



**Note of the Building Stronger Communities Sub-Group
held on Friday, 28th August 2020
Conference Call**

Present: Eric Knox - Dundee Volunteer & Voluntary Action
Paul Davies - Dundee Partnership Team
Peter Allan - Chief Executive's
Murray Webster - Coldside Forum
Alice Bovill - Strathmartine Forum
Ron Neave - North East Forum
David MacDougall - Maryfield Forum

Apologies: Stella Carrington - Lochee Forum

A sub-group of the Building Stronger Communities Group was convened to discuss and ratify the recommendations on DP Community Regeneration Fund to enable funding to be released for projects taking place in September and October, as well as any identified Physical and Environmental Improvements. Additional discussion is also noted.

Action

1. Introductory Discussion

The group agreed that the application process provided assurance that safety aspects of activities were being appropriately considered in relation to covid-19.

Paul provided clarification of the annotations to several of the application references, with -1 or -2 being added where funding had been agreed for a project that is ongoing, and payments being made for specific periods by the DP Team (in line with the funding periods being agreed).

Deferred applications noted as remaining deferred until the local Forum decides on them. Until then, these applications do not appear in the tables put to the Building Stronger Communities Group.

2. Decisions

The group agreed with the Forum decisions and approved funding for the sixteen projects submitted to the meeting.

3. Query

Ron requested some more information on the award granted to the North East Youth Group back in March as the planned activities would have had to be changed. Paul to look into and pass information on to Ron.

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4. Future Funding

The next round of funding is already open, with a schedule designed to make applying and decision making less of a rush. The next call for Building Stronger Communities to discuss and ratify Forum recommendations was agreed as the 9th October.

5. Festive Fund

Paul outlined that a £50,000 'Festive Fund' was to be opening soon, made up of an amalgamation of the previous Hogmanay Grants Scheme and funds used for putting in place public Christmas Trees across the city. The fund can be used for festive installations and/or festive events taking place between 13th November and the 4th January.

As part of discussion around this, it was agreed that groups could apply to both the Festive Fund and DPCRf as their closing dates / decision dates would be similar and

that if both were successful, funds should primarily come from the Festive Fund. Any resulting unallocated DPCRf monies would remain in the funding pot.

6. Reserves & National Agencies

Murray reminded the group that a discussion on the reserves policy and how it applies to national organisations was to take place as part of any review of DPCRf. Peter / Paul to consider options.

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7. BSC Agenda & Future Meetings

Concerns raised that the wider BSC agenda is not being discussed as a group and this is leading to communities feeling less involved. Discussion took place around how we could restart the conversation in future, including discussion of reports, LCPP updates (with six of these already having been missed), etc. The group agreed that getting virtual meetings of BSC going would be useful.

Possibilities include a larger conference call, or use of video conferencing. The latter is in several respects easier as it provides visual clues but not everyone who would usually be invited is comfortable with the technology. Some thought to be given as to whether a fusion of both video and phone conferencing is possible.

Agreed that it would be useful to have input from all areas, plus Nicky or Marie on CLD and Communities work. Reflection on what we've missed and what we need to do urgently was also raised.

The group decided that it would be useful to try a 'video + phone' meeting on the 9th October if that is feasible.

9. Date of Next Meeting

9th October. Meeting time and methodology to be confirmed