

Sunart Common Good Fund
Panel Meeting Tuesday 6th March, 2018
Minutes 7pm -8.30pm High School

Approved by panel at Meeting 3rd Sept 2018

1. Welcome.

Welcome to all members of the panel and to Ben Gregg as our new representative for the 15-25 age group.

2. Apologies from Debbie Calver

3. Social Impact Reporting – covering letter and short survey to be circulated and approved.
IB Circulated by email after the meeting, other than a couple of minor edits, approved by panel.

4. Proposed name change to Sunart Community Benefit Fund.

All panel members agreed.

5. Signage for projects receiving funding – proposal that Izzy or a Committee Member sources some A5 all-weather signage / plaques from Sign & Design or Nevis print etc.

All agreed that it would benefit to have the fund name shown alongside projects where possible. Panel agreed that use of Community Company and Community Renewables Logos would be appropriate. IB to investigate and design a simple logo.

6. Consideration of whether Grants are time limited –

*Panel agreed that there should be a time limit of 18months. Applicant's should be contacted at the subsequent rounds to get and update of the projects.
IB to talk to Scotstown Crofters to see if they still require the £1,500 loan.*

**7. This Rounds Applications -
Declarations of interest.**

It is the policy of the panel that all members declare interests before discussion of applications.

Application	Interest Declared By
1. Strontian Primary School – Trip	V.Barker, J.McKinnon
2. Strontian Primary School – Books	V.Barker, J.McKinnon
3. Strontian Nursery – Equipment	
4. Three Lochs Book Festival	
5. SCC – Loch Development Working Group	M.Hilder, T.Coldwell,
6. SCC - Acquisition of Visitor Information Building	M.Hilder,
7. SCC – LDO Wages	
8. SCC Admin Fee (advance notice)	
9. Strontian Church – Roof Repair Fund	
10.SCSB – New primary school grounds	
11.Nepal Trip, Vaccinations	B.Gregg, EA Philips, Sarah Madden.

See overleaf for Discussion and Decision of each Application.

Panel Decision

Application	Discussion	Request	Panel Decision
Set Aside	Before Awarding funds, the panel decided to set aside £10,000 for future application rounds.		£10,000
1. Strontian Primary School – Trip		£2,000	£1,000
2. Strontian Primary School – Books	Excellent Library, and mobile library, thought that should be HC	£700	Refer to Com Council
3. Strontian Nursery – Equipment	As this is only just over the £500 limit, the panel would like to refer to the Community Council	£580	Refer to Com Council
4. Three Lochs Book Festival	The panel decided to award some funds to this project particularly for activities to increase the sustainability of the festival.	£5,000	£3,000
5. SCC – Loch Development Working Group. Installation of 3 Visitor Moorings	The panel found this an exciting prospect and the first step in larger development of that area.	£6,500	£6,500
6. SCC - Acquisition of Visitor Information	The Panel felt that it is important to retain the Visitor Information function in the village.	£5,000	£5,000
7. SCC – LDO Wages	The panel felt that they wouldn't be there and there wouldn't be many big projects if the LDOs we're not in place.	£5,000	£5,000
8. SCC Admin Fee (advance notice)	Agreed that £1,000 to be taken from the fund for admin costs in the Autumn.		
9. Strontian Church – Roof Repair Fund	The panel feel the Thomas Telford Church is an important building in the community. They discussed that it would be nice to see some other uses being built in to encourage use and support.	£5,000	£5,000
10. SCSB – New primary school grounds	Panel feel they have already allocated enough with £24,000 over the last year. For the outdoor area, the panel feel that this is not a priority at this time and it should wait until the school is finished and the children are in. They would like to see a demonstration of fundraising involving the pupils too for the outdoor area. An application at that point would be considered.	£13,000	£0
11. Nepal Trip, Vaccinations	Part refer to Community Council. The panel want to support this project and are very impressed by the fund-raising efforts the boys have undertaken. They would like to ask the community council to allocate the remaining £259	£759	£500
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		REQUEST	DECISION
SUM =		£43,539	£26,000
Avail Fund		£38,576	£38,576
Remaining		-£4,963	£12,576