

Minutes of the CGLMC Ltd Community Benefits Sub-Committee Meeting held in the Boardroom, Links House on Wednesday 30th October 2019

Present: D Cheape (Convenor), I Frier, C Yule, J McLeish, I Wilson.

In Attendance: D Archibald (Community Benefits Administrator).

Meeting began at 1730 hours.

1. Apologies

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2. Declaration of Interest

None.

3. Matters Arising from Previous Minute

It was asked if the application submitted by the Station Masters had been supported. The Convenor advised the group it was not being supported via Community Benefits and suggested the question should be raised with the Executive.

4. Convenors Report – verbal

The convenor reflected on the successful Community Benefits Award Ceremony held in Links House on Monday 7th October 2019. It was well attended and several letters of thanks have since been received.

The convenor advised the group the spend to date is £60,581. There may be further costs relating to the Carnoustie Christmas lights project, but it was confirmed the total spend to support that project will fall well below the £20k approved.

He reminded the group the total Community Benefits spend will be £125k in this financial year, with £50k being ring fenced to support a large community project at some point in the future. Any underspend will be used to fund additional bids or support the large community project fund.

5. Proposed change of Community Benefits Administrator title – verbal

The convenor highlighted the extent that the Community Benefits Administrator was liaising with local charities and community groups to promote the Community Benefits Fund. Therefore, to show our commitment to pro-actively providing community support the convenor proposed 'Community Benefits Liaison' as being a more appropriate role title. The sub-committee supported the change of title.

6. Consideration of Additional Applications

Panmure over 35's FC

This club is new and it is not connected to Carnoustie Panmure FC. Its application sought support for start-up costs and specifically pitch hire for 1 year.

The sum of £1500 was approved with a caveat the committee would not be willing to support meeting pitch hire costs on an annual basis.

Action – D Archibald to have a cheque raised and presented.

Carnoustie Claymores

The club sought £1700 to acquire a portable defibrillator for use at the poolside at Carnoustie High School. It also intimated it would take the equipment to other swimming gala and competition venues. The cost includes training for 8 people and the club said the defibrillator would be available for use in the High School when it was not being used by them.

The committee questioned if the School should have its own defibrillator at its poolside and queried why at galas and competitions the host club would not have one at its poolside. The question was also raised that Community Benefits may also be contributing to core council costs by supporting this application.

Action – D. Archibald to confirm these points with the applicant and Angus Alive.

Chernobyl Children

The convenor briefed members on the work being undertaken by staff and pupils at Carnoustie High School to support a visit to the town in June 2020 by under privileged children (aged 7 to 12) from Chernobyl. The project is receiving wide support from local businesses and host families have been found for all 9 children who will visit. Various fund-raising events are being planned but the school specifically requests support to fund accommodation costs for 3 teachers/interpreters.

The committee was in favour of supporting the project, but request details of costs and funds required to accommodate the teachers/interpreters.

Action – D. Archibald to liaise with the school to establish the options and the costs.

Christmas support for local families

The Convenor invited the group to consider the most appropriate means of providing support locally for disadvantaged children and families at Christmas. He reminded the meeting a donation of £1000 had been made to the Angus Toy Appeal in December 2018.

The Administrator referred to a couple of options outlined in his September 2018 monthly report, including the issue of vouchers via local schools and the Convenor highlighted the

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difficulties in ensuring support was appropriately targeted and delivered. He referred to another three organisations offering to supply toys to Carnoustie families this Christmas. The group acknowledged the complications faced and a member recalled a recent programme run by another organisation that targeted need and provided appropriate support. It was agreed the matter would be placed on hold subject to the success of that programme being explored further.

Action – I. Wilson to make further enquiry to identify best practice.

Carnoustie Arts Society

The convenor advised members Carnoustie Medical Group had agreed to display a 9' x 9' mural created by the Art Society in the waiting room at Parkview Medical Centre. The Medical Group however was not prepared to meet the cost of installing a hanging rail to support the art work.

The committee agreed to support Carnoustie Arts Society and meet the cost of hanging the mural, within a budget of around £100.

Action – D. Archibald to advise Carnoustie Arts Society

Carnoustie Pipe Band

The convenor presented a letter received from Carnoustie Pipe Band on 7 October 2019 requesting £7000 to purchase material to make kilts and buy jackets for band members. The Administrator advised the group he had since responded to the letter by asking them to submit their bid formally via our standard application form. To date the application has not been forthcoming.

The committee agreed it would consider the bid in the usual way when it was submitted.

7. Any Other Competent Business

Frequency of Funding

The convenor asked the group for views on the frequency of funding rounds and queried if it may be more impactful to hold one funding round and one award ceremony each year. After a brief discussion and exchange of views it was agreed to maintain the status quo.

Barry Church

The convenor asked if a bid had been submitted by Barry Church in respect of funds to carry out church organ repairs. The Administrator advised the group he had sent an application form to the church via one of the Trustees.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 1830 hours.