

Minute

Community Development Fund Sub-committee

Tuesday, 22 February 2022, 15:30.

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Present

Councillors J Harvey Johnston, Alexander G Cowie, Robin W Crichton, Andrew Drever, Rachael A King, Gwenda M Shearer, Graham L Sinclair and James W Stockan.

Clerk

- Sandra Craigie, Committees Officer.

In Attendance

- Shonagh Merriman, Interim Corporate Finance Senior Manager.
- Stuart Allison, Economic Development Manager.
- Sheila Tulloch, Solicitor.
- Alister Brown, Economic Development Officer.
- Jordan Low, Economic Development Officer

Observing

- Kirsty Groundwater, Communications Team Leader.

Declaration of Interest

- Councillor Andrew Drever – Item 2.

Chair

- Councillor J Harvey Johnston.

1. Form of Voting

The Sub-committee resolved that, should a vote be required in respect of the matters to be considered at this meeting, notwithstanding Standing Order 21.4, the form of voting should be by calling the roll (recorded vote).

2. Application Number 0/5/8/73

Orkney Amateur Weight Lifting Club – Partial Redevelopment of Stromness Squash Court Building

Councillor Andrew Drever declared a non-financial interest in this item, in that a close relative was a key member of Orkney Amateur Weight Lifting Club, and was not present during discussion thereof.

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 Jordan Low, Economic Development Officer, the Sub-committee:

Noted:

2.1. That Orkney Amateur Weight Lifting Club had applied for assistance from the Community Development Fund towards partial redevelopment of the Stromness Squash Court building into a suitable gym facility for the Club, at a total estimated eligible cost of £75,439.

2.2. That external funding had been secured through various sources, as follows:

- Sport Scotland Facilities Development Grant – £20,000.
- National Emergencies Trust – £8,328.
- Scottish Sea Farms Heart of Community Grant – £10,000.

2.3. That Orkney Amateur Weight Lifting Club was contributing £3,772 of its own resources towards the project.

2.4. That the Community Development Fund was the only remaining grant to be secured to enable the full funding package to be in place.

2.5. That messages of support had been received from the undernoted groups:

- British Weightlifting.
- Weightlifting Scotland.
- Orkney Swimming Club.
- Stromness Football Club.
- Stromness Academy.

2.6. The floor plan of the Stromness Squash Court building, attached as Appendix 1 to the report by the Corporate Director for Enterprise and Sustainable Regeneration, with the leased area intended for redevelopment shaded pink.

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

2.7. That a grant amounting to 44.2% of total eligible costs, up to a maximum sum of £33,339, to be met from the Community Development Fund, be offered to Orkney Amateur Weight Lifting Club towards partial redevelopment of the Stromness Squash Court building.

2.8. That powers be delegated to the Corporate Director for Enterprise and Sustainable Regeneration to authorise advance payment of the grant, referred to at paragraph 2.7 above, on receipt of invoices, in order to assist cash flow requirements of Orkney Amateur Weight Lifting Club.

2.9. That powers be delegated to the Corporate Director for Enterprise and Sustainable Regeneration, in consultation with the Solicitor of the Council, to conclude an Agreement, on the Council's standard terms and conditions, with Orkney Amateur Weight Lifting Club in respect of the funding, detailed at paragraphs 2.7 and 2.8 above.

3. Application Number 0/5/8/74

Eday Heritage Centre Association SCIO – Redevelopment of Eday Heritage Centre

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 Alister Brown, Economic Development Officer, the Sub-committee:

Noted:

3.1. That Eday Heritage Centre Association SCIO had applied for assistance from the Community Development Fund towards redevelopment of Eday Heritage Centre, at a total estimated eligible cost of £41,118.

3.2. That Eday Heritage Centre Association SCIO was contributing £2,643 of its own resources towards the project.

3.3. That the North Isles Landscape Partnership had identified redevelopment of Eday Heritage Centre as a project to potentially support and had indicated a grant allocation of £16,916 towards the project, subject to approval.

3.4. That, on 26 November 2019, when considering eligibility of projects funded by the North Isles Landscape Partnership Scheme in applying for grants from the Community Development Fund and other Council funding, the Policy and Resources Committee recommended:

- That community-led projects which had provisionally secured part-funding from the North Isles Landscape Partnership Scheme be considered eligible to seek co-funding from other Council funding streams, including the Community Development Fund.

3.5. That messages of support had been received from the undernoted groups:

- Eday Community Council.
- Eday Partnership.
- European Marine Energy Centre (EMEC).

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

3.6. That a grant amounting to 50% of total eligible costs, up to a maximum sum of £20,559, to be met from the Community Development Fund, be offered to Eday Heritage Centre Association SCIO towards redevelopment of Eday Heritage Centre.

3.7. That powers be delegated to the Corporate Director for Enterprise and Sustainable Regeneration to authorise advance payment of the grant, referred to at paragraph 3.6 above, on receipt of invoices, in order to assist cash flow requirements of Eday Heritage Centre Association SCIO.

3.8. That powers be delegated to the Corporate Director for Enterprise and Sustainable Regeneration, in consultation with the Solicitor of the Council, to conclude an Agreement, on the Council's standard terms and conditions, with Eday Heritage Centre Association SCIO in respect of the funding, detailed at paragraphs 3.6 and 3.7 above.

4. Conclusion of Meeting

At 15:51 the Chair declared the meeting concluded.

Signed: J Harvey Johnston.