

Boyton Solar and Wind Farm Community Fund Panel

Minutes of the meeting of the BSWFCF Grants Panel held in Boyton Church Hall on Tuesday 12th April, 2022

Present:

Gerd Willetts (Chairman)	David Cooke	Rachel Ellacott
Jenny Smith (Hon. Secretary)	Richard Stanbury	Phil Strout
Jill Hooper	Mike Wood	

Apologies:

John Hiscocks (resigned)	Ian Rocks
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1. Chairman

- i. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting including, Bev Hunt, Secretary of the Applicant, Boyton Platinum Jubilee Committee, and another member of the public.
- ii. The Grants Panel resolved at its last meeting to invite additional members of the community to sit on the panel to strengthen its numbers. The Chairman proposed Mike Wood and Jill Hooper, seconded by Jenny Smith, and they were unanimously adopted as new members of the Grants Panel. Mike Wood replaces John Hiscocks as a representative of Boyton Parish Council.
- iii. The Chairman, Jenny Smith and Rachel Ellacott declared a non-pecuniary interest in Application BSWF/22/18, as members of the Boyton Parish & Events Platinum Jubilee Committee, and would not vote on this application.

2. Financial Update

The Secretary presented the BSWFCF Fund Statement for Period ending 31st December 2021 from the Cornwall Community Foundation. The balance available for Grant Making is £51,951.40.

She also circulated a spreadsheet with the BSWFCF Payment Schedule giving details of the developers, donations and contract terms. It was noted that the ten-year payment term from the first two renewable energy developments will be completed in July 2022. This will leave Murex the last remaining annual contributor to the fund until their contract ceases in July 2035.

3. Application BSWF/22/18

Panel members had received the CCF Assessment of the application 22/18 by email. It was useful to have the Secretary of the Committee present to answer questions from the panel about details of the application, contingency planning and their own fundraising efforts. Philip Strout proposed the motion to support the application, seconded by Richard Stanbury, agreed unanimously by the Panel.

4. BSWFCF Terms of Reference and Delegated Powers

The BSWFCF Terms of Reference and Grant Guidelines were circulated to Panel Members. There was a suggestion that the onerous existing process of application should be made easier for parish organisations wishing to access the Fund for relatively small amounts. This had arisen because of on-going requirements to support the Defibrillator situated on Boyton Chapel wall but applied for by Boyton Church Hall. Guidance had been sought from CCF.

CCF recommended that it would be acceptable to the donors if applications for up to £250 were brought to a Grants Panel for agreement. CCF stipulated those funds could only go to a known organisation's bank account and not to that of an individual. Many cases of fraud had been perpetrated during the pandemic and CCF had to be sure the funds were going to a bonafide bank account when reporting back to the donors on how their money is used. Richard Stanbury proposed to support the motion, Philip Strout seconded, it was agreed unanimously.

5. AOB/ Date of Next Meeting

There was no other business.

The next meeting will be in six months' time, the exact date in November tba. Applications should be sent to Cornwall Community Foundation by 7th October 2022.