

# Minute

## Community Development Fund Sub-committee

Tuesday, 1 July 2025, 14:00.

Council Chamber, Council Offices, School Place, Kirkwall.



## Present

Councillors Graham A Bevan, Kristopher D Leask, Gillian Skuse, Ivan A Taylor and Heather N Woodbridge.

## Present via remote link (Microsoft Teams)

Councillors W Leslie Manson and Gwenda M Shearer.

## Clerk

- Sandra Craigie, Committees Officer.

## In Attendance

- Sweyn Johnston, Head of Enterprise and Economic Growth.
- Stuart Allison, Service Manager (Enterprise).
- Karen Bevilacqua, Service Manager (Legal Services).
- David Macrae, Sustainable Regeneration Funding Manager.
- India Whitwell, Sustainable Regeneration Funding Manager.
- Carol Coleman, Economic Development Officer.
- Morag Robertson, Economic Development Officer.

## Apology

- Councillor Mellissa-Louise Thomson.

## Declaration of Interest

- Councillor Kristopher D Leask – Item 1.

## Chair

- Councillor Graham A Bevan, Convener.

## 1. Regeneration Capital Grant Fund – Monitoring Report

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

After consideration of a report by the Director of Enterprise and Resources, copies of which had been circulated, and after hearing a report from David MacRae, Sustainable Regeneration Funding Manager, the Sub-committee:

Noted progress on the undernoted projects processed via the Third-Party Funding Applications 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.

Councillor Heather N Woodbridge joined the meeting during discussion of this item.

## **2. Carbon Neutral Islands Capital Fund**

After consideration of a report by the Director of Enterprise and Resources, copies of which had been circulated, and after hearing a report from David MacRae, Sustainable Regeneration Funding Manager, the Sub-committee:

Resolved, in terms of delegated powers:

**2.1.** That the Council should submit an application to the Scottish Government's Carbon Neutral Islands Capital Fund, on behalf of the Island of Hoy Development Trust in respect of the Hoy Community Transport Electrification project, for the amount of £131,485.

**2.2.** That powers be delegated to the Director of Enterprise and Resources, in consultation with the Head of Finance, to make payment to the Island of Hoy Development Trust, should the application to the Scottish Government's Carbon Neutral Islands Capital Fund be successful.

**2.3.** That powers be delegated to the Director of Enterprise and Resources, in consultation with the Head of Corporate Governance, to enter into grant agreements, on the Council's standard terms and conditions, with the Scottish Government and the Island of Hoy Development Trust, as appropriate, including whether appropriate security could be put in place.

## **3. Application 0/5/8/0076 – The Hoy Trust – Burnmouth Bothy**

After consideration of a report by the Director of Enterprise and Resources, copies of which had been circulated, and after hearing a report from Carol Coleman, Economic Development Officer, the Sub-committee:

Resolved, in terms of delegated powers:

**3.1.** That a grant of up to 50% of total eligible costs, up to a maximum sum of £86,643, to be met from the Community Development Fund, be offered to The Hoy Trust towards restoration of the Burnmouth Bothy, Hoy, subject to:

- Confirmation of the subsidy control position to the satisfaction of the Director of Enterprise and Resources.
- Confirmation of the full funding package being secured.

**3.2.** That powers be delegated to the Director of Enterprise and Resources, in consultation with the Head of Finance, to authorise, if required, advance payment of the grant, referred to at paragraph 3.1 above, on receipt of invoices, to assist cash flow requirements of The Hoy Trust.

**3.3.** That powers be delegated to the Director of Enterprise and Resources, in consultation with the Head of Corporate 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 Hoy Trust in respect of the funding detailed at paragraphs 3.1 and 3.2 above.

## **4. Application 0/5/8/0084 – Holm Sailing Club**

### **Purchase of ex-Island Games Sail Boats**

After consideration of a report by the Director of Enterprise and Resources, copies of which had been circulated, and after hearing a report from Morag Robertson, Economic Development Officer, the Sub-committee:

Resolved, in terms of delegated powers:

**4.1.** That a grant of up to a maximum sum of £30,160, approximately 48% of total eligible costs, to be met from the Community Development Fund, be offered to Holm Sailing Club towards the purchase of six ILCA competition sail dinghies with rigs and covers, sailing equipment, two stacking and lowering trailers and a 40-foot storage container, including delivery, subject to:

- Confirmation of the subsidy control position to the satisfaction of the Director of Enterprise and Resources.
- Confirmation of the full funding package being secured.
- Confirmation that sportscotland was offering Holm Sailing Club discounted ILCA dinghies.
- Confirmation that all regulatory permissions, where required, were in place, for example planning permission.

**4.2.** That powers be delegated to the Director of Enterprise and Resources, in consultation with the Head of Finance, to authorise, if required, advance payment of the grant, referred to at paragraph 4.1 above, on receipt of invoices, to assist cash flow requirements of Holm Sailing Club.

**4.3.** That powers be delegated to the Director of Enterprise and Resources, in consultation with the Head of Corporate 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 Holm Sailing Club in respect of the funding detailed at paragraphs 4.1 and 4.2 above.

## **5. Application 0/5/8/0019 – Orkney Sailing Club**

### **Purchase of ex-Island Games Sail Boats**

After consideration of a report by the Director of Enterprise and Resources, copies of which had been circulated, and after hearing a report from Morag Robertson, Economic Development Officer, the Sub-committee:

Resolved, in terms of delegated powers:

**5.1.** That a grant of up to a maximum of £13,334, approximately 23% of total eligible costs, to be met from the Community Development Fund, be offered to Orkney Sailing Club towards the purchase of six ILCA competition sail dinghies, sailing equipment including six ILCA 4 rigs, a time keeping system and a lifting gantry, subject to:

- Confirmation of the subsidy control position to the satisfaction of the Corporate Director of Enterprise and Resources.
- Confirmation of the full funding package being secured.
- Confirmation that sportscotland was offering Orkney Sailing Club discounted ILCA dinghies.
- Confirmation that all regulatory permissions, where required, were in place, for example planning permission.

**5.2.** That powers be delegated to the Director of Enterprise and Resources, in consultation with the Head of Corporate 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 Sailing Club in respect of the funding detailed at paragraph 5.1 above.

## **6. Conclusion of Meeting**

At 14:33 the Convener declared the meeting concluded.

Signed: Graham A Bevan.