

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

Management Committee

Monday 16th March 2026 – 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
Cllr Thomas Daw	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:

- Cleeve Parish Council wanted to thank the Committee Members for their recent grant towards an electronic speed indication sign. The Parish Council stated that the signs have reduced the speeding through the village and have been a great addition to the village roads.

4. Applications for funding:

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

Winford Parish Council

Winford Parish Council requested £15,000 from the Local Community Fund to help support a road safety improvements project outside of Winford Primary School.

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 £15,000 towards the project.

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

Roy Dennis Wildlife Foundation (Mendip Osprey Project)

Roy Dennis Wildlife Foundation (Mendip Osprey Project) requested £7,900 from the Local Community Fund to create an osprey breeding project in the Chew Valley and Blagdon area.

The committee members agreed that this project is situated in close proximity to the Airport and 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 £7,900 towards the project.

Resolved: A grant of £7,900 is approved by the committee.

Long Ashton Community Association

Mizzymead Recreation Centre in Nailsea requested £15,000 from the Local Community Fund towards the installation of a solar panel project for their community centre building.

The committee members agreed that this project is within 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 (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.

Felton Village Hall

Felton Village Hall requested £14,520 from the Local Community Fund to replace their community building with new windows to improve noise levels and help reduce the loss of heat.

The committee members agreed that this project is situated in 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 £14,520 towards the project.

Resolved: A grant of £14,520 is approved by the committee

The West of England MS Therapy Centre (Bradley Stoke)

The West of England MS Therapy Centre (Bradley Stoke) requested £8,000 from the Local Community Fund to replace the fluorescent lighting in their building with energy-efficient LED light bulbs.

The committee members all agreed that there was a lack of information to support the application. However, the organisation can reapply at the next committee meeting in June 2026.

Resolved: A grant will not be awarded to this group

Wrington Parish Council

Wrington Parish Council requested £5,400 from the Local Community Fund to install acoustic curtains in the community hall to improve the acoustics of the hall and to reduce the amount of plane and car noise.

The committee members agreed that this project is situated in 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 £5,400 towards the project.

Resolved: A grant of £5,400 is approved by the committee

All Saints Parish Church Wrington

All Saints Parish Church Wrington requested £5,000 from the Local Community Fund to install insulation and underfloor heating, along with a disabled access toilet to the Church.

This project was not supported as the committee members felt that it did not meet the criteria of the Local Community Fund, plus they also received funding from the Diamond Fund for the same project in 2025.

Resolved: A grant will not be awarded to this group

Avon and Somerset Search and Rescue (ASSAR)

Avon and Somerset Search and Rescue (ASSAR) requested £7,100 from the Local Community Fund to purchase low energy, high-performance laptops for their organisation.

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

Rainbow Pre-school Backwell

Rainbow Pre-school Backwell requested £4,718.06 from the Local Community Fund to help improve the safety and accessibility of their outdoor play area.

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

Yatton Rugby Club Under 10's

Yatton Rugby Club Under 10's requested £1,000 from the Diamond Fund to purchase new kit and equipment for their young team.

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.

St Francis Primary School, Nailsea

St Francis Primary School requested £966 from the Diamond Fund to purchase a high-quality wooden block play unit for their reception class.

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 £966 towards the project.

Resolved: A grant of £966 is approved by the committee.

Backwell Parish Hall

Backwell Parish Hall requested £990 from the Diamond Fund to develop a new website and computer-based administrative system to allow booking, invoicing and other administration tasks for their Hall.

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 £990 towards the project.

Resolved: A grant of £990 is approved by the committee.

Room 13 Hareclive

Room 13 Hareclive helps hundreds of children each year with creativity, learning, confidence, happiness & aspirations skills. Room 13 Hareclive requested £2,000 from the Diamond Fund to go towards the financial costs of running these events, including materials, transport & refreshments.

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 this project.

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

Artful Minds, Nailsea

Artful Minds requested £2,368 from the Diamond Fund to support people living with dementia and their carers.

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.

Dundry Village Hall

Dundry Village Hall requested £989.20 from the Diamond Fund to establish a social cinema club, including a fully equipped projector and a big screen.

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 £989.20 towards the project.

Resolved: A grant of £989.20 is approved by the committee.

Nailsea District Leg Club

Nailsea District Leg Club requested £300 from the Diamond Fund to provide advice and treatment to patients of Tyntesfield Medical Group, who have concerns with their lower limb and also to prevent and heal leg ulcers.

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 £300 towards the project.

Resolved: A grant of £300 is approved by the committee.

Long Ashton Chicken Share

Long Ashton Chicken Share requested £500 from the Diamond Fund to go towards covering the cost of repairing the roof.

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.

Whitchurch U9 Football Team

Whitchurch U9 Football Team requested £700 from the Diamond Fund to purchase new kit and equipment for their team.

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

Soundwell Music Therapy Trust, Bedminster

Soundwell Music Therapy Trust requested £1,000 from the Diamond Fund to help support adults living with serious mental illness through the use of music therapy.

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.

Norton Malreward Village Hall

Norton Malreward Village Hall requested £1,000 from the Diamond Fund to improve the outside path areas of the community hall.

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.

My Future My Choice / MV Balmoral

My Future My Choice / MV Balmoral requested £700 from the Diamond Fund to go towards providing school aviation workshop sessions to pupils in Nailsea, Backwell and Congresbury.

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 £700 towards the project.

Resolved: A grant of £700 is approved by the committee.

Holy Trinity Church, Cleeve

Holy Trinity Church, which provides a 'Warm Room' service to the local residents of Cleeve, requested £3,000 from the Diamond Fund to convert an existing toilet into a wet room and install a washing machine.

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 Dig for Victory Show

The Dig for Victory Show requested £1,000 from the Diamond Fund to run a family friendly 1940s revival festival at the North Somerset Showground on June 13th and 14th 2026, which will raise money for the Burma Star Charity and the RSPB.

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.

Congresbury Cricket Club

Congresbury Cricket Club requested £1,000 from the Diamond Fund to purchase new kit and equipment for a new, inclusive midweek 20/20 team.

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 Bath and Bristol Parenting Hub C.I.C

The Bath and Bristol Parenting Hub C.I.C requested £1,000 from the Diamond Fund to deliver parenting courses for families with children aged 3–12 in the communities surrounding Bristol Airport.

This project was not supported by the committee members as they thought there was a lack of information to support the application. The committee members all agreed that this project can reapply again for the next meeting in June 2026.

Resolved: A grant will not be awarded to this group

Friends of Bristol Haematology and Oncology Hospital

Friends of Bristol Haematology and Oncology Hospital have requested £1,000 from the Diamond Fund to support an opera event in Burrington this summer, which will raise funds for the hospital in Bristol.

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 Recreational Junior Parkrun

Yatton Recreational Junior Parkrun requested £1,000 from the Diamond Fund to purchase environmentally friendly, biodegradable milestone medals for their two junior park runs this year.

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 Eccles Tug of War Club

Felton Eccles Tug of War Club requested £1,000 from the Diamond Fund to pay towards sending their junior tug of war team to Switzerland and also to South Africa for a World Tug of War Championships.

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

Resolved: A grant will not be awarded to this group

The Cake Engineers

The Cake Engineers in Clevedon requested £1,000 from the Diamond Fund to pay for three cooking class, including a class for SEND students.

This project was not supported by the committee members as they thought there was a lack of information to support the application. The committee members all agreed that this project can reapply again for the next meeting in June 2026.

Resolved: A grant will not be awarded to this group

Children's Scrapstore

Children's Scrapstore requested £1,000 from the Diamond Fund to run a series of events to engage diverse audiences with family art activities.

This project was not supported by the committee members as they thought there was a lack of information to support the application. The committee members all agreed that this project can reapply again for the next meeting in June.

Resolved: A grant will not be awarded to this group

Debbie Miller

A local badminton player requested £1,000 from the Diamond Fund to purchase an electronic training badminton machine to help improve her and her team's footwork skills and to simulate match play scenarios.

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

Resolved: A grant will not be awarded to this group

All Saints Church Clevedon

All Saints Church Clevedon requested £1,000 from the Diamond Fund to support a community flower festival at the Church.

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

Resolved: A grant will not be awarded to this group

5. Noise Overview

Bethany Wingfield informed the committee members on the 2026 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 2026 are as follows:

- First application period – 1st April to 1st June
- Second application period - 1st July to 1st September

For the 2026 Noise Mitigation Scheme (NMS), £200,000 has been budgeted.

6. Any other business

N/A

7. Date of the next meetings in 2026:

- Monday 8th June
- Monday 14th September
- Monday 7th December