

**Edintore Community Benefit Fund  
Decision Making Panel Meeting**  
Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2017 7.30pm REAP Office, 177 Mid Street, Keith

Present: Priscilla Gordon-Duff, James Mark, Keith Comrie, Sandy Dickson, George Wordie, Neil Kidd, Fiona Addison, Catherine Sinclair (minutes)

**1. Welcome and apologies**

Everyone was welcomed to the meeting and thanked for attending.

**2. Adoption of constitution, appointment of Chair and Vice Chair**

The constitution was approved and signed. James Mark was appointed as Chair and Sandy Dickson was appointed Vice Chair

**3. Declaration of Interests**

Neil Kidd – Keith Golf Club and is a referee for Keith Men's Sheds.  
George Wordie – Glass Community Association  
Priscilla Gordon-Duff - Drummuir 21  
Sandy Dickson – Keith Men's Sheds  
Fiona Addison – Keith Men's Sheds

**4. Financial report**

Catherine showed bank statement from 1<sup>st</sup> May confirming the available balance to be £64,373.86

**5. Assessment of applications**

Twenty-four applications were received. Where applicants were unsuccessful or given a partial award, signposting to other sources of funding and support will be given.

**E1 2017 Drummuir 21: £1,121.59 to re-print 'Fumac the Good' book.** Due to pressure on the fund this application was not funded. The group has applied to the Hill of Towie Fund too so we will update the Hill of Towie panel and ask them to support the application in their next round of funding.

**E2 2017 Dufftown Highland Games: £7,000 towards costs of storage, dance stage and disabled car parking.** Declined due to pressure on the fund. No secondary area organisations were funded in this round.

**E3 2017 Touchdown Memorial Home for Horses: £70,000 for Kay's Kabin.** Declined due to pressure on the fund and a lack of detailed supporting quotes.

**E4 2017 Funky Monkeys Out of School Club: £850 for equipment:** Declined due to pressure on the fund. No secondary area organisations were funded in this round.

**E5 2017 KeRBS: £20,806 or £11,170 for skatepark equipment:** Partial award of £9,500 towards the cost of a quarter pipe. The group are commended for their hard work and community support.

**E6 Friends of Newmill Primary £13,914.08 for outdoor equipment:** Partial award of £3,000 for the shed and messy kitchen as these were priority items.

**E7 St Rufus Park Regeneration Group £20,642 for gym equipment:** Partial award of £4,300 towards equipment. This group has also applied to the Hill of Towie Community Benefit Fund and we will update their decision making panel accordingly. The group was commended for their work and a well written application.

**E8 Keith North Church Tuesday table £999.90 for running costs, food and equipment:** Partial award of £80.00 for equipment. Due to pressure on the fund, the most sustainable applications were given priority so running costs were less able to be considered. The panel recognise this is a very worthwhile cause.

**E9 Keith North Church £1,320 for a Digital piano:** Declined due to pressure on the fund and because, although the piano would be made available to community groups, it was felt to primarily benefit a religious group which is not allowed under the fund constitution.

**E10 Keith Kids and Parents Group £670 for hall fees, craft equipment and children's party:** Declined due to pressure on the fund and because only the most sustainable applications could be considered.

**E11 Keith & Dufftown Railway Association £2,750 for Towiemore Shelter:** Awarded £2,7250

**E12 Rothiemay playgroup £850 for technology boost:** Declined due to pressure on the fund. No secondary area organisations were funded in this round.

**E13 Newmill Hall Committee £7,680 for extending biomass heating:** Partial award of £3455.82 towards costs with the condition funding is returned if match funds cannot be secured.

**E14 Isla Archers £1,883.55 for refurbishment and replacement of archery equipment:** Awarded £1,883.55 and commended for a good application and sustainable approach.

**E15 Strathisla Pipe Band £600 for uniforms:** Awarded £600.

**E16 Keith & District Men's Shed £25,900 for portacabins:** Partial award of £16,155.00 due to pressure on the fund.

**E17 Keith Golf Club £15,000 for multi-purpose tractor:** Partial award of £6,750.00 due to pressure on the fund. The panel recognises that the golf club makes equipment and staff time available to other sports clubs in Keith who will also benefit from this application.

**E18 Rrrrallye £999.90 for Youth Drive:** Declined due to pressure on the fund. No secondary area organisations were funded in this round. The panel recognise this is a very worthwhile cause.

**E19 Sunshine Developmental Playgroup £580 for Cosy Book Corner:** Awarded £580.

**E20 Keith 50+ Group £500 towards running costs:** Declined. Due to pressure on the fund, only the most sustainable applications could be funded.

**E21 The Loft Youth Project £966.25 for The Lofties Group.** Partial award of £506.25 to fund sessional worker hours due to pressure on the fund.

**E22 Strathspey fiddlers £975 for band uniforms for Kronach trip:** Award of £742.50 – cost of polo shirts and hoodies as per quote.

**E23 Newmill Community Association £5,000 towards War Memorial restoration:** Partial Award of £2,250 due to pressure on the fund.

**E24 Glass Community Association £25,569.60 towards phase 2 of New Hall:** Partial award of £11,506.46 due to pressure on the fund.

A total of £64,059.58 was awarded to 15 organisations, leaving a balance of £314.29.

#### **6. Any other business**

Feedback received on the forms and guidance will be acted on and updated forms will be circulated to the panel. It was agreed that guidance will be strengthened to advise applicants that applications must be complete and have all the required supporting evidence by the deadline or they will not be passed to the panel for consideration.

#### **7. Date of next DMP meeting**

The panel will meet in October to review the process and set the next closing date for applications. Date of meeting to be confirmed nearer the time.