
East Kintyre Community Fund

Minutes of summer 2022 funding meeting

Date: 15th September 2022, 2.00pm

Location: Online Zoom meeting

Present: Rob Lee (Chair), Alasdair Bennett (Treasurer), Trish Collins, Ian Brodie, Shelagh Cameron, Russ Baum (Secretary)

1. Funding decisions

EKCF09/22-01

Picture House animation project

Requested: £7,452

Decision: Awarded £5,502. Requested amount reduced by 50% of travel costs, as only one of the two schools is in east Kintyre.

- Dependent on production of receipts of spending.

EKCF09/22-02

Kintyre Group of the Scottish Women's Institute

Women's Institute Biennial Show

Requested: £3,711

Decision: Request declined. Criteria not met as there is no WI presence in east Kintyre.

EKCF09/22-03

Sharyn Lock

Carradale Book Cupboard

Requested: £350

Decision: Awarded £350.

- Dependent on written confirmation from the CCT on location.
- Then dependent on production of receipts of spending.

EKCF09/22-04

Campbeltown Running Club

Park Run

Requested: £1,500

Decision: Awarded £500. Requested amount reduced in order to reflect the relative populations in Kintyre, in line with the pro-rata approach to decision making expected by OSCR.

- Dependent on production of appropriate receipts of spending (shared costs with other groups).

Declaration of interest: RB removed from the vote.

EKCF09/22-05

Carradale Harbour Enterprises Limited

Carradale Harbour

Requested: £18,930

Decision: Awarded £18,930. (£5,155 might return to the EKCF if VAT can be claimed back.)

- Dependent on all of:
 - confirmation of planning permission, if needed,
 - CHEL to have lease or ownership of the land that the straightening work is to be carried out on, and
 - confirmation that the washback area is included in the final lease agreement.
- Then dependent on production of receipts of spending.
- £5,155 to be returned to EKCF if applicable.

Notes: If majority part of the awarded funds are not realised before the start of the summer 2023 application window, then the EKCF reserves the right to withdraw the award as offered, and a new application will need to be offered to the EKCF in the summer 2023.

EKCF09/22-06

The Kintyre Way SCIO

Kintyre Way 2023 relaunch

Requested: £300 (revenue grant)

Decision: Request declined. EKCF criteria do not allow it to fund non-capital costs such as these.

Requested: £4,052 (project grant)

Decision: Awarded £4,052.

- Dependent on production of receipts of spending.

Notes: The Trustees fully support the endeavours, both physical and administrative, that go into running the Kintyre Way, for many reasons. However, the success of future applications will very strongly depend on the production of an overarching business plan, spanning more than one year, for the whole of the route. Such a plan should clearly show both costs that are specific to a part of the route, and costs that are more general but which are split proportionally across the funding areas. Offering the same plan to all relevant funding groups will elevate the levels of confidence in the groups' decision making, as it will clearly show how the groups individually contribute to the overall plan. It is appreciated that funding applications through the year can depend on the success of prior applications to other groups, so some degree of departure from the plan might be expected for that reason. Difficulties arising from the scattered timing of the various application windows across the funding groups should be considerably offset if the plan spans more than one year, as all parties can anticipate and plan ahead. As it stands, the Trustees are not confident that the Scottish charity regulator would look favourably on the mismatch between the level of rigour required in the EKCF Trustees' decision making and the perceived strength of coordination on the part of applicant in applying for funds across the whole Kintyre area.

EKCF09/22-07

Carradale Community Trust

Carradale Heritage Centre Three 'F' Exhibition

Requested: £2,790

Decision: Awarded £2,790.

- Dependent on production of appropriate receipts of spending.

Notes: The Trustees appreciate the recognition, referenced in communications in the follow-up to the original application, that work might need to be done to sharpen up the clarity of the accounting and reporting systems, so that Trustees can have more confidence in understanding the eligibility of need, when assessing future applications.

Declaration of interest: AB removed from the vote.

2. AOB

The chair resigned from the EKCF, with immediate effect. The Trustees thanked him for his hard work and expertise in getting the charity to this point.

The meeting finished at 2.50pm.

EKCF balance before awards made: £189,481

Total awarded at meeting: £32,124