
East Kintyre Community Fund

Minutes of March 2024 funding meeting

Date: 22nd March 2024, 7.00pm

Location: Kildonan

Present: Alasdair Bennett (Acting Chair & Treasurer), Russ Baum (Secretary), Ian Brodie, Audrey Willan

1. & 2. Welcome & apologies

Apologies from Shelagh Cameron.

3. Confirmation of compliance with Due Diligence statement

All Trustees **confirmed** their compliance.

4. Approval of creation of the “Abbeyfield Welfare Fund”

The Trustees **agreed** to establish a ringfenced sum, within the Abbeyfield Fund, that could be used for smaller items or projects. Guiding principles will be added to the Fund’s policy. Notable the following criteria:

- The amount ringfenced will initially be £1000.
- The maximum amount per request will initially be £250.
- Discussion and decisions on any request can be by email between Trustees.
- No application form is needed.
- Applications can be made any time of the year.

5. Preliminary consideration of adjusting EKCF criteria to allow applications for bursary support

The Trustees **agreed** to adjust the Fund’s policy so that they can accept and consider applications for bursary support (final description to be confirmed). Detailed proposals will be researched and presented by a subgroup, of AB, SC and RB.

6. Discussion about appointment of EKCF Chair / Trustee

AB asked the Trustees to consider names to be approached for a new Trustee for the Fund, who would also take the role of Chair. Discussion can be by email. Ideally, the Fund would like to offer an invite to them to attend the AGM, and to approve the appointment at the meeting.

7. Review of financial position (regular item)

AB presented a financial summary, as of 21/3/24. RB to enquire about the state of a grant offered to CHEL in September 2022, as yet unclaimed, with an option to let it lapse if it is no longer required as per original application.

AW and IB confirmed sight of latest bank statements, by signatures.

8. Discussion of applications for funding

EKCF03/24-01 Carradale shop & PO

Declarations of interest: none.

Requested: £20,480

Decision: Awarded £20,480

Notes and conditions applied:

Salary element to be paid upfront; other costs paid upon receipt of invoices.

EKCF03/24-02 Seneval

Declarations of interest: none.

Requested: £9,722

Decision: Awarded £9,722

Notes and conditions applied:

(Unconditional) clarity requested about future costs (running, service, and training).

EKCF03/24-03 Playpark

Declarations of interest: IB, AW.

Requested: £30,000

Decision: tbc

Notes and conditions applied:

Conditional on (a) insurance, (b) council approval, (c) maintenance programme, (d) sight of plans, and (e) other funding to complete. Money awarded on invoices.

EKCF03/24-04 IT training

Declarations of interest: none.

Requested: £2,198

Decision: Awarded £698 for projector and equipment; incurred rental costs to a maximum of £1,500.

Notes and conditions applied:

Funds for the projector and equipment will be awarded – on condition that other groups using the Peninver Village Hall can use it, but not personal use or use outside of the East Kintyre region. Funds awarded when receipts are sent in.

Funds to a maximum of £1,500 are awarded (if fewer than 60 hours of rental are required), on condition that

1. we see evidence of at least ten attendees for some of the training sessions, and
2. some of the attendees are from the East Kintyre region.

Funds for training will be released when final rental invoices are offered.

EKCF03/24-05 Kintyre Way

Declarations of interest: none.

Requested: £2,034

Decision: Awarded £2,034

Notes and conditions applied:

Need to see a five-year business plan next time.

EKCF03/24-06 CHEL gazebos

Declarations of interest: none.

Requested: £1,000

Decision: Awarded £1,000

Notes and conditions applied:

N/A

EKCF03/24-07 Carradale Voices

Declarations of interest: none.

Requested: £3,400

Decision: Awarded grant of £3,400

Notes and conditions applied:

To expediate the project, we simply need to see confirmation, from the CCT, that the finance will be managed by the CCT (ideally, under the auspices of the Heritage Centre), so no need to resubmit the application. The Trustees ask that any surplus on sales be directed towards funds for the Heritage Centre.

EKCF03/24-08 Carradale Seniors

Declarations of interest: IB.

Requested: £250

Decision: Awarded £250

Notes and conditions applied:

The money will come from the Abbeyfield Fund.

EKCF03/24-09 Carradale School

Declarations of interest: none.

Requested: £890

Decision: Asked to forward the application to EKWT.

EKCF03/24-10 Campbeltown Picture House

Declarations of interest: none.

Requested: £22,645

Decision: Awarded grant, as a donation, of £5,000

Notes and conditions applied:

N/A

EKCF03/24-11 Carradale Golf Club

Declarations of interest: none.

Requested: £9,300

Decision: Awarded £9,300

Notes and conditions applied:

The award is granted on the condition that other community groups are able to make use, appropriately supervised, of the equipment. The Trustees would also ask that a maintenance agreement is in place and, ideally, documented, and that annual servicing is routinely carried out.

EKCF03/24-12 Campbeltown Grammar School

Declarations of interest: none.

Requested: £300

Decision: Awarded £300

Notes and conditions applied:

At least S2 one student is from East Kintyre.

EKCF03/24-13 Carradale Village Hall

Declarations of interest: IB.

Requested: £35,800

Decision: Awarded grant to a maximum of £35,800

Notes and conditions applied:

Conditional on receiving sufficient funds from other groups.

9. Date of next meeting

The next AGM is pencilled in for 14th May 2024, possibly at Kildonan, assuming that the accounts have been audited by then.

10. AOB

It is planned to open the next round of applications on Friday 26th July 2024, closing on Friday 6th September.

The meeting finished at 9.00pm.

EKCF balance before awards made: £344,462.57

Total awarded at meeting: £89,484 + tbc