

**Meeting Notes of the Small Grants Panel held on
25 August 2011 Nicholson Room, The Copeland Centre**

Present: Brian Hough (NDA)
Julie Betteridge (CBC)
Kevin Little (CCC)
K Elliott (CCF – Grants Officer)
Diane Ward (CBC)
Rachel Graham (CCF – Community Development Worker)

1. **Apologies for absence**
Paul Dodson (CCC)
2. **Disclosures of interest**
None
3. **Notes of the Previous Meeting**
18 July 2011 Notes approved
4. **Actions from last meeting**
None.
5. **Deferred applications from previous grants panel**

Moor Row Play Area

Application no: 960013

Grant Request: £24,000

- The lease has been agreed subject to one outstanding minor point.
- In respect of drainage Dave Bechelli did a position statement on the drainage and recommended minor works. This suggests that Dave (and therefore the Council) is reasonably happy with the drainage, provided minor works are carried out.
- The Proludic quote for equipment has been confirmed and the price is valid until 31 Dec 2011.

Grant of £24,000 approved on the above evidence.

6. **Award of Small Grants**

N&W Cumbria FLAG

Application no: 960110

Loan Request: £30,000

It was noted that this project covers Allerdale as well as Copeland but as this project will create 3 part time posts based in Whitehaven and delivers a number of projects in Copeland there is clear economic benefits to Copeland.

Interest free loan request approved with the following conditions:

- Grant Offer Letter to outline the repayment terms of the loan.
- Evidence of registered company to be forwarded along with the cashflow.

It was noted that individual projects in the future programme may approach the Fund for support.

Loan of £30,000 approved with the above conditions.

Ravenglass Village Forum

Application No: 960054

Grant Request: £5,000

The applicant is to request 3 new quotes for the works as the quotes submitted were 2 – 3 years old.

Grant of £5,000 approved (subject to quotes) with the opportunity to extend to £6,000 if the remaining match funding is not secured. Final details to be agreed via panel email correspondence.

7. AOB

Woodhouse Millennium Green Play Area

Requested grant increase from £15,000 to £30,000. One part of their match funding strategy had not been applied for. The increase was approved due to the fact that they have not been able to submit an application to BIG Lottery so as not to jeopardise the bid from the Woodhouse Family Advice Centre.

Grant increase to £30,000 approved

Lamplugh Village Hall

The project was awarded £10,820 in December 2010, they have since received a refund from their suppliers due to being charged the wrong level of VAT, this refund equates to £1,623. The panel agreed that the project will not need to refund the Fund this amount but it is expected that this money will be used on the facility and not revenue costs.

Crossfield Community Centre

This project was awarded £10,000 in April 2011. Since approval the costs of some of the works has increased. This request is to increase the original grant by £5,108. The Panel requested that Paula contacts the Community Foundation and Home Group to ascertain whether they will be increasing their grants. **Action: KE to email Panel with the outcome.**

Copeland Sports Awards Sponsorship

The Panel agreed to sponsor the Club of the Year Award for the Copeland Sports Awards 2011 at a cost of £195 to be allocated from the enabling fund.

St Georges Church, Millom – Appeal

The Panel discussed the appeal received and agreed that a longer term plan was needed. The Panel deferred for the appeal to go to the Board Meeting in September to be looked at in conjunction with Egremont Methodist Church.

Hospice at Home West Cumbria

The project were awarded a grant of £9,000 in May 2011. They are awaiting match funding approval from the Community Regeneration Fund which will not be considered until September or October. Due to this delay the landlord of 79 King Street has put the property back on the market. 71 King Street is now vacant and requires less work as the property is in much better condition. Therefore they are now requesting that the grant amount is reduced to £5,888. This was agreed by the Panel.

Drigg and Carleton

Kevin has visited the group and the annual £50,000 has been paid. The question was raised about what the interest can be spent on. It was agreed that any interest should be re invested into the Drigg and

Carleton work. **Action: Kevin to email details** over to Paula, Rachel and Julie so a discussion on opportunities to assist the parish to work with other partner parishes on projects can take place. **JB agreed** to contact parish to discuss any help available.

Offer Letter Claw Back

The Panel agreed to a 10 year period claw back on capital projects but retain the right in specific cases to reduce or increase the claw back period.

8. Date of Next Meeting

22 September 2011, 8.00 in the Carlisle Spedding Room, The Copeland Centre