

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

Management Committee

Tuesday 10th June 2025 14:30 – 16:30

Minutes of the meeting

Present:

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

1. Apologies:

Apologies received from Cllr Bridget Petty (North Somerset Council).

2. Update of monies committed in 2025:

An updated total was provided to the committee members.

3. Correspondence:

N/A

4. Applications for funding:

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

Sporting Weston F.C. – Cleeve

Sporting Weston F.C. in Cleeve requested £10,000 from the Environmental and Amenity Improvement Fund to purchase a new minibus which would be used by multiple community and sports groups in North Somerset.

The 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 £10,000 towards the project.

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

Wrington Minibus CIO

Wrington Minibus CIO requested £12,000 from the Environmental and Amenity Improvement Fund to replace their existing minibus as their current vehicle is now over 12 year old and does not comply with local Clean Air Zone requirements.

The 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 £12,000 towards the project.

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

FarmLink Education Ltd

FarmLink Education Ltd in Wrington requested £12,000 from the Environmental and Amenity Improvement Fund to purchase beehives for the Farm and to provide educational workshops for local school children to learn about the biodiversity in the local area.

Whilst this project is within close proximity to the Airport, the Committee Members declined this project as they would like to know more information on the community impact of the project to the local schools (e.g. number of schools and students visiting the farm). They are happy for this organisation to apply again at the September Committee meeting.

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

Clapton in Gordano Parish Council

Clapton in Gordano Parish Council requested £11,785 from the Environmental and Amenity Improvement Fund to purchase two Vehicle Activated Signs and speed cushions for the village roads.

The Committee Members declined this project as they felt that this village wasn't a key main road to the Airport and that the Parish Council should work with North Somerset Highways if there were traffic/speed concerns within the village.

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

Groundwork South

Groundwork South requested £4,172 from the Environmental and Amenity Improvement Fund for funding towards purchasing a fire exit door, yurt cover and woodland sign maps for its centre near Cleeve.

The Committee Members decided not to approve this project as they were awarded £6,901 from the previous March 2025 Local Community Fund meeting. However, the Committee Members agreed to award £1,000 from the Diamond Fund to go towards the 'woodland sign maps' part of the application.

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

Rotary Nailsea & Backwell

Rotary Nailsea & Backwell requested £2,000 from the Environmental and Amenity Improvement Fund to go towards their annual Nailsea Charity Walks & Run event.

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.

Bristol Steppin Sistas

Bristol Steppin Sistas requested £5,000 from the Environmental and Amenity Improvement Fund to go towards the costs of running their community walks each year.

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.

Driving Ukraine

Driving Ukraine requested £500 from the Environmental and Amenity Improvement Fund to go towards the costs of raising money to take aid out to Ukraine.

This project was not supported by the committee members as did not meet the criteria of the Environmental and Amenity Improvement Fund or Diamond Fund.

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

Diamond Fund

Clevedon Community Gardeners

Clevedon Community Gardeners have requested £500 from the Diamond Fund to go towards maintaining the flower beds in Clevedon.

The Committee Members agreed that this project matches the “Schemes which improve, enhance, protect and conserve the natural environment within the vicinity of the Airport” section of the Environmental and Amenity Improvement Fund, therefore, the committee supported this project and were happy to grant £500 towards the project from that Fund.

Resolved: A grant of £500 from the Environmental and Amenity Improvement Fund is approved by the committee.

Clevedon United Junior Football Club

Clevedon United Junior Football Club requested £1,000 from the Diamond Fund to go towards the cost of refurbishing the changing rooms.

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 Athletic Junior Football Club

Backwell Athletic Junior Football Club requested £750 from the Diamond Fund to restore and repair the football pitches after the conclusion of the season.

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 £750 towards the project.

Resolved: A grant of £750 is approved by the committee.

Wrington and Redhill Football Club Under 6's

Wrington and Redhill Football Club Under 6's requested £819.24 from the Diamond Fund to go towards new equipment, including shirts and warm jackets for the junior 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 £819.24 towards the project.

Resolved: A grant of £819.24 is approved by the committee.

The Redhill Village Hall

The Redhill Village Hall requested between between £1,000 - £2,500 from the Diamond Fund to go towards their annual music festival – 'Redstock'.

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.

Playground Proms

Playground Proms requested £1,000 from the Diamond Fund to provide musical educational visits to ten schools in the Airport's catchment area including Long Ashton, Nailsea, Portbury, Clevedon and Portishead.

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.

Dundry Parish Council

Dundry Parish Council requested £1,000 from the Diamond Fund to go towards replacing the existing noticeboard 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 (Cllr Annemieke Waite abstained from the discussion with this project due to a conflict of interest).

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

Handstand Arts (Circus City)

Handstand Arts requested £500 from the Diamond Fund to go towards Fireside, a large-scale outdoor family performance that weaves together circus, dance, theatre & live music in Filwood and Knowle West.

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.

The Church of St Nicholas and the Blessed Virgin Mary, Stowey Parochial Church Council

The Church of St Nicholas and the Blessed Virgin Mary, Stowey Parochial Church Council requested £1,000 from the Diamond Fund to replace the existing main entrance door of the church with a set of inner and outer doors.

This project was not supported as the committee members felt that there was a lack of information provided within their application.

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

Bath Philharmonia

Bath Philharmonia requested £1,000 from the Diamond Fund to help support 30 young carers from Bristol & South Gloucestershire on a five-day young carer project.

The Committee Members declined this project as they would want to know more information on this project and how it helps local people. They are happy for this organisation to apply again for the September Committee meeting.

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

The Compassionate Friends

The Compassionate Friends requested £500 from the Diamond Fund for a weekend retreat at the Ammerdown Centre near Radstock for parents whose children have died between one and 10 years of age.

The Committee Members declined this project as they would want to know more information on the organisation and project and how it helps local people. They are happy for this organisation to apply again for the September Committee meeting.

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

Dementia Carers Count

Dementia Carers Count requested £1,000 from the Diamond Fund to support Carer Support Services for unpaid dementia carers experiencing crisis.

The Committee Members declined this organisation as there was no evidence that this project would support specifically people in the area in close proximity to the Airport.

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

Parkinson's UK

Parkinson's UK requested £500 from the Diamond Fund to arrange a sponsored walk and community event at Bath Spa University, Newton St Loe in aid of Parkinson's UK on 6 Sept 25.

The Committee Members declined this organisation as there was no evidence that this project would support specifically people in the area in close proximity to the Airport.

Resolved: A grant will not be awarded to this group

Bella Silver

Bella Silver, a silversmith in Wrington, requested £1,000 from the Diamond Fund to arrange workshop training courses for those living in the village.

This project was not supported by the committee members as did not meet the criteria of the Diamond Fund.

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

Headlight Mental Health Charity

Headlight Mental Health Charity requested £900 from the Diamond Fund to pay for seeds, compost and plants at their three allotment recovery groups: Speedwell Bristol, Petherton Bristol and Golden Hill community garden, Bristol.

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

Bristol Jets BMX

Bristol Jets BMX requested £1,000 from the Diamond Fund to go towards the costs of running the organisation.

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 did not meet the criteria of the Fund.

Resolved: A grant will not be awarded to this group

Private Household

A private household on the A38 requested between £800- £1,000 from the Diamond Fund to pay for large stones/boulders to prevent parking on their grass bank.

This project was not supported by the committee members as the proposal would not comply with NSC Highway guidance. The committee were informed that discussions were ongoing with NSC Highways to try and find a positive resolution. .

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

5. Noise Overview

Matthew Sharp, Planning Manager, informed the committee members on the 2025 Noise Mitigation Scheme (NMS), programme. The following was presented to the committee members:

- Scheme went live first week of April. Two application periods for 2025:

Beginning of April – 1st June

Beginning of July – 31st August

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

Applications

In total for the first application period, there have been 23 successful applications which have a combined total costing £112,000. 7 applications were proposed to be rejected on the grounds they did not fall within the noise contours; were proposing works which did not meet the criteria of the

Scheme; or had provided insufficient information. The committee noted the 23 successful applications and agreed with the reasons for refusing the 7 applications.

6. Any other business

N/A

7. Date of the next meetings in 2025

It was agreed by all the committee members for the final two meetings of the year will be held on next meeting to be held on Monday 15th September and Monday 24th November.