

Minute

Community Development Fund Sub-committee

Tuesday, 14 June 2022, 14:00.

Council Chamber, Council Offices, School Place, Kirkwall.



Present

Councillors Graham A Bevan, David Dawson, Kristopher D Leask, W Leslie Manson, Gwenda M Shearer, Gillian Skuse, Jean E Stevenson and James W Stockan.

Clerk

- Sandra Craigie, Committees Officer.

In Attendance

- John W Mundell, Interim Chief Executive.
- Sweyn Johnston, Head of Enterprise and Economic Growth.
- Colin Kemp, Interim Head of Finance.
- Jackie Thomson, Service Manager (Enterprise).
- Peter Trodden, Solicitor.
- Hazel Flett, Senior Committees Officer.
- Alister Brown, Economic Development Officer.

Observing

- Stuart Allison, Service Manager (Enterprise)
- Kirsty Groundwater, Communications Team Leader.

Declarations of Interest

- Councillor Graham A Bevan – Item 2.
- Councillor Kristopher D Leask – Item 2.

Chair

- Councillor Graham A Bevan.

1. Regeneration Capital Grant Fund – Monitoring Report

After consideration of a report by the Corporate Director for Enterprise and Sustainable Regeneration, copies of which had been circulated, and after hearing a report from Jackie Thomson, Service Manager (Enterprise), the Sub-committee:

Noted:

1.1. That the Third-Party Funding Applications Framework, approved by Council in July 2021, stated that, at each meeting of the Community Development Fund Sub-committee, a monitoring report would be submitted to advise of the outcomes of third-party funding applications submitted and to report progress on all projects that had been processed via the framework.

1.2. That, on 21 October 2021, the Community Development Fund Sub-committee resolved that the Council should submit Second Stage applications to the Scottish Government's Regeneration Capital Grant Fund on behalf of the following organisations:

- Birsay Heritage Trust in respect of its HMS Tern project.
- North Ronaldsay Trust in respect of its project to restore redundant property and land at Treb, North Ronaldsay.

1.3. That, in December 2021, notification was received from the Scottish Government that the application submitted on behalf of Birsay Heritage Trust had been unsuccessful.

1.4. That, in December 2021, notification was received from the Scottish Government that the application submitted on behalf of North Ronaldsay Trust had been successful, subject to funding for the Regeneration Capital Grant Fund being made available in the Scottish Government's 2022/23 budget.

1.5. That, in April 2022, the Council received a formal offer of funding from the Scottish Government in respect of a grant, of up to £985,460, from the Regeneration Capital Grant Fund, towards North Ronaldsay Trust's Community Resource Hub project at Treb, North Ronaldsay.

2. Stage 1 Funding Applications – Regeneration Capital Grant Fund

Councillor Graham A Bevan declared a non-financial interest in this item, in that a close family member was on the Board of the Pier Arts Centre, and left the meeting at this point.

Councillor Kristopher D Leask declared a non-financial interest in this item, in that he was a Director on the Board of the Pier Arts Centre, and left the meeting at this point.

Signed: Graham A Bevan.

As the Chair, Councillor Graham A Bevan, had left the meeting, the Clerk called for nominations for Chair for this item.

The Sub-committee resolved:

2.1. That Councillor James W Stockan be appointed Chair for this item.

Councillor James W Stockan took the Chair.

After consideration of a report by the Corporate Director for Enterprise and Sustainable Regeneration, copies of which had been circulated, and after hearing a report from the Economic Development Officer, the Sub-committee:

Noted:

2.2. That the Scottish Government's Regeneration Capital Grant Fund, which was open to and delivered in partnership with local authorities, supported locally developed place-based regeneration projects that involved local communities helping to tackle inequalities and deliver inclusive growth in disadvantaged and fragile remote communities across Scotland.

2.3. That, on 22 June 2021, when considering a draft framework that would allow the Council to submit applications on behalf of community organisations to funding schemes that were open to local authorities, the Policy and Resources Committee recommended:

- That the Third-Party Funding Applications Framework be approved.
- That powers be delegated to the Community Development Fund Sub-committee to determine requests to the Council to submit funding applications on behalf of a third party.

2.4. That the Council had received requests from the undernoted organisations to submit Stage 1 applications to the Regeneration Capital Grant Fund for the 2023/24 funding round:

- Birsay Heritage Trust – regeneration of HMS Tern – £930,000.
- Longhope Lifeboat Museum – improved heritage and cultural facility – £895,000.
- Pier Arts Centre – provision of a creative arts hub – £1,608,000.

The Sub-committee resolved, in terms of delegated powers:

2.5. That the Council should submit a Stage 1 funding application to the Scottish Government's Regeneration Capital Grant Fund, on behalf of Birsay Heritage Trust, for the requested amount of £930,000.

2.6. That the Council should submit a Stage 1 funding application to the Scottish Government's Regeneration Capital Grant Fund, on behalf of Longhope Lifeboat Museum, for the requested amount of £895,000.

2.7. That the Council should submit a Stage 1 funding application to the Scottish Government's Regeneration Capital Grant Fund, on behalf of the Pier Arts Centre, at the requested amount of £1,608,000.

3. Conclusion of Meeting

At 14:26 the Chair declared the meeting concluded.

Signed: James W Stockan.