

Boyton Solar and Wind Farms Community Fund

Minutes of Meeting held in Boyton Church Hall on Monday 16th April, 2018

Present:

Jenny Smith (Chairman)
Darren Ruby

Rachel Ellacott
Richard Stanbury

Mervyn Law
Gerd Willetts

Apologies:

Ian Rocks

Philip Strout

1. The Chairman welcomed the members of the public and the Grant Panel members present. She was pleased to see so many could attend. The Grants Panel is hoping to recruit more members. If any parish resident would be interested they should contact a panel member for further information.
2. There were no declarations of interest.
3. The Chairman gave a financial update. As reported at the Parish Annual Meeting in March, the balance currently available in the fund is £21,410.
4. Just one application, reference BSWF/18/14, has been submitted for consideration at this meeting. Boyton Methodist Graveyard Committee have requested £2,100 for the rebuilding of the cemetery wall, demolished for safety reasons two years previously. A public footpath runs alongside. Members of the Grants Panel had been emailed details of the application and Cornwall Community Fund's assessment. This was read out for the benefit of the public.

A member of the panel asked why a detailed quote had not been provided. It was explained that it is CCF's responsibility to evaluate quotes provided and give us their assessment. It was noted that no fundraising had been undertaken towards this project. Following a discussion of Boyton Methodist Church accounts provided, the applicant, who was present in the hall, confirmed that the Graveyard is managed separately and had its own discrete account with unrestricted reserves of £3,954. The Graveyard Committee applied to the BSWFCF for help as it had been agreed that these funds should be retained for the future care and maintenance of the graveyard should the Methodist church close (as in the case of Bennecott Chapel).

Graveyards are within the criteria set out in the BSWFCF Grant Guidelines. Though Places of Worship are not eligible for grants, a graveyard is a community resource. There are many parishioners buried in our graveyards who were not part of the church congregation. Mourning relatives and friends who visit the graves are not required to have any association with the church. Residents use the adjacent footpath.

The proposal to support the application was carried, 4 : 2, the proposal to defer the decision pending a more detailed quote having failed, 2 : 4.

It was resolved unanimously to request CCF to provide more detailed information on estimates in their assessment of applications received.

5. Date of the next BSWFCF Grants Panel meeting: Wednesday 17th October 2018
Closing date for applications to be submitted to CCF: Wednesday 19th September 2018.