

Sunart Community Benefit Fund

Panel Meeting Wednesday 13th November 2024

7.30pm, Zoom

Present: Sarah Traynor, John Jones (SCCompany Rep), Catriona Hunter (SCCouncil Rep), Denise Anderson, Rebecca Drinkwater (Admin). Heather Pykett, Alex Pykett

Apologies: Michelle Hilder (sent feedback on applications), James Hilder, Dugald MacIntyre (sent feedback on applications), Bryan Gregg, Eilidh Ann Phillips

1) SCBF Review Document

- Discussion – Panel members all agreed with the review summary and comments. See separate document.
- Panel Composition

Age Group	Total number that should be in each group
16-25	2 – Dugald, 1 vacancy
26-44	3 – Laura, Alex, Heather
45-64	3 – Michelle, Bryan Gregg, Eilidh-Ann
65+	3 – Catriona, Denise
SCC/SCC reps: – john and Catriona	1 vacancy

Any step downs for Re-election, Autumn and Spring- Minuted thanks to Sarah, Sheila and Alasdair, who have stepped down from the committee.

2) Current Funding Available

£ 41,505

Current Reserves

Note - SCC wish to remove £20,000 to be stored into a deposit account by Feb 2025 - do the panel approve? Panel approved unanimously

This Rounds Applications

a) Declarations of interest

Application	Interests Declared
1. Longrigg	John, Becky, Sarah
2. Craft Hub	Sarah, John
3. Dualchas	Sarah, John, Laura, Catriona
4. Admin Fee SCC Admin and Project Management	Becky, John, Sarah, Laura
5. Urram (Childcare Project)	Becky, Denise

3) Discussion of each application and award amount

Application	Award Amount	Discussion
Longrigg Woodland Project (£5384)	£5384	Happy to support, committee noted that additional possibility of Longrigg Application on the horizon (detailed in summary report), and noted this would be dealt with on a case by case basis.
Craft Hub and Men's Shed (£2800)	£2800	Happy to support the application for funds for additional repairs.
Sunart History Hub/ Dualchas Church Buyout (£4750)	£4750	Approved by all
Admin Fee SCC Admin and Project Management (£5000)	£5000	Approved by all
Urram (Childcare Project - Ardnamurchan Childcare Action Group) (£1000)	£1000	Approved - committee noted the importance of this project for the area and residents.
Total Awarded	£18,934	

1. Urram - £500 remaining from their 2023 application for £1000 – they have asked if we would like this to be returned, or if the panel are happy for the amount to be allocated to their community lunches, befriending and social groups along with Hospital Transport – Panel approved this

2. Longrigg Woodland – Panel awarded £4000 in March 2023 but agreed to do this in 2 separate payments, one last April, and at the next panel meeting. Need to minute the approval of panel to make the second payment of £1384 – **Panel approved this and the £4000 additional request for funds**

5) Feedback from Applicants

Agree that we need to gather feedback and make sure funds are spent as agreed.

6) SCBF Endowment Fund:

Comments of concern that it has gone up and down, but recognise it is a long term investment, happy to be updated every 6 months – prior to each meeting

7) Remaining funds going into Spring 2025.

8) Next meeting

A round will be held in Spring 2025, on 23rd April 2025, 7.30pm, via zoom

£22,571 (£20,000

**to be stored in a
deposit account)**

Un allocated funds remaining

AOB: No