

Minute

Community Development Fund Sub-committee

Monday, 3 December 2018, 14:00.

Council Chamber, Council Offices, School Place, Kirkwall.



Present

Councillors J Harvey Johnston, Norman R Craigie, Robin W Crichton, Andrew Drever, Rachael A King, Graham L Sinclair and James W Stockan.

Clerk

- Sandra Craigie, Committees Officer.

In Attendance

- Alister Brown, Economic Development Officer.
- Jordan Low, Economic Development Officer.
- Michael Scott, Solicitor.

Apology

- Councillor John A R Scott.

Declaration of Interest

- Councillor J Harvey Johnston – Item 1.

Chair

- Councillor J Harvey Johnston.

1. Application Number 0/5/8/59

Graemsay Community Association – Upgrading of Graemsay Community Centre

Councillor J Harvey Johnston declared a non-financial interest in this item, in that he had written a letter of support to Orkney LEADER Programme in respect of Graemsay Community Association's funding application, and left the meeting at this point.

Signed: Harvey Johnston.

As the Chair had declared his interest and left the meeting, the Clerk called for nominations for Chair.

The Sub-committee resolved:

1.1. That Councillor James W Stockan be appointed Chair for this item.

Councillor James W Stockan then took the Chair for this item.

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:

1.2. That Graemsay Community Association had applied for financial assistance from the Community Development Fund towards upgrading Graemsay Community Centre, at a total estimated eligible cost of £42,188.

1.3. That the project to upgrade Graemsay Community Centre comprised the following:

- Upgrading the hall.
- Installing upgraded roofing, insulation, windows, doors and a heating system.
- Installing a fully composting toilet.

1.4. That Graemsay Community Association was contributing £2,110 of its own resources towards the project.

1.5. That, as Graemsay Community Association already owned, managed and maintained the hall facilities and surrounding grounds, the Council would not be required to carry out any repairs or maintenance to the proposed refurbished hall.

1.6. That match funding of £20,039 towards the project had been approved from the Orkney LEADER Programme 2014 to 2020, subject to the full funding package being secured.

1.7. That, in recognising Graemsay's status as a fragile community, and to enable Graemsay Community Association to meet the deadline for applications to the Orkney LEADER programme of 21 February 2018, the Chief Executive, under emergency powers, approved a request for an interest-free loan facility of up to £10,000 as a mechanism to bridge a projected cashflow deficit on delivery of the project.

1.8. That messages of support had been received from the following:

- West Side Cinema.
- Graemsay Fat Cats Crafts.
- Graemsay Youth Club.
- Graemsay, Hoy and Walls Community Council.
- Councillor Magnus Thomson.
- Stromness and Graemsay Church of Scotland.

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

1.9. That a grant amounting to 47.5% of the total eligible costs, up to a maximum of sum of £20,039, to be met from the Community Development Fund, should be offered to Graemsay Community Association towards upgrading Graemsay Community Centre, subject to the full funding package being secured to enable the project to be completed.

1.10. 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 1.9 above, on receipt of invoices, if required, in order to assist cash flow requirements of Graemsay Community Association.

1.11. That powers be delegated to the Executive Director of Development and Infrastructure, in consultation with the Solicitor to the Council, to conclude an Agreement, on the Council's standard terms and conditions with Graemsay Community Association in respect of the funding, detailed at paragraphs 1.9 and 1.10 above.

Signed: James W Stockan.

Councillor J Harvey Johnston rejoined the meeting at this point and resumed the Chair.

2. Application Number 0/5/8/62

Evie and Rendall Community Park Group – Creation of New Community Park, Evie

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:

2.1. That Evie and Rendall Community Park Group had applied for assistance from the Community Development Fund towards creation of a new community park in Evie, for use by the local community and visitors to the area, at a total estimated eligible cost of £146,400.

2.2. That Evie and Rendall Community Park Group was contributing £7,320 of its own resources towards the project.

2.3. That Evie and Rendall Community Park Group had already secured match funding, amounting to £97,000, towards the project from Evie and Rendall Community Council, Hammars Hill Energy Fund, Awards for All (National Lottery) and Tesco Community Bags of Help.

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

- Costa Scottish Women's Institute.
- Evie Community Association.
- Evie Community School.
- Evie Mums and Toddlers Group.

- West Adventure Group.

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

2.5. That a grant amounting to 28.4% of total eligible costs, up to a maximum sum of £41,580, to be met from the Community Development Fund, should be offered to Evie and Rendall Community Park Group towards creation of a new community park in Evie, subject to the full funding package being secured to enable the project to be completed.

2.6. That powers be delegated to the Executive Director of Development and Infrastructure, in consultation with the Solicitor to the Council, to conclude an Agreement, on the Council's standard terms and conditions, with Evie and Rendall Community Park Group in respect of the funding, detailed at paragraph 2.5 above.

3. Application Number 0/5/8/63

Rousay, Egilsay and Wyre Heritage SCIO

Upgrading of 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:

3.1. That Rousay, Egilsay and Wyre Heritage SCIO had applied for assistance 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.

3.2. That Rousay, Egilsay and Wyre Heritage SCIO was contributing £3,053 of its own resources towards the project.

3.3. That Rousay, Egilsay and Wyre Heritage SCIO had applied for match funding amounting to £29,002 from the Orkney LEADER Programme 2014 to 2020 towards the project.

3.4. 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.
- Five residents of Wyre.
- 15 former residents of Wyre.
- Two individuals with family connections to Wyre.

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

3.5. That a grant amounting to 47.5% of total eligible costs, up to a maximum sum of £29,002, to be met from the Community Development Fund, be offered to Rousay, Egilsay and Wyre Heritage SCIO towards upgrading Wyre Community and Heritage Centre, subject to the full funding package being secured to enable the project to be completed.

3.6. That powers be delegated to the Executive Director of Development and Infrastructure, in consultation with the Solicitor to 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 3.5 above.

4. Conclusion of Meeting

At 14:30 the Chair declared the meeting concluded.

Signed: Harvey Johnston.