

Bristol Airport Environmental Improvement Fund
(known as the Bristol Airport Local Community Fund)

Management Committee

Thursday 3rd March 2022 14:00 – 16:00

Minutes of the meeting

Present:

Barry Hamblin	Chairman
Cllr Bridget Petty	North Somerset Council
Jacqui Mills	Bristol Airport
Harry Ellis	Bristol Airport
Ed Condon	Bristol Airport

1. Apologies:

Apologies received from Cllr Hugh Gregor, Cllr Steve Hogg, Cllr Steve Bridger, Richard Kent and James Cox (Bristol Airport). Both Cllr Hugh Gregor and Cllr Steve Hogg provided feedback for all the submitted projects.

2. Update of monies committed in 2019/2020:

An updated total was provided to the committee members and it was agreed that £90,000 will be allocated from the Local Community Fund towards the Noise Insulation Scheme programme for 2022.

3. Correspondence:

Since the previous meeting we have received two letters of gratitude both from Cleeve & Claverham Parochial Church Council.

- Cleeve & Claverham Parochial Church Council were awarded a grant towards creating a community garden and two eco-benches. For the community garden, the Council said the grant would allow all the community to participate in cultivating the garden, growing vegetable/ fruit. It was also mentioned in their letter that the installation of a new eco bench makes the churchyard a quiet space for reflection and meditation.

- **4. Applications for funding:**

Holly Hedge Animal Sanctuary

The application requested £10,000 towards installing solar panels to the buildings at the Sanctuary which will help reduce the charities reliance on 'grid' electricity and help reduce future costs and support their mission towards carbon neutrality.

The project is situated within the core area and meets the sustainability and education criteria of the fund. The committee members were in support of this project and were happy to contribute £5,000 towards the project.

Resolved: A grant of £5,000 is approved by the committee.

Ravenswood School

The project requested £9,995 from to Local Community Fund to improve two outside fitness equipment areas in their playground. These include a sensory playground and a physical development project.

Even though the project is situated outside of the core area, the committee members agreed that pupils who live in the village of Backwell would benefit to the improvements of the outside play area. Also, the project did meet the sustainability and education criteria of the fund. The committee members were in support of this project and were happy to contribute £5,000 towards the project.

Resolved: A grant of £5,000 is approved by the committee.

Avon Wildlife Trust

This project requested funding towards purchasing a safe storage, tools and equipment for their volunteer groups to use and also to enrol some of their regular volunteers on training courses.

The application requested a donation of £8,800 from the fund.

The project is situated within the core area and meets the nature conservation, educational and sustainability criteria of the fund. The committee supported this project and were happy to contribute £4,000 towards the project.

Resolved: A grant of £4,000 is approved by the committee.

Backwell Parish Hall

The project requested funding towards installing a new mains water supply and also to rearrange internal plumbing for the Parish Hall building.

The application requested a donation of £2,184 from the fund towards the project.

It was agreed that the project is situated within the core area and meets the sustainability criteria of the fund. The committee supported this project and were happy to grant £2,184 towards the project.

The committee members did ask that if the Parish Hall do secure any additional funding towards the project then any unused funds could be returned to the Local Community Fund.

Resolved: A grant of £2,184 is approved by the committee.

FarmLink Education Ltd

This project requested £5,000 towards replacing a pond dipping platform at the Lower Stock Farm to allow primary school children to carry out pond dipping during their visit to the farms.

The project is situated within the core area and meets the sustainability, education and nature conservation criteria of the fund. The committee was in full support of this project and were happy to grant £5,000 towards the project.

The committee members did recommend the Farm to use sustainable materials when constructing the pond platform. This has been communicated to the organisation in a follow up email since the meeting.

Resolved: A grant of £5,000 is approved by the committee.

Backwell Playing Fields Charity

This project requested £10,000 towards the removal and replacement of the existing outdoor adventure play area on Rodney Road, Backwell.

The project is situated within the core area and meets the sustainability, education and nature conservation criteria of the fund. The committee was in full support of this project and were happy to grant £10,000 towards the project.

Resolved: A grant of £10,000 is approved by the committee.

Winford Parish Council

We received a late application from the Bristol Avon River Trust and it was agreed by the committee members that the project could be included for consideration.

The Winford Parish Council were requesting £1,000 towards installing additional and much larger signage for driving and parking on common land, and to enable the police to issue fixed penalty notices.

The committee members agreed on the project being within the core area and meets the 'initiatives to mitigate impact to the local community' criteria of the fund.

Resolved: A grant of £1,000 is approved by the committee.

5. Noise Overview

Ed Condon informed the committee members on the planned 2022 Noise Insulation Grant programme. The following was presented to the committee members:

The 2022 proposed budget for the Noise Insulation Scheme will be £90k. This recognises the fact that operation levels will remain lower than in 2019 and that the contour size has reduced in size compared to 2021.

Recommendations to the committee members:

- Proceed with noise insulation scheme (NIS) for 2022 using forecasted contour
- To keep traditional timings for NIS works with letters to be sent at the end of March to eligible properties.
- To include a budget of £90,000 for such works, priority to those properties who haven't received treatment to date and by contour intensity.

All the attending committee members were agreed on the above recommendations and on the timeline of when local residents can apply, consideration of the applications and when the works will be completed throughout 2022.

6. Any other business

N/A

7. Date of the next meetings in 2021

It was agreed by all the committee members for the next meeting to be held on Thursday 9th June.