

Minute

Community Development Fund Sub-committee

Thursday, 22 February 2024, 09:30.

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 and Heather N Woodbridge.

Clerk

- Sandra Craigie, Committees Officer.

In Attendance

- Gareth Waterson, Corporate Director for Enterprise and Sustainable Regeneration.
- Sweyn Johnston, Head of Enterprise and Economic Growth.
- Erik Knight, Head of Finance.
- Stuart Allison, Service Manager (Enterprise).
- Stuart Bevan, Solicitor.
- Annabel Bews, Economic Development Officer.
- Carol Coleman, Economic Development Officer.
- Morag Robertson, Economic Development Officer.

Apology

- Councillor Jean E Stevenson.

Declaration of Interest

- Councillor Heather N Woodbridge – Item 2.

Chair

- Councillor Graham A Bevan, Convener.

1. Application Number 0/5/8/03

Shapinsay Community Development Trust

Purchase of Portacabin to create Charity Shop

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 Annabel Bews, Economic Development Officer, the Sub-committee:

Noted:

1.1. That Shapinsay Community Development Trust had applied for assistance from the Community Development Fund towards the purchase of a portacabin to create a charity shop facility, at a total estimated eligible cost of £61,492.

1.2. That Shapinsay Community Development Trust was contributing £3,075 of its own resources towards the project.

1.3. That Shapinsay Community Development Trust had applied for match funding, amounting to £27,671, from various funders towards the project.

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

- Shapinsay Community Council.
- Local Residents.
- Shapinsay Community School.

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

1.5. That a grant amounting to 50% of total eligible costs, up to a maximum sum of £30,746, to be met from the Community Development Fund, be offered to Shapinsay Community Development Trust towards the purchase of a portacabin to create a charity shop facility, subject to:

- Confirmation of the subsidy control position to the satisfaction of the Corporate Director for Enterprise and Sustainable Regeneration.
- Confirmation of a full funding package.

1.6. That powers be delegated to the Corporate Director for Enterprise and Sustainable Regeneration, in consultation with the Head of Legal and Governance, to determine whether appropriate security could be put in place and, if so, to conclude an Agreement, on the Council's standard terms and conditions, with Shapinsay Community Development Trust in respect of the funding, detailed at paragraph 1.5 above.

2. Application Number 0/5/8/85

North Ronaldsay Trust – North Ronaldsay New Kirk

Councillor Heather N Woodbridge declared an interest in this item, her connection being that she was a Director of The North Ronaldsay Trust, a member of The Orkney Sheep Foundation and a committee member of The North Ronaldsay Community Association, 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 Morag Robertson, Economic Development Officer, the Sub-committee:

Noted:

2.1. That North Ronaldsay Trust had applied for assistance from the Community Development Fund towards refurbishment of the North Ronaldsay New Kirk, comprising renovation of the building to create a base to showcase the heritage of the building and the island, as well as a multi-functional facility for events and a warm hub for islanders and visitors, at a total estimated cost of £290,953.

2.2. 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.

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

- North Ronaldsay Community Association.
- North Ronaldsay Dark Skies representative.
- North Ronaldsay Community Council.
- The Orkney Sheep Foundation.

2.4. That the North Ronaldsay New Kirk was an approved project within the North Isles Landscape Project Scheme.

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

2.5. That a grant amounting to 16% of total eligible costs, up to a maximum sum of £47,000, to be met from the Community Development Fund, be offered to North Ronaldsay Trust towards refurbishment of the North Ronaldsay New Kirk, subject to:

- Confirmation of the subsidy control position to the satisfaction of the Corporate Director for Enterprise and Sustainable Regeneration.
- Confirmation of a full funding package.

2.6. That powers be delegated to the Corporate Director for Enterprise and Sustainable Regeneration, in consultation with the Head of Legal and Governance, to determine whether appropriate security could be put in place and, if so, to conclude an Agreement, on the Council's standard terms and conditions, with North Ronaldsay Trust in respect of the funding detailed at paragraph 2.5 above.

3. Application Number 0/5/8/86 – Pickaquoy Centre Trust

Swimming Pool Digital Display Board and Timing Equipment

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 Carol Coleman, Economic Development Officer, the Sub-committee:

Noted:

3.1. That the Pickaquoy Centre Trust had applied for assistance from the Community Development Fund towards the purchase and installation of a swimming pool digital display board and timing equipment for use by members of the Orkney Amateur Swimming Club and users of the Pickaquoy Centre, at a total estimated eligible cost of £88,250.

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

- Orkney Amateur Swimming Club.
- Kirkwall Kayak Club.
- Kirkwall and St Ola Community Council.
- Orkney 2025 (Orkney Island Games Organising Committee).

3.3. That the Pickaquoy Centre would be a pivotal venue for the 2025 International Island Games which would be held in Orkney and would include swimming in the sporting itinerary.

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

3.4. That a grant amounting to 50% of total eligible costs, up to a maximum sum of £44,125, to be met from the Community Development Fund, be offered to the Pickaquoy Centre Trust towards the purchase and installation of a swimming pool digital display board and timing equipment, subject to:

- Confirmation of the subsidy control position to the satisfaction of the Corporate Director for Enterprise and Sustainable Regeneration.
- Confirmation of a full funding package.

3.5. 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 the Trust in respect of the funding, detailed at paragraph 4.4 above.

4. Application Number 0/5/8/87

Birsay Heritage Trust – Construction and Installation of Toilet Block at HMS Tern

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 Carol Coleman, Economic Development Officer, the Sub-committee:

Noted:

4.1. That Birsay Heritage Trust had applied for assistance from the Community Development Fund towards the construction and installation of an accessible toilet block, with septic tank and water supply, at HMS Tern for use by visitors to HMS Tern, at a total eligible cost of £50,000.

4.2. That HMS Tern was a unique war-time heritage asset that was recognised in the Council's draft Strategic Tourism Infrastructure Development Plan as having investment potential as a tourist attraction.

4.3. That Birsay Heritage Trust had contributed £5,000 towards the project in respect of design and planning costs that had been incurred prior to making the application to the Community Development Fund and therefore did not form part of the eligible costs.

4.4. That messages of support had been received from the following wide range of organisations and individuals:

- Aviation Research Group Orkney & Shetland.
- Birsay Community Council.
- Councillor Owen Tierney.
- Councillor Rachael King.
- Commander D A Hobbs MBE Royal Navy Retired.
- Destination Orkney.
- Dounby Community School.
- Experience Orkney Tours.
- Great Orkney Tours.
- JP Orkney.
- Lizzies Orkney Tours.
- Mark Shiner, Maritime and Engineering, UHI Orkney.
- Roderick Richmond.
- Orkney Archaeology Tours
- Orkney Heritage Society.
- Orkney Tourism Group Board.
- Orkney Tourist Guides Association.
- Orkney Vintage Club.
- Orkney Wireless Museum.
- Royal British Legion – Kirkwall Branch.
- Start Point Media.
- Stromness Tours.
- Visit Scotland.

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

4.5. That a grant amounting to 46% of total eligible costs, up to a maximum sum of £25,000, to be met from the Community Development Fund, be offered to Birsay Heritage Trust towards construction and installation of an accessible toilet block, with septic tank and water supply, at HMS Tern, subject to:

- Confirmation of the subsidy control position to the satisfaction of the Corporate Director for Enterprise and Sustainable Regeneration.
- Confirmation of the full funding package.

4.6. 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 4.5 above, on receipt of invoices, if required, in order to assist cash flow requirements of Birsay Heritage Trust.

4.7. That powers be delegated to the Corporate Director for Enterprise and Sustainable Regeneration, in consultation with the Head of Legal and Governance, to determine whether appropriate security could be put in place and, if so, to conclude an Agreement, on the Council's standard terms and conditions, with Birsay Heritage Trust in respect of the funding, detailed at paragraphs 4.5 and 4.6 above.

5. Application Number 0/5/8/88 – Orkney Athletic Running Club SCIO

High Jump Equipment and Housing for Photo Finish Equipment

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 Annabel Bews, Economic Development Officer, the Sub-committee:

Noted:

5.1. That Orkney Athletic Running Club SCIO had applied for assistance from the Community Development Fund towards the purchase of upgraded high jump equipment and a portacabin to house recently acquired photo finish equipment.

5.2. That Orkney Athletic Running Club SCIO had applied for match funding, amounting to £5,340, from the Community Led Local Development Fund and £11,605 from Sportscotland, towards the project.

5.3. That messages of support had been received from the undernoted individual and community group:

- Liam McArthur MSP.
- Scottish Athletics Limited.

5.4. That, as Orkney Athletic Running Club SCIO used the athletic track and facilities at the Pickaquoy Centre, Kirkwall, Pickaquoy Centre Trust had provided written permission for the portacabin to be sited by the running track for its lifespan, with a minimum expectation of 15 years, and had agreed to cover the additional cost for installation and ongoing electricity supply when the portacabin was in use.

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

5.5. That a grant amounting to 50% of total eligible costs, up to a maximum sum of £17,122, to be met from the Community Development Fund, be offered to Orkney Athletic Running Club SCIO towards the purchase of upgraded high jump equipment and a portacabin to house recently acquired photo finish equipment, subject to:

- Confirmation of the subsidy control position to the satisfaction of the Corporate Director for Enterprise and Sustainable Regeneration.
- Confirmation of a full funding package.

5.6. 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 5.5 above, on receipt of invoices, if required, in order to assist cash flow requirements of Orkney Athletic Running Club SCIO.

5.7. That powers be delegated to the Corporate Director for Enterprise and Sustainable Regeneration, in consultation with the Head of Legal and Governance, to determine whether appropriate security could be put in place and, if so, to conclude an Agreement, on the Council's standard terms and conditions, with Orkney Athletic Running Club SCIO in respect of the funding, detailed at paragraphs 5.5 and 5.6 above.

6. Conclusion of Meeting

At 10:09 the Convener declared the meeting concluded.

Signed: Graham A Bevan.