

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

Management Committee

Monday 15th September – 14:00 – 16:00

Minutes of the meeting

Present:

David Hall	Chairman
Cllr Steve Bridger	North Somerset Council
Cllr Wendy Griggs	North Somerset Council
Cllr Annemieke Aaite	North Somerset Council
Tracy Comer	Bristol Airport
Harry Ellis	Bristol Airport
Matthew Sharp	Bristol Airport
Laura Harvey	Bristol Airport

1. Apologies:

Apologies received from Cllr Thomas Daw (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:

- Felton Volunteer Litter Pickers sent a letter to thank the committee members after they were awarded funding to replace broken litter pickers, purchase new gloves, as well as

purchasing rubbish bags. The pickers now have the ability to go out most weeks throughout the year.

- Cleeve Tennis Club received funding from the Local Community Fund to replace all of the windows in their clubhouse. The new energy-efficient windows have reduced noise from overhead planes and helped lower energy costs for the community hall.

4. Applications for funding:

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Badgworth Parish Council

Badgworth Parish Council requested £9,550 from the Local Community Fund to install white wooden 'Please Drive Carefully' signs to both entrances of the village.

The committee members agreed that this project is situated in close proximity to the Airport and meets the 'Traffic implications associated with an increase in passengers using the Airport' criteria of the Fund. The committee supported this project and were happy to grant £9,550 towards the project.

Resolved: A grant of £9,550 is approved by the committee.

Cleeve Parish Council

Cleeve Parish Council requested £2,088.40 from the Local Community Fund to replace the current electronic speed indication sign with a new 'smiley face' version.

The committee members agreed that this project is within close proximity to the Airport and meets the 'Traffic implications associated with an increase in passengers using the Airport' criteria of the Fund. The committee supported this project and were happy to grant £2,088.40 towards the project.

Resolved: A grant of £2,088.40 is approved by the committee.

Oasis Academy Brislington

Oasis Academy Brislington requested £440.64 from the Local Community Fund to set up a gardening club, which includes purchasing tools, seeds and other equipment.

The committee members agreed that this project is within close proximity to the Airport and meets the 'Schemes which improve, enhance, protect and conserve the natural environment within the vicinity of the Airport.' The committee supported this project and were happy to grant £440.64 towards the project.

Resolved: A grant of £440.64 is approved by the committee.

FarmLink Education Ltd

FarmLink Education Ltd requested £12,000 from June's Local Community Fund committee meeting to purchase bee hives, bees and the educational tools to allow students to learn about the importance of bees and the roles they play within our ecosystem as pollinators.

After the committee members requested more information on the positive impact of this project on local school children, they were happy to grant £12,000 towards the project as it met the 'Schemes which improve, enhance, protect and conserve the natural environment within the vicinity of the Airport' criteria of the Fund.

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

Your Park Bristol and Bath

Your Park Bristol and Bath requested £8,000 from the Local Community Fund to purchase a mechanical scythe mower, safety equipment and restoration materials to bring 2.5 hectares of Dundry Slopes into active conservation.

The committee members agreed that this project is within close proximity to the Airport and meets the 'Schemes which improve, enhance, protect and conserve the natural environment within the vicinity of the Airport.' 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.

Broad Plain RFC

Broad Plain RFC in Bedminster requested £12,000 from the Local Community Fund to install a solar panel system and EV charging points at the club house.

This project was not supported as the committee members felt there was a lack of funding from other organisations. The committee members agreed that the rugby club could apply again if other funding could be sourced.

Resolved: A grant will not be awarded to this group

Nailsea Town Council

Nailsea Town Council requested funding of £6,700 to expand their Community Blister Pack Recycling Scheme.

Whilst the committee members thought this was a well worthy project, all of the members agreed that this project did not meet any of the Fund's criteria, and therefore, a grant would not be awarded to Nailsea Town Council.

Resolved: A grant will not be awarded to this group

Brockley Parish Council

Brockley Parish Council requested £2,400 from the Local Community Fund to renovate and repair 5 'fingerposts', plus a turnpike sign and milestone around the Parish of Brockley.

Although the committee members agreed that this project did not meet any of the Local Community Fund's criteria, they recognised that it aligned with the Diamond Fund's objectives. The committee was therefore pleased to award £1,000 from the Diamond Fund to support this project

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

Chew Valley Cricket Club

Chew Valley Cricket Club requested £10,000 from the Local Community Fund to cover the cost of a hedgerow and trees around the new cricket nets.

The committee members agreed that this project is within close proximity to the Airport and meets the 'Schemes which improve, enhance, protect and conserve the natural environment within the vicinity of the Airport.' The committee supported this project and were happy to grant £10,000 towards the project.

Resolved: A grant of £10,000 is approved by the committee.

Shaftsbury Road Cricket Club

Shaftsbury Road Cricket Club requested £5,000 from the Local Community Fund to invest in improvements to the club's facilities, specifically through the purchase of pitch covers and associated ground upgrades.

Although the committee members agreed that this project did not meet any of the Local Community Fund's criteria, they recognised that it aligned with the Diamond Fund's objectives. The committee was therefore pleased to award £1,000 from the Diamond Fund to support this project

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

Diamond Fund

Young and Free (Knowle West)

Young and Free is a charity dedicated to improving the lives of young people with physical and/or sensory disabilities in Bristol. Young and Free requested £500 from the Diamond Fund for a charitable donation towards the organisation.

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.

ACTA Community Theatre

ACTA Community Theatre requested £1,000 from the Diamond Fund to pay for the experienced facilitators to provide weekly theatre workshops for asylum seekers, people living with disability, those with mental and physical illnesses and isolated older 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.

RWA (Royal West of England Academy)

RWA requested £1,000 from the Diamond Fund to run 12 monthly Scribble & Sketch creative workshops at Hartcliffe City Farm, engaging 500 people at Hartcliffe City Farm.

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 Green House Bristol

The Green House Bristol requested £1,000 from the Diamond Fund to provide nature-based therapy sessions (ages 3-18) and nature-based groups (ages 14-18) for children who have experienced sexual abuse.

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 Ladies Netball Club

Yatton Ladies Netball Club requested £1,080 from the Diamond Fund to purchase equipment and warm jackets for their sports 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 £1,000 contribution towards this project.

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

Bedminster Down Ex-Service club

Bedminster Down Ex-Service Club requested £1,000 from the Diamond Fund to install security lighting around the premises of their building.

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.

Brockley Parish Council

Brockley Parish Council requested £539 from the Diamond Fund to update the village website to provide a better experience and information base for residents.

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 £539 towards the project.

Resolved: A grant of £539 is approved by the committee.

Yatton Bowling Club

Yatton Bowling Club requested £1,000 from the Diamond Fund to needs to provide a functioning website, which will include a digital booking system (to replace their current paper booking system).

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 go towards adding a fourth changing room at Hangstones Pavilion in Yatton.

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.

All Saints Church Wrington

All Saints Church Wrington requested £1,000 from the Diamond Fund to help fund the cost of installing an accessible toilet within the church building.

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.

Mothers for Mothers

Mothers for Mothers requested £1,000 from the Diamond Fund to financially support the costs of delivering Home Visiting Services in North Somerset in 2026.

This project was not supported as this project had already received funding from the December 2024 Diamond Fund committee meeting and therefore, was not eligible to apply again for 24 months. The committee members would be happy for this project to apply again in late 2026.

Resolved: A grant will not be awarded to this group

Bristol Independent Group - Epilepsy Action

Bristol Independent Group - Epilepsy Action requested £1,000 from the Diamond Fund to set up a social group for young adults who have epilepsy.

This project was not supported as the committee members would have preferred to grant a donation to this organisation once it had been set up. In a follow up email to the project leader, it was explained that they would be more than welcome to apply again a bit further down the line.

Resolved: A grant will not be awarded to this group

Build Life House

Build Life House requested a £1,000 charitable donation to help pioneer a new, action-based approach to men's mental health.

This project was not supported as the committee members felt that the application lacked information on what the money would be spent on and also, the location of this organisation was not in close proximity to the Airport.

Resolved: A grant will not be awarded to this group

Wells Blue School

A student from Wells Blue School requested a grant of £500 to join the Opwall Expedition next July to Indonesia to help with conservation data collection and statistics.

This project was not supported as the committee members felt that this application did not meet the criteria of the Fund. In a follow up email to the individual, a variety of different charitable organisations were mentioned for other potential funding routes.

Resolved: A grant will not be awarded to this group

Bishopston Cricket Club

Bishopston Cricket Club requested £1,000 from the Diamond Fund to help cover the cost of a new astro cricket wicket.

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

Locking Skatepark Project

Locking Skatepark Project requested a £1,000 contribution from the Diamond Fund to help cover the cost of a new, high-quality concrete skatepark for wheeled sports such as skateboarding, BMX, and scooters.

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

Matthew Sharp, Planning Manager, informed the committee members on the applications received for the 2025 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 2025 Noise Mitigation Grant (NMG) programme.
- The Noise Mitigation Grant programme ran across two periods:

1st April – 31st May

1st July – 31st August

Applications

- In total, 23 eligible properties applied for funding totalling £111,993.40 in the first period.

- 15 eligible properties applied for funding totalling £ 74,378 in the second period
- This left £13,628.60 in the Noise Mitigation Scheme Fund

The Committee agreed to split the remaining £13,628.60 between three properties which fell just outside of the contour areas (within 20m).

6. Any other business

N/A

7. Date of the next meetings in 2025:

- Monday 24th November