

Edintore Community Benefit Fund Decision Making Panel Meeting

Thursday 22nd September 2022
7.00pm at The Loft, Keith

Present: James Mark (Chair), George Wordie, Neil Kidd (Vice Chair), Steve Hickin, Callum Stuart and Tracey Leith (minutes)

1. Welcome and apologies

James welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for attending.

Apologies were received from Nick Forrest (Senior Project Developer, Koehler) George Gartly and Karen Pryce-Iddon.

2. Financial Report

At the time of the panel information packs being issued to the panel the bank balance was £92,679.67. Since then Keith Football Club have returned £349.69 by BACS as an underspend on their 2021 award. Keith Royal British Legion have returned £467.67 as an underspend on their 2021 award (cheque still to clear in bank). Tracey provided the panel with a copy bank statement to date 22.09.22 and the available balance to spend on grants was £93,497.03.

Neil updated the panel about Keith Golf Clubs 2021 award (mini excavator). There have been delays on the purchase due to a supplier issue however it will be delivered soon and Neil will submit the end report and signed invoice asap.

3. Declaration of interests

No declarations of interest noted.

4. Assessment of applications

There were ten complete applications submitted to the panel for discussion.

01/2022 Botriphnie Parent Council - £4,819.99 for new shed and storage boxes.

Awarded in full.

02/20221 Keith Football Club - £905.75 for upgrade of pitch care equipment.

Awarded in full. The panel discussed the need to keep the pitch in as good condition as possible and how the equipment will help greatly.

03/2022 Event 1st Aid Service (Scotland) - £12,000.00 for EFAS Treatment Vehicle/Ambulance.

Awarded in full. The panel felt the service provided is excellent and providing a vehicle will also make it easier for organisers of events as they will no longer need to provide EFAS with premises.

04/2022 Bin Rangers Club - £943.13 for project Learning together in the forest and on the hill to enjoy the natural world.

Awarded in full. Panel felt this was a great project to get children outdoors and taking part in activities such as map reading which is a forgotten skill.

05/2022 Destination Dufftown - £15,000 for the project Promoting area and boosting local tourism.

Declined. The Panel discussed the application at length. Pressure on the fund was high and priority was given to the primary applications. Applicant to be directed to other funds such as Dorenell Windfarm.

06/2022 REAP £7,364.13 for project The Power Hub Tech.

Awarded in full. The Panel discussed the application at length.

07/2022 The Loft Youth Project £990.00 for the project 'Winter warmer cooking and tackling food insecurity through the rising cost of living for our young people.'

Awarded in full. The panel commented on the good work that The Loft does and how important it is for young people to learn to cook especially with the current cost of living crisis.

08/2022 Tyred n Cranky - £985.25 for 'Pop-up bike repairs.'

Awarded in full on the condition that as stated in their application they will 'be in Keith for a whole day on 5 dates' whether this be at REAP or another Keith based location.

09/2022 Keith Football Club - £33,994.17 for upgrade of floodlights in effort to achieve net zero.

Awarded in full. The panel discussed the application at length. It is a very large project but will reduce energy bills greatly meaning KFC can retain more of its income and reduce its carbon footprint over the years.

10/2022 Glass Community Association - £16,419.74 for renovations of Glass Hall & Community Green Space

Awarded in full. The panel discussed the application at length and recognised the amount of work that has already went into the project, the successful funding applications that have been secured and that the hall is a well-used part of the community.

5. Any Other Business

Constitution – The quorum figure for meetings was discussed and remains the same (4).

6. Dates of next meetings

AGM to be held on Thursday 2nd March 2023 in The Loft, Keith.

The next funding round deadline date will be set at the AGM. It was agreed to try and avoid any overlaps between the Edintore and Hill of Towie Community Benefit Fund (moving from two to three funding rounds a year as a trial) for the benefit of applicants.

James thanked everyone for attending and giving up time and also thanked REAP for the administration work. Meeting closed at 20.50.