

Minutes of the CGLMC Ltd Community Benefits Sub-Committee Meeting held in the Boardroom, Links House on Wednesday 21st August 2019

Present: D Cheape (Convenor), P Sawers, I Frier, C Yule

In Attendance: M Wells (Chief Executive), A Simpson (Deputy Chief Executive), A DeFoy (Head of Marketing and Communications), K Perrie (Executive PA), D Archibald (Community Benefits Administrator)

Meeting began at 1730 hours.

1. Apologies

J McLeish, I Wilson

2. Declaration of Interest

D Cheape declared an interest in 2 of the organisations that submitted applications.
P Sawers declared an interest in 1 of the organisations that submitted applications.

3. Applications for Discussion

Thirty-one applications were received, notably fourteen were from new applicants. Three applications had been earlier been approved via the fast track process. The remaining twenty-eight were considered and the recommendations will be passed to the Full Board of Trustees for approval.

Sederunt: C Yule left the meeting at 1855 hours.

4. Carnoustie Christmas Lights

The Convenor advised the meeting of the work being undertaken by the Carnoustie Christmas Lights Events Committee chaired by Dr David Rorie and its plans to celebrate the festive season in Carnoustie. Costs relating to lighting and trees were discussed at length and it was agreed £20k from the Community Benefits Fund should be considered as a provisional figure to support this work and help to make a real difference in this community wide project. The significance of CGL staff and trustees being actively involved in setting up the lights and supporting events was acknowledged.

5. Tee Markers Disposal

The disposal of the Championship Course tee markers was passed back to the Management Team to consider. Any income derived from the disposal of the markers will be added to the Community Benefits Fund.

5. Any Other Competent Business

Staff Volunteering

A Trustee asked the Management Team to consider the possibility of allowing CGL employees time off work to undertake voluntary work within the community. The Chief Executive agreed to consider this aligned with existing business commitments.

Bowling Club Social Event

The Chief Executive summarised a conversation with Carnoustie Bowling Club and suggested CGL could provide support by offering green-keeping expertise and support. It was agreed that the Links Superintendent and the Championship Course Manager would be asked to visit the bowling club to consider options, which would then be taken back to the Community Benefits sub-committee.

Community Impact

The Chief Executive asked the group to consider how we could make more of an impact in the local community and align ourselves more closely to local community groups, including the Carnoustie Community Development Trust. The Deputy Chief Executive questioned the sustainability of the current model of giving and suggested we should consider how we can add greater value to the community. The Convenor said this was being achieved, to some extent, via our support of whole community events. The Chief Executive suggested a framework should be introduced to measure what we do and would look at options from other established community benefit distributors. It was acknowledged the perception of value will difficult.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 1955 hours.