
East Kintyre Community Fund

Minutes of March 2025 funding meeting

Date: 27th March 2025, 7.00pm

Location: Kildonan

Present: Alasdair Bennett (Acting Chair & Treasurer), Russ Baum (Secretary), Ian Brodie, Audrey Willan, Shelagh Cameron, Jen Conley

1. & 2. Welcome & apologies

AB welcomed the Trustees to the meeting, the first for JC.

3. Confirmation of compliance with Due Diligence statement

All Trustees **confirmed** their compliance of the new, 2025 compliance statement.

4. Review of financial position (regular item)

AB presented a financial summary, as of 27/03/25, including the balance available, of £277,365.

5. Discussion of applications for funding

EKCF03/25-01 Carradale Voices

Declarations of interest: none.

Requested: £3,400

Decision: Awarded £3,400

Notes and conditions applied:

Released upon receipt of invoices.

EKCF03/25-02 Open Day funding

Declarations of interest: none declared.

Requested: £168.68

Decision: Awarded £168.68

Notes and conditions applied:

Payable to EKCC. Require sight of EKCC balance statement. Grant released upon receipt of invoices. Bill for Village Hall hire to be confirmed.

EKCF03/25-03 Carradale shop and PO

Declarations of interest: JC.

Requested: £21,716

Decision: Awarded £21,716

Notes and conditions applied:

The (40%) manager wage to be paid immediately; the rest to be paid on receipts.

EKCF03/25-04 Finance and admin officer

Declarations of interest: none.

Requested: £30,000 over two years

Decision: Awarded £15,000 for Year 1; pending for Year 2.

Notes and conditions applied:

The Trustees are mindful that this application covered future work “to assist the CCT Board in the planning, implementation and delivery of the CCT goals/projects arising from the 2026-2030 EK LDP”, so the Trustees will not expect to receive applications to increase the funding for this role (above normal increases) as the LDP work begins. In advance of the release of the second half of this award, the Trustees may seek clarity on the respective tasks of the Finance and admin officer, and of the, possible, LDP Project manager.

EKCF03/25-05 Carradale Village Hall kitchen

Declarations of interest: IB.

Requested: £94,000 – calculated as 66% of the total project cost

Decision: Awarded 66% of eventual total project cost (conditional).

Notes and conditions applied:

Released upon receipt of invoices.

The Trustees understand that the project is still in the early stages of planning and costing. The award, therefore, is conditional on

The EKCF Trustees must be kept informed of significant decisions in the planning of the project, including having sight of final plans and quotes – before there is any commitment made by the VH committee. This is so that the Trustees can confirm that they are still in a position to make the award, and that the figures involved are still within the region as seen in the more recent set of quotes.

Whilst the EKCF Trustees trust that the Village Hall committee will do all that it can to see through the project successfully, they will want confirmation that the work and fittings meet the desired standards as required by any Local Authority Registration, in terms of hygiene and safety, especially if the facilities may be used commercially.

The source of this funding will be split between the Cour and BaT3 funds, to avoid exceeding the normal EKCF limit.

BURSARY APPLICATIONS

Applicant 1 B001-EKCF03/25

Plumbing & heating; West College Scotland, Clydebank; (SCQF Level 6), Sloan builders

Duration 4 years; started September 2023 (in second year)

Awarded £1,500 to cover training year starting Sept 2024 (year 2) – payable now (P1).

Further awards:

£1,500 to cover training year starting Sept 2025 (year 3) – payable Sept 2025 (P2).

£1,500 to cover training year starting Sept 2026 (year 4) – payable Sept 2026 (P3).

Applicant 2 B002-EKCF03/25

Plumbing & heating; West College Scotland, Clydebank; (SCQF Level 6), Sloan builders

Duration 4 years; started September 2024 (in first year)

Awarded £1,500 to cover training year starting Sept 2024 (year 1) – payable now (P1).

Further awards:

£1,500 to cover training year starting Sept 2025 (year 2) – payable Sept 2025 (P2).

£1,500 to cover training year starting Sept 2026 (year 3) – payable Sept 2026 (P3).

£1,500 to cover training year starting Sept 2027 (year 4) – payable Sept 2027 (P4).

Applicant 3 B003-EKCF03/25

Electrical installation; West College Scotland, Paisley; (SCQF Level 7), CR Electrical

Duration 4 years; started October 2024 (in first year)

Awarded £1,500 to cover training year starting Sept 2024 (year 1) – payable now (P1).

Further awards:

£1,500 to cover training year starting Sept 2025 (year 2) – payable Sept 2025 (P2).

£1,500 to cover training year starting Sept 2026 (year 3) – payable Sept 2026 (P3).

£1,500 to cover training year starting Sept 2027 (year 4) – payable Sept 2027 (P4).

Applicant 4 B004-EKCF03/25

Electrical installation; West College Scotland, Clydebank; (SCQF Level unknown), Neil Galbraith

Duration 4 years; starting September 2025

Awarded £1,500 to cover training year starting Sept 2025 (year 1) – payable Sept 2025 (P1).

Further awards:

£1,500 to cover training year starting Sept 2026 (year 2) – payable Sept 2026 (P2).

£1,500 to cover training year starting Sept 2027 (year 3) – payable Sept 2027 (P3).

£1,500 to cover training year starting Sept 2028 (year 4) – payable Sept 2028 (P4).

Applicant 5 B005-EKCF03/25

Light vehicle maintenance; GTG Glasgow (SCQF Level 7), Peugeot garage

Duration 3 years; starting April 2024.

Awarded £1,500 to cover training year starting April 2024 (year 1) – payable now (P1).

Awarded £1,500 to cover training year starting April 2025 (year 2) – payable now (P2).

Further award:

£1,500 to cover training year starting April 2026 (year 3) – payable April 2026 (P3).

6. Date of next meeting

The AGM at Carradale Village Hall (tbc) on 15th May 2025 (tbc). Funding meeting at Kildonan on 25th September 2025 (tbc).

The meeting finished at 9.15pm.

EKCF balance available before awards made: £277,365

Total awarded at meeting: £47,784.68 + circa £40,000 (VH) + £7,500 (edu)

Note: £6,000 in September 2025 (edu)