

Minute

Community Development Fund Sub-committee

Thursday, 21 October 2021, 10:30.

Council Chamber, Council Offices, School Place, Kirkwall.



Present

Councillors J Harvey Johnston, Alexander G Cowie, Robin W Crichton, Andrew Drever, Graham L Sinclair and James W Stockan.

Clerk

- Sandra Craigie, Committees Officer.

In Attendance

- Colin Kemp, Interim Head of Finance.
- Jackie Thomson, Development and Regeneration Manager.
- Sheila Tulloch, Solicitor.

Observing

- Lorraine Stout, Press Officer.

Apologies

- Councillor Rachael A King.
- Councillor Gwenda M Shearer.

Declaration of Interest

- Councillor J Harvey Johnston – Item 1.

Chair

- Councillor J Harvey Johnston (for Items 2 and 3).
- Councillor James W Stockan (for Item 1).

1. Regeneration Capital Grant Fund – Birsay Heritage Trust

Councillor J Harvey Johnston declared a non-financial interest in this item, in that he had written a letter of support to the Scottish Government's Regeneration Team in respect of the project proposes by Birsay Heritage Trust, and left the meeting at this point.

Signed: J Harvey Johnston.

As the Chair had left the meeting, the Clerk called for nominations for Chair.

The Sub-committee resolved:

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

After consideration of a report by the Interim Executive Director of Finance, Regulatory, Marine and Transportation Services, copies of which had been circulated, and after hearing a report from the Development and Regeneration Manager, the Sub-committee:

Noted:

1.2. That, in June 2021, the Council submitted a Stage One application to the Scottish Government's Regeneration Capital Grant Fund, on behalf of Birsay Heritage Trust, in respect of repairing the deteriorating historic structures at HMS Tern and providing heritage interpretation, at a total estimated project cost of £1,170,122.

1.3. That, on 15 September 2021, the Scottish Government's Regeneration Team advised that the application from Birsay Heritage Trust had passed the Stage One assessment and that submission of a Second Stage application was invited by 22 October 2021.

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

1.4. That the Council should submit a Second Stage application to the Scottish Government's Regeneration Capital Grant Fund on behalf of Birsay Heritage Trust.

1.5. That, in the event of the application attracting an offer of grant from the Regeneration Capital Grant Fund, powers be delegated to the Interim Executive Director of Finance, Regulatory, Marine and Transportation Services, in consultation with the Head of Finance and the Solicitor to the Council, to accept/decline the offer of grant and, if accepted, enter into an appropriate legal agreement with the Birsay Heritage Trust.

Signed: James W Stockan.

Councillor J Harvey Johnston rejoined the meeting at this point and resumed the Chair.

2. Regeneration Capital Grant Fund – North Ronaldsay Trust

After consideration of a report by the Interim Executive Director of Finance, Regulatory, Marine and Transportation Services, copies of which had been circulated, and after hearing a report from the Development and Regeneration Manager, the Sub-committee:

Noted:

2.1. That, in June 2021, the Council submitted a Stage One application, to the Scottish Government's Regeneration Capital Grant Fund, on behalf of North Ronaldsay Trust, in respect of a project to restore redundant property and land at Treb, North Ronaldsay, at a total estimated project cost of £1,513,356.

2.2. That, on 15 September 2021, the Scottish Government's Regeneration Team advised that the application from North Ronaldsay Trust had passed the Stage One assessment and submission of a Second Stage application was invited by 22 October 2021.

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

2.3. That the Council should submit a Second Stage application to the Scottish Government's Regeneration Capital Grant Fund on behalf of North Ronaldsay Trust.

2.4. That, in the event of the application attracting an offer of grant from the Regeneration Capital Grant Fund, powers be delegated to the Interim Executive Director of Finance, Regulatory, Marine and Transportation Services, in consultation with the Head of Finance and the Solicitor to the Council, to accept/decline the offer of grant and, if accepted, enter into an appropriate legal agreement with the North Ronaldsay Trust.

3. Conclusion of Meeting

At 11:08 the Chair declared the meeting concluded.

Signed: J Harvey Johnston.