

Minute

Community Development Fund Sub-committee

Monday, 24 October 2022, 11:00.

Council Chamber, Council Offices, School Place, Kirkwall.



Present

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

Present via remote link (Microsoft Teams)

Councillor Gillian Skuse.

Clerk

- Sandra Craigie, Committees Officer.

In Attendance

- Sweyn Johnston, Head of Enterprise and Economic Growth.
- Erik Knight, Head of Finance.
- Stuart Allison, Service Manager (Enterprise).
- Sheila Tulloch, Service Manager (Legal Services).
- Alister Brown, Economic Development Officer.
- Jordan Low, Economic Development Officer.

In Attendance via remote link (Microsoft Teams)

- John W Mundell, Interim Chief Executive.

Apology

- Councillor David Dawson.

Declarations of Interest

- No declarations of interest were intimated.

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

Noted:

1.1. That, on 22 June 2021, the Policy and Resources Committee recommended 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.

1.2. That, on 14 June 2022, the Community Development Fund Sub-committee resolved that the Council should submit Stage 1 funding applications to the Scottish Government's Regeneration Capital Grant Fund in respect of the following:

- Birsay Heritage Trust, for the requested amount of £930,000.
- Longhope Lifeboat Museum, for the requested amount of £895,000.
- Pier Arts Centre, at the requested amount of £1,608,000.

1.3. That, on 5 September 2022, the Scottish Government advised that the following Stage 1 applications to the Regeneration Capital Grant Fund had been unsuccessful:

- Birsay Heritage Trust.
- Longhope Lifeboat Museum Trust.

1.4. That, on 5 September 2022, the Scottish Government advised that the Stage 1 application to the Regeneration Capital Grant Fund, submitted on behalf of the Pier Arts Centre, had been successful and a Stage 2 application would be welcomed, subject to Council approval, by 21 October 2022.

1.5. That, due to time constraints between notification of the successful Stage 1 application and the deadline for submission of the Stage 2 application, the Chief Executive exercised emergency powers and authorised submission of the Stage 2 application, on behalf of the Pier Arts Centre, to the Scottish Government's Regeneration Capital Grant Fund.

Councillor Gillian Skuse joined the meeting during discussion of this item.

2. Application Number 0/5/8/74 – Stronsay Development Trust

Redevelopment of Stronsay Hotel into Multi-Use Facility

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:

2.1. That Stronsay Development Trust had applied for assistance from the Community Development Fund towards redevelopment of the Stronsay Hotel into a multi-use facility (the project), at a total estimated eligible cost of £118,565.

2.2. That Stronsay Development Trust was contributing £5,929 of its resources towards the eligible costs of the project.

2.3. That Stronsay Development Trust had applied for match funding from Highlands and Islands Enterprise and the Scottish Government towards the project.

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

- Stronsay Community Council.
- Stronsay darts league.
- Stronsay Fishmart Café and Hostel.
- Stronsay pool league.
- Stronsay Community Association.

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

2.5. That a grant amounting to 50% of total eligible costs, up to a maximum sum of £59,282, to be met from the Community Development Fund, be offered to Stronsay Development Trust towards redevelopment of the Stronsay Hotel into a multi-use facility.

2.6. That powers be delegated to the Corporate Director for Enterprise and Sustainable Regeneration, in consultation with the Head of Finance, to authorise advance payment of the grant, referred to at paragraph 2.5 above, on receipt of invoices, if required in order to assist cash flow requirements of Stronsay Development Trust.

2.7. That powers be delegated to the Corporate Director for Enterprise and Sustainable Regeneration, in consultation with the Head of Legal and Governance, to conclude an Agreement, on the Council's standard terms and conditions, with Stronsay Development Trust in respect of the funding, detailed at paragraphs 2.5 and 2.6 above.

3. Application Number 0/5/8/3 – Shapinsay Development Trust

Redevelopment of Shapinsay Smithy

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 Shapinsay Development Trust had applied for assistance from the Community Development Fund towards redevelopment of the Shapinsay Smithy, at a total estimated eligible cost of £230,716.

3.2. That Shapinsay Development Trust was contributing £11,536 of its resources towards the project.

3.3. That the North Isles Landscape Partnership Scheme had identified redevelopment of the Shapinsay Smithy as a project to potentially support and had provided a grant allocation of £107,241 towards the project.

3.4. That a message of support had been received from Shapinsay Community Council.

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

3.5. That a grant amounting to 31.2% of total eligible costs, up to a maximum sum of £71,939, to be met from the Community Development Fund, be offered to Shapinsay Development Trust towards redevelopment of Shapinsay Smithy.

3.6. That powers be delegated to the Corporate Director for Enterprise and Sustainable Regeneration, in consultation with the Solicitor to the Council, to conclude an Agreement, on the Council's standard terms and conditions, with Shapinsay Development Trust in respect of the funding, detailed at paragraph 3.5 above.

Councillor Kristopher D Leask joined the meeting during discussion of this item.

4. Application Number 0/5/8/22 – Gable End Theatre Company Limited

Enhancements to Existing Energy System

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:

4.1. That Gable End Theatre Company Limited had applied for assistance from the Community Development Fund towards enhancements to the existing energy system at the Gable End Theatre (the project), at a total estimated eligible cost of £21,738.

4.2. That Gable End Theatre Company Limited was contributing £5,869 of its resources towards the project.

4.3. That Gable End Theatre Company Limited had applied for match funding, amounting to £5,000, from the Island of Hoy Development Trust, towards the project.

4.4. That messages of support had been received from the undernoted community groups and individuals:

- Gable End Film Society.
- Gable End Theatre Society.
- Hoy Sound Choir.
- Two Hoy residents.

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

4.5. That a grant amounting to 50% of total eligible costs, up to a maximum sum of £10,869, to be met from the Community Development Fund, be offered to Gable End Theatre Company Limited towards enhancements to the existing energy system at the Gable End Theatre.

4.6. That powers be delegated to the Corporate Director for Enterprise and Sustainable Regeneration, in consultation with the Head of Legal and Governance, to conclude an Agreement, on the Council's standard terms and conditions, with Gable End Theatre Company Limited in respect of the funding, detailed at paragraph 4.5 above.

5. Conclusion of Meeting

At 11:33 the Convener declared the meeting concluded.

Signed: Graham A Bevan.