

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

Management Committee

Thursday 3rd September 2020 14:00 – 16:00

Minutes of the meeting

Present:

Barry Hamblin (BH)	Chairman
Cllr Steve Bridger (SB)	North Somerset Council
Cllr Bridget Petty (BP)	North Somerset Council
Jacqui Mills (JM)	Bristol Airport
James Ryan (JR)	Bristol Airport
Harry Ellis (HE)	Bristol Airport
James Shearman (JS)	Bristol Airport

1. Apologies:

Apologies received from Cllr Steve Hogg and Richard Kent.

2. Agree draft minutes from previous meeting:

SB noted typo on year dates from 2019 and 2018 to 2020. HE noted and will update minutes to reflect changes. Other than this minor change minutes approved and agreed from the previous Community Fund meeting held on Thursday 25th June 2020.

3. Update of monies committed in 2019/2020:

An updated total was provided with £58,180 spent so far in 2020. This leaves £113,527 remaining in the Community Fund.

4. Correspondence:

A thank you message has been received from the Strawberry Line Café after they were awarded funding at the March Community Fund meeting to purchase an electric/ adaptive bike. BP requested photos which were sent as part of the correspondence to the Strawberry Line Café. JM confirmed they would be sent to committee members straight after the meeting.

5. Applications for funding:

Flax Bourton Parish Council

The application requests £4,000 towards the total amount of two Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS) with the total cost being £8,510. The council is planning to install two Vehicle Activated Signs at either end of the village on the A370 main road.

Even though the project is situated outside of the core area, it was agreed to support the scheme with a contribution of £2,000 as members of the committee are mindful of the importance of road safety to the village.

Resolved: A grant of £2,000 is approved by the committee.

Wrington Parish Council

The council requests £11,000 towards implementing a 20mph scheme throughout the village. This will involve the installation of speed signs, lining, reflector posts and the construction of 3 small buildouts at various points around the village. The total cost estimated by NSC Highways is £11,890.35. The Parish Council have agreed to use additional funds from their reserves to make up the difference (£890.35).

The project is situated within the core area and meets the transport and road safety criteria of the fund. It was reflected by members that other funding avenues could have been explored rather than the majority of the costs being presented to the Community Fund, thereby a partial grant was agreed as this is positive project for the area.

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

Bristol Avon Rivers Trust - Winford Brook Project

This project is designed primarily to provide planting that will benefit local communities by reducing flood risk. Planting trees can play a part in natural flood management schemes if planted in the right places. The Bristol Avon Rivers Trust have modelled Winford Brook and know where and where not to plant trees and have begun to gain permissions. A contribution towards this project would be tremendous and will help encourage others to invest too especially as local delivery is very likely to attract attention and lead to further investment. The total cost of the project is £30,000.

The project is situated within the core area and meets the environmental criteria of the fund. The committee was in support of this, especially due to its locality to the airport couple with the stacked ecological and social benefits it will provide.

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

6. Noise Overview

JS provided a presentation showing the number of eligible properties with a revised contour taking into account the reduction in summer movements due to COVID19. This contour revision was agreed at the previous meeting. The analyse shows the noise contours have reduced since the initial forecasted contours were produced, pre COVID19, in January this year. The number of eligible properties reduced by approx. 50% in comparison to contour produced in January 2020.

As a result of these findings, JS requested the committee to decide on the course of action for the Noise Insulation Grant for the remaining of 2020. It was debated to either suspend the scheme until 2021 or to contact all eligible properties within the updated contour scheme in October 2020 with the proposal of opening applications in January 2021.

It was agreed by the Committee to suspend the scheme until 2021.

JS also raised to the Committees attention one property who was eligible for a grant in 2019 and had recently reached out to the airport. The works were to install external window shutters to reduce noise impacts to a property in Felton which resides in the 63dB $L_{Aeq, 16hr}$ summer contour as forecasted in 2019. It had been given approval however due to a delay in supply, exacerbated by

COVID19, the works are to occur in September 2020. The value is £5,000 and for transparency JS raised this to the attention of the Committee.

It was agreed by the committee that a property in Felton would be awarded £5,000 from the Community Fund due to having issues with materials and external work.

7. Date of the next meetings in 2020

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