

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

Management Committee

Thursday 5th December 2024 14:30 – 16:30

Minutes of the meeting

Present:

David Hall	Chairman
Cllr Wendy Griggs	North Somerset Council
Cllr Dan Thomas	North Somerset Council
Cllr Bridget Petty	North Somerset Council
Tracy Comer	Bristol Airport
Harry Ellis	Bristol Airport
Matthew Sharp	Bristol Airport
Daniel Samson	Bristol Airport

1. Apologies:

Apologies received from Cllr Steve Bridger and Cllr Annemieke Waite (North Somerset Council).

2. Update of monies committed in 2024:

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:

- Grief Encounter South West received a grant from a recent Diamond Fund meeting. The charity would like to thank the Diamond Fund committee as the funding will support and

provide one-to-one therapy for ten bereaved children/ young people who have recently lost loved ones.

- Holly Hedge Animal Sanctuary would also like to thank the Diamond Fund committee as a recent grant has allowed the charity to create a wellness and wildlife garden. The garden has helped and supported the mental health for 25 staff and over 40 volunteers.

4. Applications for funding:

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Royal United Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

Royal United Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust requested £7,999 to purchase air quality monitoring systems and a data platform to measure the impact of Bristol Airport on the city of Bath.

Aircraft would be in excess of 3,000ft passing over the hospital site and therefore would have a negligible impact on air quality on the ground. The submission also sought funds for monitoring equipment, which would not be mitigation. Therefore, the Committee Members agreed that this project does not meet any of the funding criteria of this Fund.

Resolved: A grant will not be awarded to this group.

Weston Hospicecare

Weston Hospicecare requested £2,894 from the Local Community Fund to install a secure bike shelter at their site.

The committee members agreed that the this project is within close proximity to the Airport and meets the 'Traffic improvements to the local area' criteria of the Fund. The committee supported this project and were happy to grant £2,894 towards the project.

Resolved: A grant of £2,894 is approved by the committee.

Felton Village Hall

Felton Village Hall requested £8,000 from the Local Community Fund to install solar panels on top of the roof of the community hall.

The committee members agreed that this project is situated in close proximity to the Airport and meets the 'Schemes which generate renewable energy or schemes designed to reduce energy consumption within the vicinity of the Airport' criteria of the Fund. The committee supported this project and were happy to grant £8,000 towards the project.

Resolved: A grant of £8,000 is approved by the committee.

St Katharine Church - Felton Common Hill

St Katharine Church on Felton Common Hill requested £3,000 from the Local Community Fund to help fix the roof as tiles have slipped and has caused leaking inside of the church.

The Committee Members agreed that this project does not meet any of the funding criteria of this Fund. However, this project did meet the criteria of the Diamond Fund and the Committee Members were happy to grant £1,000 towards this organisation.

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

Groundwork South - Goblin Combe Lodge

Groundwork South requested £6,901.03 from the Local Community Fund to improve the energy efficiency and noise/heat insulation of the outdoor environmental education centre at Goblin Combe Lodge.

The committee members agreed that this project is situated in close proximity to the Airport and meets the 'schemes designed to reduce energy consumption within the vicinity of the Airport' and

'noise mitigation for non-residential buildings' criteria of the Fund. The committee supported this project and were happy to grant £6,901.03 towards the project.

Resolved: A grant of £6,901.03 is approved by the committee.

Lighthouse Schools Partnership (LSP)/ Backwell School

Backwell School requested £5,000 from the Local Community Fund to purchase sports equipment, goalposts and dugouts, for their new 3G Artificial Grass Pitch (AGP).

The Committee Members agreed that this project does not meet any of the funding criteria of this Fund. However, this project did meet the criteria of the Diamond Fund and the Committee Members were happy to grant £1,000 towards this organisation.

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

Diamond Fund

Trigger Productions Ltd – Blagdon

Trigger Productions Ltd in Blagdon requested £1,000 from the Diamond Fund to instal essential IT infrastructure as their centre, which will provide quality mentorship programme for local creative young people.

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.

Firebrands Hockey Club – Clevedon

Firebrands Hockey Club requested £900 from the Diamond Fund to purchase coaching jackets to support their staff during the winter months.

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.

Mothers for Mothers – Hartcliffe

Mothers for Mothers requested £1,000 from the Diamond Fund to fund one-to-one peer support groups to help mothers find ways of bonding with their babies.

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.

Lifeskills Learning for Living – Ashton, Bristol

Lifeskills Learning for Living requested £1,000 from the Diamond Fund towards the ongoing costs of running the educational sessions for the beneficiaries at their centre.

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.

Church Lane Preschool – Nailsea

Church Lane Preschool in Nailsea requested £690 from the Diamond Fund to upgrade their outdoor area space by improving the experience for the local school children.

The project is within close proximity to the Airport and meets the criteria of the Fund. The committee supported this project but due to limited funding, could not award the full request but were happy to grant a contribution of £638 towards the project.

Resolved: A grant of £638 is approved by the committee.

Friends of Crockerne PTA – Pill

Friends of Crockerne PTA in Pill requested £500 from the Diamond Fund to go towards funding for a trim trail in their KS1 playground and free standing moveable play equipment.

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 £500 towards the project.

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

Pensford FC

Pensford FC requested £1,000 from the Diamond Fund to provide netting around 3/4 of their football pitch.

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.

Burrington Primary School

Burrington Primary School requested £1,000 from the Diamond Fund to purchase a weather station and data logger so pupils can study long-term patterns in weather and the local environment.

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.

Cameley Primary School – Temple Cloud, Bristol

Cameley Primary School requested funding of up to £10,000 from the Diamond Fund to install an outdoor shelter in their playgrounds.

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

Clutton Football Club

Clutton Football Club Under 10s requested funding of £1,000 from the Diamond Fund to purchase winter coats and general training kit for players, as well as coats for volunteer coaches.

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

The Max Dixon Foundation

The Max Dixon Foundation applied for a £1,000 donation from the Diamond Fund to go towards purchasing heavy bleeding kits and to provide educational training sessions for residents in the South Bristol 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.

North Somerset Walk Fest – North Somerset Council

North Somerset Council applied for a grant of between £1,000 - £2,000 from the Diamond Fund to purchase 5,000 booklets to promote next year's North Somerset Walk Fest.

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 £1,000 towards the project.

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

Freeways – Abbots Leigh

Freeways in Abbots Leigh applied for a grant of £1,000 from the Diamond Fund to support its charity which helps adults with learning disabilities across Bristol, North Somerset, South Gloucestershire and B&NES with a hydrotherapy pool.

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 Diary Toolkit

The Diary Toolkit applied for £1,000 from the Diamond Fund to provide innovative and creative solutions to improve teachers' wellbeing in North Somerset.

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.

LPW Community Interest Company

LPW is a Community Interest Company that provides play and youth work across Bristol/surrounding areas. They offer open access play, forest school activities and cooking sessions and enable a number of community groups to use the space without charge.

LPW applied for £845.07 from the Diamond Fund to go towards purchasing bikes for the children to use in their adventure playground in Hartcliffe.

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 £845.07 towards the project.

Resolved: A grant of £845.07 is approved by the committee.

Alive Activities

Alive Activities deliver meaningful activities for older people, those living with dementia and their carers, combatting loneliness/social isolation, and improving physical and mental wellbeing. Alive Activities requested funding of up to £8,000 from the Diamond Fund to run biodiversity projects as part of their community gardening sessions across Bristol and North Somerset. They would deliver weekly gardening sessions for older people, those living with dementia, their carers and the wider community.

The Committee Members all 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 Bristol Airport Local Community Fund (as opposed to the Diamond Fund) and were happy to award £8,000 towards the cost of the project.

Resolved: A grant of £8,000 from the Local Community Fund is approved by the committee.

The Harbour

The Harbour requested £1,000 from the Diamond Fund to support its mission to help people live well with grief when facing their own death or the death of a loved one, or when they have been bereaved.

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.

Unseen UK

Unseen UK requested £1,000 from the Diamond Fund to support the awareness of modern slavery in the Bristol area. Unseen UK run the National Modern Slavery & Exploitation Helpline, provide frontline support services to survivors in the South West and educate society on how to stop slavery and trafficking.

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.

Operation Community Hamper

Operation Christmas Hamper provides support to vulnerable families struggling financially through a variety of differing situations. They requested £1,000 from the Diamond Fund to support the on going costs of the charity.

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.

Invisible Visible CIC

Invisible Visible CIC requested £1,000 from the Diamond Fund to go towards a project which features a touring, large-scale mirrored sculpture, a Mirrorbox, that will travel to 6 locations in Bristol initially in early 2025.

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

Southmead Project

The Southmead Project uses an innovative approach to recovery for survivors of abuse and addiction in Bristol. The Southmead Project requested £1,000 from the Diamond Fund to go towards the salary of a Counsellor.

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

Young Bristol - Bishop Sutton

Young Bristol requested a grant of £916.86 from the Diamond Fund to fund 3 sessions at their Youth Club on Wheels (YCoW) service in Bishop Sutton.

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 £916.86 towards the project.

Resolved: A grant of £916.86 is approved by the committee.

1st Locking and Hutton Scouts

1st Locking and Hutton Scouts requested £1,000 from the Diamond Fund to take 40 children to the Kandersteg International Scout Centre in Switzerland.

This project was not supported by the committee members as the location was not considered to be in close proximity area to the Airport and there were more limited widespread benefits.

Resolved: A grant will not be awarded to this group

Long Ashton Memory Café

Long Ashton Memory Café requested £441 from the Diamond Fund to secure the café for the next year by paying the rent at its venue for 12 months.

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 £441 towards the project.

Resolved: A grant of £441 is approved by the committee.

Arnos Vale Cemetery Trust

Arnos Vale Cemetery Trust is supported by over 30 volunteers, who meet three times a week, clearing brambles, strimming scrub, maintaining paths, and stacking wood. Arnos Vale Cemetery Trust requested of up to £8,000 of funding from the Diamond Fund to pay for tools & safety equipment, training and maintaining volunteer facilities.

The Committee Members all 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 Bristol Airport Local Community Fund (as opposed to the Diamond Fund) and were happy to award £8,000 towards the cost of the project.

Resolved: A grant of £8,000 from the Local Community Fund is approved by the committee.

Nailsea Community Group

Nailsea Community Group run an independent Foodbank supporting over 400 people per week. They requested a grant of up to £5,000 from the Diamond Fund to support the ongoing costs of the Community Group.

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.

Period Friendly Places (PFP)

Period Friendly Places partner with corporate organisations who provide volunteers to collect/distribute free products to places of need in disadvantaged areas. The main areas of Bristol include Hartcliffe, Withywood, Hengrove West, Whitchurch Park and Knowle West. They requested £1,000 from the Diamond Fund to support the core costs of the charity.

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.

Yatton Parish Council

Yatton Parish Council requested £1,000 from the Diamond Fund to replace an old, broken noticeboard in Claverham.

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.

Friends of Chew Magna Primary School Committee

Chew Magna Primary School Friends Committee requested £3,067 from the Diamond Fund to support an initiative to purchase 16 new laptops for their students.

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.

Wrington Village Association

Wrington Village Association requested £862 from the Diamond Fund to purchase a 6x3m gazebo and protective bag to provide protection for charitable groups in the village of Wrington.

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 £862 towards the project.

Resolved: A grant of £862 is approved by the committee.

Springboard Opportunity Group

Springboard run specialist play and learning sessions in North Somerset for young children with learning disability, physical difficulties, complex medical needs, autism, sensory difficulties or life limiting conditions. They requested £1,000 from the Diamond Fund to install a security fencing to its Centre.

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.

Cleeve Tennis Club

Cleeve Tennis Club requested £1,000 from the Diamond Fund to go towards resurfacing their second tennis court.

Whereas the Committee felt it met the fund criteria, it did not necessarily offer the wider reaching benefits that other submissions were able to demonstrate.

Resolved: A grant will not be awarded to this group

Backwell Playing Fields Charity

Backwell Playing Fields Charity requested £1,150 from the Diamond Fund to replace the door for one of its main buildings on the playing fields.

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.

Clevedon Twinning Association (CTA)

Clevedon Twinning Association (CTA) is marking its 45th anniversary with Ettlingen, Germany, with a weekend of celebrations between 30th May to 2nd June 2025. The organisation requested £1,000 from Diamond Fund to cover the costs, including venue hire, licences and event material for 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 and the project did not meet the criteria of the Fund.

Resolved: A grant will not be awarded to this group

5. Noise Overview

Daniel Samson, Sustainability Partnerships and Carbon Manager, informed the committee members on the applications received for the 2024 Noise Insulation Grant programme. An update and results of the applications were presented to the committee members. They are as follows:

Applications

- Currently, we have committed to spend £200,000 to 44 households in 2024. So far, we have paid £107,867.60 to 19 properties.

6. Any other business

N/A

7. Date of the next meetings in 2025:

- 6th March
- 5th June
- 11th September
- 4th December