

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

Management Committee

Thursday 6th March 2025 14:30 – 16:30

Minutes of the meeting

Present:

David Hall	Chairman
Cllr Steve Bridger	North Somerset Council
Tracy Comer	Bristol Airport
Harry Ellis	Bristol Airport
Matthew Sharp	Bristol Airport
Whitney Love	Bristol Airport

1. Apologies:

Apologies and comments received from Cllr Wendy Griggs, Cllr Bridget Petty and Cllr Annemieke Waite (all North Somerset Council).

2. Update of monies committed in 2025:

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:

- Wrington C of E Primary School would like to thank the Local Community Fund committee as a recent grant has allowed the School to install acoustic sound clouds which have dramatically reduced the outside noise from traffic. As a result, the children seem much calmer, happier and focused during each class and small group learning sessions.

- Operation Community Hamper received a grant from a the December Diamond Fund meeting in December 2024. The funding helped contribute towards providing 1,010 hampers to families across the area, as well as to Charlton Farm Children's Hospice and the staff at Bristol Children's Hospital. The charity would like to thank the Diamond Fund committee for the kind grant.

4. Applications for funding:

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Winscombe Community Association

Winscombe Community Association requested £12,000 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 £12,000 towards the project.

Resolved: A grant of £12,000 is approved by the committee.

Cleeve Tennis Club

Cleeve Tennis Club requested £4,000 from the Local Community Fund to install new windows for the clubhouse.

The committee members agreed that the this project is within close proximity to the Airport and meets the 'Noise mitigation for non-residential buildings' criteria of the Fund. The committee supported this project and were happy to grant £4,000 towards the project.

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

Blagdon Tennis Club

Blagdon Tennis Club requested £12,000 from the Local Community Fund to go towards resurfacing and paint two tennis courts.

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.

Nailsea Cricket Club

Nailsea Cricket Club requested £1,500 from the Local Community Fund to go towards replacing a sight screen and frame for the cricket club.

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

Hope's Place

Hope's Place requested £1,000 from the Diamond Fund to finance a 10-week course for ten young disadvantaged children 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.

Baby Bank Network

Baby Bank Network requested £1,000 from the Diamond Fund to go towards buying toiletries (including nappies, clothing, toiletries, toys and prams) for much needed families 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.

Yatton Rugby Club Under 13s Team

Yatton Rugby Club Under 13s Team requested £500 from the Diamond Fund to purchase new playing shirts or to pay for a team building activity for the players.

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.

FarmLink Education Ltd

FarmLink Education Ltd requested £1,000 from the Diamond Fund to help subsidise the bus travel to transport local school children to the Farm for educational farming sessions.

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.

Nailsea & Backwell RFC

Nailsea & Backwell RFC requested £1,000 from the Diamond Fund to go towards installing a lift to make the clubhouse building accessible to all who use it.

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.

Wrington Cricket Club

Wrington Cricket Club requested £1,000 from the Diamond Fund to purchase two sight screens for the cricket club.

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.

Compton Martin Parochial Church Council

Compton Martin Parochial Church Council requested £1,000 from the Diamond Fund to help improve the access for physically disabled people at The Old School building in the village.

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.

Felton Volunteer Litter Pickers

Felton Volunteer Litter Pickers requested £652.84 from the Diamond Fund to pay for extra equipment for its volunteers.

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 £652.84 towards the project.

Resolved: A grant of £652.84 is approved by the committee.

Cleeve Kids Corner

Cleeve Kids Corner requested £1,000 from the Diamond Fund to go towards repairing and refurbishing the playpark.

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.

Wrington Local History Society

Wrington Local History Society requested £900 from the Diamond Fund to go towards an information board for local residents, school children and visitors of the village.

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 £900 towards the project.

Resolved: A grant of £900 is approved by the committee.

Bath & Bristol Parenting Hub C.I.C.

Bath & Bristol Parenting Hub C.I.C. requested £1,440 from the Diamond Fund to go towards delivering a 10-week Positive, Parenting, Programme (an 'evidence-based' parenting programme).

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.

Creative Youth Network

Creative Youth Network requested £1,000 of funding from the Diamond Fund to go towards six months of food for young refugees and asylum seekers to the Bristol City Centre youth club.

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.

Cheddar Visitor Information Centre

Cheddar Visitor Information Centre requested £1,000 of funding from the Diamond Fund to go towards purchasing three energy efficient heaters for its building.

This project was not supported as the committee members felt the location was not in close proximity to the Airport.

Resolved: A grant will not be awarded to this group

5. Noise Overview

Whitney Love informed the committee members on the 2025 Noise Mitigation Scheme (NMS), programme. The following was presented to the committee members:

Scheme will go live on the first week of April. Two application periods for 2025:

- Beginning of April – 1st of June
- Beginning of July – 1st of September

For the 2025 Noise Mitigation Scheme (NMS), £200,000 has been budgeted.

6. Any other business

N/A

7. Date of the next meetings in 2025:

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

