
East Kintyre Community Fund

Minutes of September 2023 funding meeting

Date: 18th September 2023, 7.00pm

Location: Online Zoom meeting

Present: Margaret Richardson (Chair), Alasdair Bennett (Treasurer), Russ Baum (Secretary), Ian Brodie, Shelagh Cameron, Audrey Willan

1. Welcome

MR opened the meeting. There were no apologies.

2. Appointment of new Trustee

Audrey Willan was appointed as a Trustee of the EKCF. Proposed by AB, seconded by IB.

3. Confirmation of compliance with Due Diligence statement

All Trustees confirmed their compliance.

4. Approval of additions to the Grant-Making Policy

All Trustees accepted the proposed changes to the policy; namely, (new) sections 2.1 and 4.6.

5. Financial statement

The balance statement, as previously circulated, was agreed by all Trustees.

6. Discussion of applications for funding

EKCF09/23-01 Kilbrannan Sound equipment

Declarations of interest: none.

Requested: £2,750

Decision: Awarded £2,750

Notes and conditions applied:

It was noted that questions from the Trustees about the application had been adequately addressed. Such matters included insurance and storage.

The Trustees are keen to emphasise that other community groups should have the option to use this equipment, and not just for events held at the village hall.

The Village Hall Committee should be given, for their reference, a list of the equipment that is eventually purchased.

The Trustees would like reassurance that the Carradale Music Festival will be made aware of the planned, and eventual, purchases, so that they can take the equipment into account for when they plan their event(s).

EKCF09/23-02 Shopper-Aide

Declarations of interest: none.

Requested: £4,274.66

Decision: Awarded a donation of £4,250.00

Notes and conditions applied:

The Trustees accept that the addition of the Abbeyfield Fund to its constituent funds may have adjusted the way that applications that are primarily for the elderly are planned. With that in mind, the Trustees are pleased to be able to contribute towards the Shopper-Aide costs in this application, a second one for this calendar year, and it can be considered as a support to the March award. The Fund will aim to provide only one award within each financial year, which can be in September or March. The next application from Shopper-Aide can be March 2024 or September 2024, but not both, and then twelve months after, and so forth.

It was noted that wages form part of this application. The default position of the EKCF is to caution each award that might fund wages with the caveat that the Trustees are not able to guarantee that future applications for wages will be successful.

7. AOB

It is planned to open the next round of applications on Friday 26th January 2024, closing on Friday 8th March. Trustees were asked to pencil in the funding meeting for Monday 18th March, to be confirmed.

The AGM is planned for Tuesday 14th May 2024 (not 15th as suggested at the meeting).

SC offered thanks to the EKCF officers for their work, which were gratefully received.

The meeting finished at 8.00pm.

EKCF balance before awards made: £296,755

Total awarded at meeting: £7,000