

Sunart Community Benefit Fund

Panel Meeting Wednesday 17th April 2024

7pm, Zoom

Present: Eilidh-Ann Philips (Chair), Maureen Tyldsley, Sarah Traynor, John Jones (SCCompany Rep), Catriona Hunter, Denise Anderson, Elaine Sneddon Hughes (SCCouncil Rep), Laura Wilson, Rebecca Drinkwater (Admin). Dugald Macintyre.

Apologies: Michelle Hilder, James Hilder, Alistair MacLean, Sheila Wilson

Minutes of last meeting approved with two amendments – Dugald was present and Sarah's interest for men's shed removed

1) SCBF Review Document

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

c)

Age Group	Total number that should be in each group
16-25	2 – Dugald, 1 vacancy
26-44	3 – Laura, Sarah – 1 vacancy Sarah said she'd step down if got 2 people but happy to stay until needed, laura happy to stay on - suggested Heather and Alex Pykett
45-64	3 – Michelle, Bryan Gregg, Eilidh-Ann
65+	3 – Catriona, Denise, Sheila
SCC/SCC reps next year: – john and Elaine	

2) Current Funding Available

£ 35,000

Current Reserves

3) This Rounds Applications

a) Declarations of interest

Application	Interests Declared
1. Playgroup	
2. Polloch store purchase	John, Becky
3. Sunart Brass	
4. Men's shed	John
5. Ardnamurchan Mod	Sarah
6. Carna Hope Week	
7. Sunart Socials	
8. Strontian Primary School Parent's Council	

4) Discussion of each application and award amount

Application	Award Amount	Discussion
Strontian Playgroup - (£1000)	£550	Panel felt that funding could be sourced from other funds since attendees at playgroup also come from Ardgour etc, however were happy to support the cost of room hire for the year.
Sunart Community Company – community purchase of Polloch Store (£4250)	£4250	Happy to support
Sunart Brass – (£2000)	£1500	Committee felt this amount would support the request rather than full £2000
Sunart Community Company – Craft Hub/Men's Shed Project Worker – (£10,500)	£10,500	Approved
Ardnamurchan Mod (£3000)	£3000	Approved
Carna Conservation Initiative – Carna Hope Week (£3858)	£2000	Committee advised that the initiative apply for funding from other local funds also, but approved £2000 of funding
Sunart Socials – SCC Sub Group – (£1000)	£1000	Approved

Strontian Primary School Parent Council (£800)	£800	Committee felt this amount would support the request and allow for the purchase of helmets
Total Awarded	£23,600	

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 and just 25,005 but recognise it is a long term investment, happy to be updated every 6 months – prior to each meeting

7) Remaining funds going into autumn 2024.

£11,400

Un allocated funds remaining

8) Next meeting

A round will be held in Autumn 2024, on the November 13th at 7.30pm.

AOB:

- **Zoom or in person?** Happy to continue with zoom, more convenient with commitments etc
- **SCBF page on website updates** – prior to next meeting, SCC will update and add details to website, showcasing work we have done, with pictures of cheque presentations, list of panel members, etc.

NB:

In August 2024, 1 requests for funding between grant rounds were granted via email by the panel. 1) 1000 to Urram to assist with their housing survey, and 2) 500 to Ardnamurchan Camanachd to fund equipment costs.