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

Management Committee

Monday 14th September 2026 – 14:00 – 16:00 – Diamond Fund

Monday 19th October 2026 – 14:00 – 14:30 – Local Community Fund

Minutes of the meetings

Present:

David Hall	Chairman
Cllr Steve Bridger	North Somerset Council
Cllr Annemieke Aaite	North Somerset Council
Cllr Wendy Griggs	North Somerset Council
Natalie Richards	North Somerset Council (Planning Policy Manager)
Tracy Comer	Bristol Airport
Harry Ellis	Bristol Airport
Matthew Sharp	Bristol Airport
Bethany Wingfield	Bristol Airport

1. Apologies: N/A

2. Update of monies committed in 2026:

An updated total was provided to the committee members.

3. Correspondence:

Since the previous meeting, we have received one letter of gratitude from a previous successful organisation:

- Long Ashton Community Association wanted to thank the Committee Members for the recent grant which has enabled the Village Hall to install solar panels to its roof which has resulted in substantial reduction in their reliance on electricity. The savings have been

reinvested into maintaining and improving the Centre, while has helped keep the costs affordable for local clubs, groups, classes and residents.

4. Applications for funding:

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

Severnside Community Rail Partnership

Severnside Community Rail Partnership requested £2,800 of funding to install two bee-friendly planters at Worle railway station, creating an attractive, welcoming and environmentally beneficial feature for passengers and the local community.

The committee members agreed that this project meets the 'schemes which improve, enhance, protect and conserve the natural environment within the vicinity of the Airport' criteria of the Fund. The committee supported this project and were happy to grant £2,800 towards the project.

Resolved: A grant of £2,800 is approved by the committee.

Urchinwood Horses for All CIC

Urchinwood Horses for All CIC requested £15,000 from the Local Community Fund to replace and improve the efficiency of the lighting in the horse-riding arena at their venue.

The committee members agreed that this project meets the 'schemes which generate renewable energy or schemes designed to reduce energy consumption within the vicinity of the Airport (for non-residential buildings only)'. The committee supported this project and were happy to grant £15,000 towards the project.

Resolved: A grant of £15,000 is approved by the committee.

Barrow Gurney Village Hall Management Committee

Barrow Gurney Village Hall Management Committee requested £15,000 from the Local Community Fund to carry out urgent repairs to the dilapidated flat roof of the community hall.

The committee members agreed that this project meets the 'noise mitigation for non-residential buildings' and 'schemes which generate renewable energy or schemes designed to reduce energy consumption within the vicinity of the Airport' criteria of the Local Community Fund. The committee supported this project and were happy to grant £15,000 towards the project.

Resolved: A grant of £15,000 is approved by the committee.

Nailsea Shedders

Nailsea Shedders requested £12,625 from the Local Community Fund to repair and insulate the roof and walls of its building at the Mizzymead Recreation Centre.

The committee members agreed that further information is required regarding the Nailsea Shedders' lease of the property. They also agreed that the application should be submitted directly by the Mizzymead Recreation Centre due to owning the building.

The committee members agreed that an application can be re-submitted at the next committee meeting in December 2026.

Resolved: A grant will not be awarded to this group

Wrington C of E Primary School

Wrington C of E Primary School requested £3,217.20 from the Local Community Fund to replace the tables and chairs in its Year 4 classroom

This project was not supported as the committee members felt that it did not meet the criteria of the Local Community Fund, however, the members agreed that it did meet the Diamond Fund criteria and were happy to award £1,000 to this project.

Resolved: A grant of £1,000 from the Diamond Fund is approved by the committee

Diamond Fund

Irational

Irational requested £920 from the Diamond Fund to help deliver two hands-on community workshops, teaching participants how to create Topices - living, inosculated bundles of native trees, primarily.

After making the project leader aware of the Local Community Fund and a subsequent application to the Local Community Fund, the committee members felt that more information was needed in regard to the ownership of the land on where the trees will be planted.

The committee members agreed that the project can be re-submit another application form at the next committee meeting in December 2026.

Resolved: A grant will not be awarded to this group

Wellspring Counselling Ltd

Wellspring Counselling Ltd requested £1,000 from the Diamond Fund to provide accessible and affordable counselling services to individuals across North Somerset who may face barriers to accessing mental health support.

The project will support residents who live in the 6-mile radius to the Airport and meets the criteria of the Fund. The committee supported this project and were happy to grant £1,000 towards the project.

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

Churchill Cricket Club

Churchill Cricket Club requested £1,000 from the Diamond Fund to replace the doors to the cricket pavilion and clubroom.

The project is within close proximity to the Airport and meets the criteria of the Fund. The committee supported this project and were happy to grant £1,000 towards the project.

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

224 Youth Zone

224 Youth Zone requested £1,000 from the Diamond Fund to support students to access education, training and employment opportunities.

The project is within close proximity to the Airport and meets the criteria of the Fund. The committee supported this project and were happy to grant £1,000 towards the project.

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

Backwell Parish Council

Backwell Parish Council requested £950 from the Diamond Fund to replace the broken and rotting farm gate at the entrance to Oatfield Play Area.

The project is within close proximity to the Airport and meets the criteria of the Fund. The committee supported this project and were happy to grant £950 towards the project.

Resolved: A grant of £950 is approved by the committee.

Somerset International Festival of the Arts

Somerset International Festival of the Arts requested £1,000 from the Diamond Fund to fund their annual event, providing access to the arts for the local community in Backwell and the surrounding area.

The project is within close proximity to the Airport and meets the criteria of the Fund. The committee supported this project and were happy to grant £1,000 towards the project.

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

Hope Against Suicide

Hope Against Suicide requested £500 from the Diamond Fund to establish a new Listening Hub in Bristol, providing a safe, accessible and welcoming space where people experiencing emotional distress can receive immediate, face-to-face support.

The project will support residents who live in the 6-mile radius to the Airport and meets the criteria of the Fund. The committee supported this project and were happy to grant £500 towards the project.

Resolved: A grant of £500 is approved by the committee.

Backwell Playing Fields Charity

Backwell Playing Fields Charity requested £1,000 from the Diamond Fund to purchase and install an all-year-round outdoor table tennis table.

The project is within close proximity to the Airport and meets the criteria of the Fund. The committee supported this project and were happy to grant £1,000 towards the project.

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

The Strawberry Line Cafe and Cycle Project

The Strawberry Line Cafe and Cycle Project requested £1,000 from the Diamond Fund to renovate and improve its kitchen facilities.

The project is within close proximity to the Airport and meets the criteria of the Fund. The committee supported this project and were happy to grant £1,000 towards the project.

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

Winscombe Churchill AFC U5 and U6

Winscombe Churchill AFC U5 and U6 requested £1,031.15 from the Diamond Fund to purchase kit for their boys and girls teams.

The project is within close proximity to the Airport and meets the criteria of the Fund. The committee supported this project and were happy to grant a contribution of £1,000 towards the project.

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

Congresbury Allotment Association

Congresbury Allotment Association requested £1,000 from the Diamond Fund to install a secure gate for vehicles and pedestrians.

The project is within close proximity to the Airport and meets the criteria of the Fund. The committee supported this project and were happy to grant £1,000 towards the project.

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

Carpenters Food & Support

Carpenters Food & Support requested £1,000 from the Diamond Fund to go towards the charity's ongoing work and the ongoing costs of running a food bank based at the Withywood.

The project is within close proximity to the Airport and meets the criteria of the Fund. The committee supported this project and were happy to grant £1,000 towards the project.

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

Grief Encounter

Grief Encounter requested £1,000 from the Diamond Fund to provide specialist face-to-face bereavement therapy sessions for children and young people aged 4–25 in Bristol who have experienced the death of a parent, sibling or someone close to them.

The project will support residents who live in the 6-mile radius to the Airport and meets the criteria of the Fund. The committee supported this project and were happy to grant £1,000 towards the project.

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

Stanton Drew Parish Council

Stanton Drew Parish Council requested £1,000 from the Diamond Fund to go towards the refurbishment and enhancement of Stanton Drew Recreation Area.

The project is within close proximity to the Airport and meets the criteria of the Fund. The committee supported this project and were happy to grant £1,000 towards the project.

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

Business in the Community

Business in the Community requested £1,120 from the Diamond Fund to go towards the travel costs of transporting students from Hareclive and Withywood to Bristol Airport for educational trips.

The project is within close proximity to the Airport and meets the criteria of the Fund. The committee supported this project and were happy to grant a contribution of £1,000 towards the project.

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

Weston-super-Mare and North Somerset Samaritans

Weston-super-Mare and North Somerset Samaritans requested £1,000 from the Diamond Fund to pay for the costs of providing confidential, 24-hour helpline, 365 days a year, for people who are struggling to cope, experiencing distress or at risk of suicide.

The project will support residents who live in the 6-mile radius to the Airport and meets the criteria of the Fund. The committee supported this project and were happy to grant £1,000 towards the project.

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

Old Cathedralians Cricket Club, Failand

Old Cathedralians Cricket Club in, Failand requested £1,000 from the Diamond Fund to go towards essential ground-maintenance equipment, including a suitable cricket roller and pitch maintenance tools, to help restore and maintain the cricket square.

The project is within close proximity to the Airport and meets the criteria of the Fund. The committee supported this project and were happy to grant a contribution of £1,000 towards the project.

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

Churchill Music

Churchill Music requested £1,000 from the Diamond Fund to pay for music workshops at Wrington Primary School, Court de Wyck Primary School, Yatton Junior School and Winford Primary School.

The project is within close proximity to the Airport and meets the criteria of the Fund. The committee supported this project and were happy to grant a contribution of £1,000 towards the project.

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

The Green House Project

The Green House Project requested £1,000 from the Diamond Fund to support children, young people and families who have experienced child sexual abuse.

This project was not supported by the committee members as this project had received funding in the past 24 months.

Resolved: A grant will not be awarded to this group

KG Sports Coaching

KG Sports Coaching requested £1,000 from the Diamond Fund to help pay for qualifications for a local physical education teacher.

This project was not supported as the committee members felt that it didn't match the Funds criteria.

Resolved: A grant will not be awarded to this group

Bedminster Winter Lanterns Project

Bedminster Winter Lanterns Project requested £1,000 from the Diamond Fund to pay a contribution towards the costs of delivering the event.

This project was not supported by the committee members as the location was not considered to be in close proximity area to the Airport.

Resolved: A grant will not be awarded to this group

Amschela's Chapter One

Amschela's Chapter One requested £1,000 from the Diamond Fund to pay towards the participant-related costs, including travel, meals, identification, materials and accessibility support for the main hall at the Trinity Centre.

This project was not supported by the committee members as the location was not considered to be in close proximity area to the Airport.

Resolved: A grant will not be awarded to this group

5. Noise Overview

Bethany Wingfield, Environmental Compliance Business Partner, informed the committee members on the applications received for the 2026 Noise Mitigation Scheme programme. The comments and results were presented to the committee members. They are as follows:

• £200,000 has been committed to the 2026 Noise Mitigation Grant (NMG) programme.

• The Noise Mitigation Grant programme ran across two periods:

Window 1:

1st April – 31st May

53 properties applied:

- 39 recommended approvals

- 14 recommended refusals

Window 2:

1st July – 31st August

18 properties applied:

- 11 recommended approvals

- 7 recommended refusals

In total

The scheme received 71 property applications across two windows. The committee agreed and recommended to support the 50 properties, with 21 refusals.

Recommended funding totals for this year's Noise Mitigation Scheme programme totals £269,600.35, exceeding the original £200,000 allocation by £69,600.35.

Bristol Airport has agreed to provide an additional £69,600.35 to cover the shortfall and ensure that all recommended approvals can be funded.

6. Any other business

N/A

7. Date of the next meetings in 2026:

- Monday 7th December