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Note of the Building Stronger Communities Sub-Group held on Friday, 9th October 2020 Conference Call

Present:	Paul Davies	-	Dundee Partnership Team
	Murray Webster	-	Coldside Forum
	Ron Neave	-	North East Forum
	David MacDougall	-	Maryfield Forum
	Alix Finlayson	-	Dundee Partnership Team
	Nicky Maccrimmon	-	Neighbourhood Services
	Colin Clement	-	Maryfield Forum
Apologies:	Alice Bovill	-	Strathmartine Forum
	Peter Allan	-	Chief Executive's

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

Unfortunately, it was not possible to set up appropriate video conference facilities along with telephone dial in for this meeting. Paul has been in contact with the digital champions to use Teams for the meeting but due to constraints this was not possible. Paul is going to look into this again for the next meeting.

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2. Reserves Policy

There are a few options which have been discussed to be implemented for national organisations which may appear to have extensive reserves. These options are;

- Leaving things as they are as few applications of this sort are received
- Asking them to provide evidence of local activities / spend
- Setting an upper limit to the reserves held, beyond which an organisation is ineligible
- Not letting national organisations apply

It was felt that an upper limit on reserves would help to deter bigger organisations from applying to the CRF and that this should be implemented as an interim, pending a review of DPCRf.

Additional discussion on this included;

- Some organisations may find it easier to apply to DPCRf than to ask their main office for funding for activities
- How do other funders (e.g. the Big Lottery) view applications from national charities? Paul to look into this
- We need to continue to encourage groups to apply elsewhere despite the DPCRf being seen as 'easier' to apply for
- Housing have a staff member available to assist with finding funding. They have been undertaking alternate duties recently. Community Workers should also be helping groups with all applications, not just DPCRf ones, and be the first port of call for groups seeking assistance in finding funding

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3. Applications

Paul went through the applications. A note was made surrounding the Golden Oldies application as the group are still in talks with Cineworld in order to carry out the project. Paul had spoken to Mary about this and the group have other options so will still be able to carry out the project.

All applications were approved.

4. Festive Fund

It was asked whether it would be ok to publicise the approval of Festive Fund. Paul agreed this would be ok and confirmed that all award letter were to be sent out that day.

5. Future Funding

The next round of applications is due to be approved just before Christmas. It was asked whether it would be ok to apply for activities through the Christmas weeks as the email suggested activities within January to March. This would be ok to apply for on the basis that no expenditure is made prior to the BSC decision on the 4th December. Nicky to inform the Community Engagement Team of this.

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6. CRF Structures

Nicky asked the group for feedback surrounding the way in which CRF decisions are being made and asked whether there were any issues which members had been finding in the recent CRF funding rounds.

It was highlighted that by using the phone round method for the forum meeting this meant forum members were not able to discuss applications fully and often decisions had already been made by the time the ninth phone call was made. Nicky said he would pass on to the Community Engagement Team, Paul's suggestion that using telephone conference capability for future forums could enable group discussion

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7. Date of Next Meeting

4th December. Meeting time and methodology to be confirmed