

Minute

Community Development Fund Sub-committee

Tuesday, 8 October 2019, 12:00.

Council Chamber, Council Offices, School Place, Kirkwall.



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

- John W Mundell, Interim Chief Executive (for Item 1).
- Alister Brown, Economic Development Officer.
- Jordan Low, Economic Development Officer.
- Michael Scott, Solicitor.

Declarations of Interest

- No declarations of interest were intimated.

Chair

- Councillor J Harvey Johnston.

1. Application Number 0/5/8/63

Rousay, Egilsay and Wyre Heritage SCIO

Creation of New Wyre Community and Heritage Centre

After consideration of a report by the Executive Director of Development and Infrastructure, copies of which had been circulated, and after hearing a report from Alister Brown, Economic Development Officer, the Sub-committee:

Noted:

1.1. That, in December 2018, Rousay, Egilsay and Wyre Heritage SCIO secured assistance, amounting to £29,002, from the Community Development Fund towards upgrading Wyre Community and Heritage Centre, for use by the local community and visitors to the island of Wyre, at a total estimated eligible cost of £61,057.

1.2. That, due to unforeseen circumstances, the project awarded Community Development Fund funding in December 2018 had to be abandoned at the early stages, on the recommendation of an independent structural engineer.

1.3. That Rousay, Egilsay and Wyre Heritage SCIO subsequently pursued a new project which would involve demolition of the existing heritage centre and creation of a new heritage centre on the existing site.

1.4. That Rousay, Egilsay and Wyre Heritage SCIO had subsequently reapplied for assistance from the Community Development Fund towards creation of a new Wyre Community and Heritage Centre, for use by the local community and visitors to the island of Wyre, at a total estimated eligible cost of £93,992.

1.5. That Rousay, Egilsay and Wyre Heritage SCIO was contributing £4,820 of its own resources towards the new project.

1.6. That Rousay, Egilsay and Wyre Heritage SCIO had secured match funding amounting to £42,716 from the Orkney LEADER Programme 2014 to 2020 towards the project.

1.7. That Rousay, Egilsay and Wyre Heritage SCIO had incurred costs amounting to £10,934 from initial building works on the existing Heritage Centre.

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

- Alistair Carmichael, MP.
- Liam McArthur, MSP.
- Rousay, Egilsay and Wyre Development Trust.
- Rousay, Egilsay, Wyre and Gairsay Community Council.
- 5 residents of Wyre.
- 15 former residents of Wyre.
- 2 individuals with family connections to Wyre.

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

1.9. That the Community Development Fund assistance of £29,002, awarded in December 2018 towards upgrading Wyre Community and Heritage Centre, be withdrawn.

1.10. That the initial building works, referred to at paragraph 1.7 above, be approved as eligible costs associated with the revised project.

1.11. That a grant amounting to 50% of total eligible costs, up to a maximum sum of £46,996, to be met from the Community Development Fund, be offered to Rousay, Egilsay and Wyre Heritage SCIO towards creation of a new Wyre Community and Heritage Centre, subject to necessary planning consents being approved.

1.12. That powers be delegated to the Executive Director of Development and Infrastructure, in consultation with the Solicitor of the Council, to conclude an Agreement, on the Council's standard terms and conditions, with Rousay, Egilsay and Wyre Heritage SCIO in respect of the funding, detailed at paragraph 1.11 above.

2. Conclusion of Meeting

At 12:17 the Chair declared the meeting concluded.

Signed: Harvey Johnston.