

Bristol Airport Environmental Improvement Fund

(known as the Bristol Airport Local Community Fund)

Management Committee

Thursday 7th December 2023 14:30 – 16:00

Minutes of the meeting

Present:

David Hall	Chairman
Richard Kent	North Somerset Council
Cllr Wendy Griggs	North Somerset Council
Cllr Annemieke Waite	North Somerset Council
Jacqui Mills	Bristol Airport
Harry Ellis	Bristol Airport
Matthew Sharp	Bristol Airport
Whitney Love	Bristol Airport

1. Apologies:

Apologies and feedback received from Cllr Steve Bridger and Cllr Bridget Petty (North Somerset Council).

2. Update of monies committed in 2023:

An updated total was provided to the committee members.

3. Correspondence:

Since the previous meeting we have received two letters of gratitude from previous successful organisations:

- Uncle Paul's Chilli Charity in Butcombe were awarded funding for the installation of solar panels to one of the buildings which facilities teaching to students at the centre. The solar panels have allowed the instructors to teach much later into the evenings and provide electricity to help care for the horses.

- Backwell Parish Hall sent a kind letter of gratitude to the members of the Local Community Fund and to say a big thank you for the grant towards the upgrades to the insulation of the Hall. The new insulation has improved the comfort to numerous community groups who use the Hall and has also reduced the heating costs to the building.

4. Applications for funding:

1st Burrington Village Scout Group

This project requested £7,361.01 for a grant towards purchasing equipment to be able to take all Scouts camping and to help develop their survival skills.

Even though the Scout Group is situated outside the core area, the committee members agreed to give a contribution towards this project as some of the Scouts do live in the villages of Wrington and Redhill. Also, this project meets the education criteria of the fund. The committee supported this project and were happy to grant a contribution of £4,000 towards the project.

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

Blagdon Cricket Club

Blagdon Cricket Club requested £5,000 towards replacing their cricket practice nets.

Whilst the Cricket Club is situated outside the core area, the committee members agreed to give a contribution towards this project as a large proportion of the cricket players live within the core area of the fund. Also, this project meets the education criteria of the fund. The committee supported this project and were happy to grant a contribution of £3,775 towards the project.

Resolved: A grant of £3,775 is approved by the committee.

Cleeve Tennis Club

This project requested £5,000 of funding towards the replacement of the playing surface on the number 2 court at the Tennis Club.

The project is situated within the core area and meets the sustainability and education criteria of the fund as local primary schools will use of the Club's facilities and equipment once they laid the new surface.

Cllr Wendy Griggs abstained from voting on this project due to a conflict of interest in this project. The other committee members supported this project and were happy to grant £5,000 towards the project.

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

Winford Parish Council

This project requested £1,910 towards the improvements to the recreational area at Vee Lane Play Area through the provision of four new recycled plastic picnic tables.

The project is situated within the core area and meets the 'mitigating the effects of living in proximity to the airport' and sustainability criteria of the fund. The committee members supported this project and were happy to grant £1,910 towards the project.

Resolved: A grant of £1,910 is approved by the committee.

Churchill Music

This project requested £1,170 towards sessions that would use the influence of music to help local school children with their mental health and wellbeing.

Whilst this organisation is situated outside of the core area, this project would visit and teach the four schools within the core area of the Fund. Also, this project meets the education criteria of the fund. The committee members supported this organisation and were happy to grant £1,170 towards the project.

Resolved: A grant of £1,170 is approved by the committee.

Strawberry Line Cafe and Cycle Project

This project requested £4,800 of funding to resurface the garden area at their cafe.

Even though this project is situated outside of the core area, the committee members agreed that this organisation serves as an important facility for those living in the core area of the fund and beyond. This project also meets the sustainability criteria of the Fund. The committee members supported this organisation and were happy to grant £4,800 towards the project.

Resolved: A grant of £4,800 is approved by the committee.

Backwell Playing Fields Charity

This project requested £1,771.20 of funding to lay a bonded rubber mulch surface under six pieces of play equipment in the play area.

The project is situated within the core area and meets the education criteria of the fund. The committee supported this project and were happy to grant £1,771.20 towards the project.

Resolved: A grant of £1,771.20 is approved by the committee.

Cleeve Kids Corner

This project requested a grant of £13,315.20 towards replacing the swings within the play park at King George V Playing Fields.

The project is situated within the core area and meets the education criteria of the fund. The committee supported this project and were happy to grant £13,315.20 towards the project.

Resolved: A grant of £13,315.20 is approved by the committee.

5. Noise Overview

Whitey Love, Sustainability Officer, informed the committee members on the applications received for the 2023 Noise Insulation Grant programme. An update and results of the applications were presented to the committee members. They are as follows:

Applications

- Currently, we had received 32 applications with the total cost totalling £85,000.

6. 2024 - New Local Community Fund, Diamond Fund and Noise Insulation Scheme

Matthew Sharp, Planning Manager, updated the committee members on the new proposed Local Community Fund, Diamond Fund and Noise Insulation Scheme for 2024 as set out in the 12 million passengers per annum planning permission.

The proposals for the new Community Fund and Noise Insulation Scheme have been sent to North Somerset Council for consideration so have not yet been formally finalised. The Noise Insulation Scheme will be fairly similar to the current scheme, however, the new Community Fund will focus more on initiatives to mitigate the impact of the airport on the local community. It is also proposed to expand the geographical area to enable areas currently located outside of the core area to apply for funding if they can demonstrate an impact will be mitigated.

It was agreed by all members to pause any new applications to the Local Community Fund until the new scheme has been agreed and implemented.

7. Any other business

N/A

8. Date of the next meetings in 2024

It was agreed by the committee members who attended the meeting that the 2024 Local Community Fund meetings will be held on the following dates:

7th March

6th June

5th September

5th December