

Minute

Community Development Fund Sub-committee

Tuesday, 29 September 2020, 10:00.

Microsoft Teams.



Present

Councillors J Harvey Johnston, Alexander G Cowie, Robin W Crichton, Rachael A King, Gwenda M Shearer, Graham L Sinclair and James W Stockan.

Clerk

- Sandra Craigie, Committees Officer.

In Attendance

- Alister Brown, Economic Development Officer.
- Jordan Low, Economic Development Officer.
- Sheila Tulloch, Solicitor.

Observing

- Jackie Thomson, Economic Development Manager.
- Lorraine Stout, Press Officer.

Apology

- Councillor Andrew Drever.

Declaration of Interest

- Councillor James W Stockan – Item 2.

Chair

- Councillor J Harvey Johnston.

1. Form of Voting

The Sub-committee resolved that, should a vote be required in respect of the matters to be considered at this meeting, notwithstanding Standing Order 21.4, the form of voting should be by calling the roll or recorded vote.

2. Application Number 0/5/8/14

Stromness Golf Club – Enhancements to Stromness Golf Club

Councillor James W Stockan declared a financial interest in this item, in that he was a shareholder in Stromness Golf Club Limited, and was not present during discussion thereof.

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 Jordan Low, Economic Development Officer, the Sub-committee:

Noted:

2.1. That Stromness Golf Club had applied for assistance from the Community Development Fund towards enhancements to Stromness Golf Course, in order to improve the experience and accessibility of the course for both members and visitors, at a total estimated eligible cost of £57,580.

2.2. That, in May 2019, Stromness Golf Club secured grant assistance from the Community Development Fund of up to £2,500, amounting to 49% of eligible project costs, towards a feasibility study into the proposed enhancements to Stromness Golf Club.

2.3. That Stromness Golf Club was contributing £2,879 of its own resources towards the project.

2.4. That Stromness Golf Club had applied for match funding, amounting to £25,911, from Sport Scotland towards the project.

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

- Liam McArthur, MSP.
- Orkney2023.
- Scottish Golf.

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

2.6. That a grant amounting to 50% of total eligible costs, up to a maximum sum of £28,790, to be met from the Community Development Fund, be offered to Stromness Golf Club towards enhancements to Stromness Golf Course, subject to a full funding package being secured.

2.7. That powers be delegated to the Executive Director of Development and Infrastructure, in consultation with the Head of Finance, to authorise advance payment of the grant, referred to at paragraph 2.6 above, on receipt of invoices, if required, in order to assist cash flow requirements of Stromness Golf Club.

2.8. 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 Stromness Golf Club in respect of the funding, detailed at paragraph 2.6 above.

3. Application Number 0/5/8/68

Orkney Golf Club – Enhancements to Orkney Golf Club

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:

3.1. That Orkney Golf Club had applied for assistance from the Community Development Fund towards enhancements to Orkney Golf Course, in order to improve the experience and accessibility of the course for both members and visitors, at a total estimated eligible cost of £81,189.

3.2. That, in May 2019, Orkney Golf Club secured grant assistance from the Community Development Fund of up to £2,500, amounting to 49% of eligible project costs, towards a feasibility study into the proposed enhancements to Orkney Golf Club.

3.3. That Orkney Golf Club was contributing £4,059 of its own resources towards the project.

3.4. That Orkney Golf Club had applied for match funding, amounting to £36,535, from Sport Scotland towards the project.

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

- Connect project, Voluntary Action Orkney.
- Liam McArthur, MSP.
- Orkney2023.
- Scottish Golf.

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

3.6. That a grant amounting to 50% of total eligible costs, up to a maximum sum of £40,595, to be met from the Community Development Fund, be offered to Orkney Golf Club towards enhancements to Orkney Golf Course, subject to a full funding package being secured.

3.7. That powers be delegated to the Executive Director of Development and Infrastructure, in consultation with the Head of Finance, to authorise advance payment of the grant, referred to at paragraph 3.6 above, on receipt of invoices, if required, in order to assist cash flow requirements of Orkney Golf Club.

3.8. 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 Orkney Golf Club in respect of the funding, detailed at paragraph 3.6 above.

4. Conclusion of Meeting

At 10:24 the Chair declared the meeting concluded.

Signed: J Harvey Johnston.