson (CCC)
Rachel Graham (CCF)

* Representation from CCC - when a grants panel and board meeting are on the same date Paul Dobson will attend. Kevin Little will attend small grants panel meetings.

- 2. Disclosures of interest**
Julie Betteridge declared an interest in Millom Park

- 3. Notes of the Previous Meeting**
1 April 2011 Notes approved

Actions from previous meeting:

Summergrove Student Accommodation Project – BH has contacted Rob Rimmer and will be investigating other funding streams. **BH to forward copy of email to PR**

Copeland Coastal Initiative - going to the executive on 3 May 2011.

Whitehaven Harbour Pontoon Investment – **JB to feedback to Whitehaven Harbour Commissioners.**

ERUFC – BH investigating Sellafield funding for this applicant.

- 4. Deferred applications from previous grants panel:**

Phoenix Enterprise Centre – Abolish Digital Exclusion

Application no: 960035

Grant Request: £20,000

Grant decision deferred.

Panel felt the questions had not been fully answered particularly with reference to forward planning or expectations of outcomes of pilot scheme. If this is a project that is to build capacity for the organisation to enable them to bid for future work programmes it needs to be stated.

5. Award of Small Grants

Distington Club for Young People – Get Up, Get Involved & Give It a Go

Application no: 960075

Grant Request: £17,000

Grant approved £17,000 with the following conditions:

- Clarification needed if this project will increase the community offer e.g. extending activities, longer opening hours or will the activity levels remain the same and how will this be monitored.

Woodhouse Family Advice Centre – Children’s Project Co-ordinator

Application no: 960045

Grant Request: £8,000

Grant Approved £8,000 with standard conditions.

Cleator Moor Credit Union – Sustainable Development Project

Application no: 960089

Grant Request: £20,000

Grant approved £20,000

Fund to be advised within 6 months of project commencement the position with regard to achieving sustainability.

Low Gillerthwaite Field Centre – Hydro Scheme

Application no: 960074

Grant Request: £10,000

Grant Approved £10,000 with the following conditions:

- Project organisation to provide a case study
- Project to ensure suitable publicity for this unique project
- A visit for the CCF Board to be arranged

JB to create draft outline of the case study requirements.

The Hill Village Hall – Refurbishment to Village Hall

Application no: 960063

Grant Request: £6,290

Grant Approved £6,290 with the following conditions:

- Project to advise the Fund in writing how this project meets the NDA socio economic policy
- Project to confirm the exact budget and the shortfall

Action for Children – Millom Youth Service

Application no: 960061

Grant Request: £45,176

Application declined due to poor application. Due to the organisation providing essential services in the Millom area the panel would welcome an improved application.

Millom Folk Museum – RAF Millom story and Millom in costume display

Application no: 960079

Grant Request: £11,320

Grant approved £11,320 with the following conditions:

- A 1 year publicity plan to be provided
- Information of how the museum is working with South Copeland Tourism Partnership

Friends on Millom Park – Outdoor Gym

Application no: 960087

Grant Request: £5,000

Grant approved £5,000 with the following conditions:

- Publicity plan for the project to be provided

6. Emerging Projects Discussion

Egremont Methodist Church

The panel advised that the paper supplied by RG could be presented at the next Board for funding decision. No re-application is required.

RG to provide paper to next board meeting

Ennerdale Community Pub

Panel keen to support the project and recommended that it should be appraised in line with projects over £50k. (Request £49,065). Business plan shows sustainability by year 3 and maybe the group to consider applying for more than one year's revenue funding. Perhaps some of the request could be split grant / loan. As per the Fund criteria no retrospective costs can be applied for.

Cleator Moor Outdoor Extreme

Concept paper to be issued to the Board at next meeting. Same paper to be forwarded to Energy Coast to go into the blueprint.

PR to contact Sarah Mitchell

7. AOB

Theme titles – to remain as the original titles

Large Grant Applications received:

West Cumbria Domestic Violence

Seascale Community Gym

Millom Network Centre – RST to confirm how much the fundraising consultant's fees are included in the application

Fundraising consultants' fees:

Evidence of consultants costs to be collated. This will help the debate which will need to be decided by the Board.

Large grant declinations: CDT would provide feedback to applicants.

8. Date of Next Meeting

20 May 2011, 8.00am in the Carlisle/Spedding Room, The Copeland Centre