

Minute

Community Development Fund Sub-committee

Thursday, 6 February 2025, 14:00.

Council Chamber, Council Offices, School Place, Kirkwall.



Present

Councillors Graham A Bevan, Kristopher D Leask, W Leslie Manson, Gwenda M Shearer, Ivan A Taylor and Heather N Woodbridge.

Present via remote link (Microsoft Teams)

Councillor Mellissa-Louise Thomson.

Clerk

- Sandra Craigie, Committees Officer.

In Attendance

- Stuart Allison, Service Manager (Enterprise).
- Shonagh Merriman, Service Manager (Corporate Finance).
- Stuart Bevan, Solicitor.
- David Macrae, Sustainable Regeneration Funding Manager.
- Harvey Crew, Economic Development Officer.

Not Present

- Councillor Gillian Skuse – who had inadvertently been omitted from the meeting maker.

Declarations of Interest

- Councillor Graham A Bevan – Item 1.
- Councillor Kristopher D Leask – Item 1.
- Councillor Heather N Woodbridge – Item 1.

Chair

- Councillor Graham A Bevan, Convener.

1. Regeneration Capital Grant Fund – Monitoring Report

Councillor Graham A Bevan declared an interest in this item, his connection being that a close family member was the Chair of the Board of the Pier Arts Centre, but concluded that his interest did not preclude his involvement in the discussion.

Councillor Kristopher D Leask declared an interest in this item, his connection being that he was a Director on the Board of the Pier Arts Centre, but concluded that his interest did not preclude his involvement in the discussion.

Councillor Heather N Woodbridge declared an interest in this item, her connection being that she was a Director and Vice Chair of the North Ronaldsay Development Trust 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 the Service Manager (Enterprise), the Sub-committee:

Noted progress on the undernoted projects processed via the Third Party Funding Application Framework to the Regeneration Capital Grant Fund:

- Pier Arts Centre, Stromness – provision of creative arts hub in the former Stromness Post Office.
- North Ronaldsay Development Trust – Community Wellbeing Hub, the Pund, at Trebb.

2. Application 0/5/8/79 – East Mainland Agricultural Society

Development of Show Park Pavilion and Surrounding Facilities

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 the Economic Development Officer, the Sub-committee:

Resolved, in terms of delegated powers:

2.1. That a grant of up to 50% of total eligible costs, up to a maximum sum of £58,875, to be met from the Community Development Fund, be offered to the East Mainland Agricultural Society towards the construction of a show park pavilion and development of surrounding facilities, 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 being secured.

2.2. That powers be delegated to the Corporate Director for Enterprise and Sustainable Regeneration, in consultation with the Head of Finance, to authorise, if required, advance payment of the grant, referred to at paragraph 2.1 above, on receipt of invoices, to assist cash flow requirements of the East Mainland Agricultural Society.

2.3. 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 the East Mainland Agricultural Society in respect of the funding detailed at paragraphs 2.1 and 2.2 above.

3. Conclusion of Meeting

At 14:20 the Convener declared the meeting concluded.

Signed: Graham A Bevan.