

**Meeting Notes of the Small Grants Panel held on
15 December 2011 Carlisle Spedding Room, The Copeland Centre**

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

1. **Apologies for absence**
Paula Ratcliffe (CCF – Community Development Worker)
2. **Disclosures of interest**
JB declared an interest in the CBC Arts Project in Item 6
3. **Notes of the Previous Meeting**
25 November 2011 Notes approved
4. **Actions from last meeting**

Cumbria Youth Alliance

Application no: 960104

Grant Request: £11,400

After the last grants panel the Panel requested further information which was provided. They approved the grant with the following conditions:

- Group to confirm how project will be sustained
- Group to confirm how project will affect difficult to reach areas

Grant of £11,400 approved with the above conditions.

Young Cumbria

Application no: 960120

Grant Request: £49,354

After the last grants panel the Panel requested further information which was provided. They approved the grant with the following conditions:

- Group to confirm sustainability of the vehicle after the first year
- Group to focus on specific areas

Grant of £49,354 approved with the above conditions.

5. **Budget**

The Panel looked through the budget and agreed.

6. Award of Small Grants

CBC – Pathways to Participation Project

Application no: 960141

Grant Request: £5,875

- Clarification is needed on the outputs for the project.

Grant of £5,875 approved with the above condition.

Connexions Cumbria

Application No: 960132

Grant Request: £38,128

- An evaluation is to be provided at the end of the project
- Clarification is needed on outputs

Grant of £38,128 approved with the above conditions.

Friends of Millom Station

Application No: 960150

Grant Request: £6,000

- Group to be advised that they may wish to apply to Network Rail funding in the future
- Clarification is needed on outputs

Grant of £6,000 approved with the above conditions.

Rosehill Theatre

Application No: 960155

Grant Request: £5,600

- Group to formally agree payment options for the grant through the Beacon
- The panel would like to see the focus on engagement with younger people

Grant of £5,600 approved with the above conditions with the opportunity to extend to £7,600 if Cumbria Community Foundation funding is not secured.

RSPB Hodbarrow

Application No: 960130

Grant Request: £41,105

- Applicant to provide a one year review of the project showing progress against milestones and outputs.
- Quotes to be looked at at future monitoring visits

Grant of £41,105 approved with the above conditions

St Bees Old College Hall

Application No: 960134

Grant Request: £49,950

There was a lot of support for this project but due to the shortfall of £9,654 and the possibility of this amount being needed from the Fund, the panel decided this project should be treated as a large project. It will have an 'appraisal review' completed by the RST which will be presented to the Board in February.

Grant of £49,950 deferred until February Board meeting

Thornhill Nursery

Application No: 960136

Grant Request: £28,077.32

- Applicant to provide an annual review showing progress against milestones, outputs and targets.

Grant of £28,077.32 approved with the above condition

Ulpha Village Hall

Application No: 960139

Grant Request: £3,000

Grant of £3,000 approved with standard conditions

Regen NE Copeland

Application No: 960156

Loan Request: £45,000

Loan of £45,000 approved with standard conditions

7. Development Grants

Chill Out Zone

Panel approved with the following condition:

- Group to provide evidence of quotes against a 1 page brief

Development Grant approved: £1,000.00

8. Future Projects

The Panel looked through the updated future projects list and agreed that Ennerdale Hub project should be appraised by the RST.

9. AOB

Copeland Apprentice Awards

A request from, the Copeland Apprentice Initiative for £100 towards a prize for one of the awards was not approved. The Panel agreed that private sector sponsorship should be sought. They were happy to be part of the judging panel for the awards.

Coastal Communities Applications

Rachel has been approached by individual groups and wondered if it would be easier if they applied together. The Panel agreed to keep these projects separate.

Youth Project

Rachel has been working with Emma Dickinson and youth providers. Rachel to send paper to panel to look through after Christmas.

Egremont Methodist Church

A letter requesting information has been sent from the Church. The contents of this letter have been distributed to the members of the board and their views shared. Elaine is to reply copying in NDA and CCC.

Mirehouse Belief Fund

Brian informed the panel of a new initiative created by a graduate of the NDA focusing on the areas of deprivation in Mirehouse. The graduate has input some of his own money into the fund and is currently in talks with Cumbria Community Foundation.

Thanks

Brian thanked the team for their work in the past year.

10. Date of Next Meeting

2 February 2011, 8.00 in the Nicholson Room, The Copeland Centre