

Bristol Airport Environmental and Amenity Improvement Fund (known as the Bristol Airport Local Community Fund) and Diamond Fund

Management Committee

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2024 14:30 – 16:30

Minutes of the meeting

Present:

David Hall	Chairman
Cllr Wendy Griggs	North Somerset Council
Cllr Annemieke Waite	North Somerset Council
Cllr Bridget Petty	North Somerset Council
Tracy Comer	Bristol Airport
Harry Ellis	Bristol Airport
Matthew Sharp	Bristol Airport
Whitney Love	Bristol Airport
Ian Drury	Bristol Airport (Observing)

**1. Apologies:**

Apologies received from Cllr Steve Bridger (North Somerset Council).

**2. Update of monies committed in 2024:**

An updated total was provided to the committee members.

**3. Correspondence:**

N/A

**4. Applications for funding:**

**Bristol Airport Environmental and Amenity Improvement Fund (known as the Bristol Airport Local Community Fund)**

**Backwell & Cleeve Community Energy Group**

Backwell & Cleeve Community Energy Group requested £5,000 from the Environmental and Amenity Improvement Fund for funding towards installing a solar array to the roof of the West Leigh Infant School in Backwell.

The project is within close proximity to the Airport and meets the 'Schemes which generate renewable energy or schemes designed to reduce energy consumption within the vicinity of the Airport' criteria of the Fund. The committee supported this project and were happy to grant £5,000 towards the project.

**Resolved: A grant of £5,000 is approved by the committee.**

**Churchill and Langford Minibus Society**

Churchill and Langford Minibus Society requested £5,000 from the Environmental and Amenity Improvement Fund to go towards replacing their existing minibus with a new 12-seater bus.

The project is within close proximity to the Airport and meets the 'Traffic improvements to the local area' criteria of the Fund. The committee supported this project and were happy to grant £5,000 towards the project.

**Resolved: A grant of £5,000 is approved by the committee.**

**Wrington C of E Primary School**

Wrington C of E Primary School requested £7,518.99 from the Environmental and Amenity Improvement Fund for funding to install 20 Woolly Shepherd Ceiling Suspended Clouds and 8 Bass traps to the Reception Class to help reduce the impact of external noise pollution and minimise the noise from the general day to day life of a busy classroom.

The project is within close proximity to the Airport and meets the 'Noise mitigation for non-residential buildings' criteria of the Fund. The committee supported this project and were happy to grant £7,518.99 towards the project.

**Resolved: A grant of £7,518.99 is approved by the committee.**

#### **Prestow Wood Conservation Group – Wrington**

Prestow Wood Conservation Group in Wrington requested £9,300 from the Environmental and Amenity Improvement Fund to fund new biodiversity projects to the woodland area. This includes new trees, installing bird nest boxes, bat roost boxes and to make log piles to encourage a range of plant and animal species to colonise the woods.

The project is within close proximity to the Airport and meets the 'Schemes which improve, enhance, protect and conserve the natural environment within the vicinity of the Airport' criteria of the Fund. The committee supported this project but not the full amount sought. The committee were happy to grant a contribution of £8,000 towards the project (in line with the Community Fund guidelines).

**Resolved: A grant of £8,000 is approved by the committee.**

#### **Winford C of E Primary School**

Winford C of E Primary School requested of up to £46,000 from the Environmental and Amenity Improvement Fund for funding towards installing a solar array to the roof of the Primary School.

The Committee Members agreed that the project is within close proximity to the Airport and meets the 'Schemes which generate renewable energy or schemes designed to reduce energy consumption within the vicinity of the Airport' criteria of the Fund. The committee were supportive in principle of this project but were aware of the gap between achieving the total amount needed to purchase the solar array. The Committee Members were happy to ringfence £8,000 if other funding could be sourced.

**Resolved: The Committee Members agreed to ringfence £8,000 of funding.**

### **CPRE Avon and Bristol**

CPRE Avon and Bristol requested £7,000 from the Environmental and Amenity Improvement Fund for funding towards hedgerow planting and restoration in the North Somerset area, including Yatton Parish, Winscombe & Sandford Parish, Wraxall & Failand Parish and Compton Dando Parish.

The project is within close proximity to the Airport and meets the ‘Schemes which improve, enhance, protect and conserve the natural environment within the vicinity of the Airport’ criteria of the Fund. The committee supported this project and were happy to grant £7,000 towards the project.

**Resolved: A grant of £7,000 is approved by the committee.**

### **Hope Through Music – Nailsea**

Hope Through Music requested £5,770 from the Environmental and Amenity Improvement Fund for funding to host three workshops and three public initiatives with underprivileged groups in North Somerset to raise awareness of the impacts of climate change.

Whilst this project is within close proximity to the Airport, the Committee Members agreed that this project does not meet any of the funding criteria of this Fund.

**Resolved: A grant will not be awarded to this group.**

### **Mendip Access Adventure Foundation**

Mendip Access Adventure Foundation requested £8,000 from the Environmental and Amenity Improvement Fund to go towards funding the cost of running the Access Ecology programme for 32 students for 36 weeks, including the management of the project (accounts management, telephone/internet access and insurance).

The project is within close proximity to the Airport and meets the ‘Schemes which improve, enhance, protect and conserve the natural environment within the vicinity of the Airport’ criteria of the Fund. The committee supported this project but not all elements met the Community Fund

criteria. The committee were happy to grant a contribution of £2,359 towards the bee keeping element of the project.

**Resolved: A grant of £2,359 is approved by the committee.**

### **Cleeve Village Hall**

Cleeve Village Hall requested £1,600 from the Environmental and Amenity Improvement Fund to go towards constructing a picket fence to the front and rear of the village hall.

The Committee Members agreed that this project does not meet any of the funding criteria of this Fund. However, this project did meet the criteria of the Diamond Fund and the Committee Members were happy to grant £1,600 towards this organisation.

**Resolved: A grant of £1,600 from the Diamond Fund is approved by the committee.**

### **Claverham Village Hall**

Claverham Village Hall requested £7,000 from the Environmental and Amenity Improvement Fund to go towards improving the facilities to the main hall.

The Committee Members agreed that this project does not meet any of the funding criteria of this Fund. However, this project did meet the criteria of the Diamond Fund and the Committee Members were happy to grant £1,000 towards this organisation.

**Resolved: A grant of £1,000 from the Diamond Fund is approved by the committee.**

### **Ablaze Bristol**

Ablaze Bristol requested £5,000 from the Environmental and Amenity Improvement Fund to go towards providing training for new volunteers and to help set up partnership programmes for schools in the local area to the Airport.

The Committee Members agreed that this project does not meet any of the funding criteria of this Fund. However, this project did meet the criteria of the Diamond Fund and the Committee Members were happy to grant £1,000 towards this organisation.

**Resolved: A grant of £1,000 from the Diamond Fund is approved by the committee.**

### **Diamond Fund**

#### **Soap Soup Theatre**

Soap Soup Theatre requested £976 from the Diamond Fund to purchase two iPads with pencils to enable the organisation to deliver AR Experience and creative workshops to children at their partner care settings including The BRI, Somerset NHS Foundation, Ups and Downs & Children's Hospice SW and Soap Soup Art Club in Winscombe.

The project is within close proximity to the Airport and meets the criteria of the Fund. The committee supported this project and were happy to grant £976 towards the project.

**Resolved: A grant of £976 is approved by the committee.**

#### **Handstand Art CIO**

Handstand ART CIO requested £1,000 from the Diamond Fund to go towards the cost of event stewards, volunteer coordination and small expenses for the delivery of the Door Step Circus Project, which is a bespoke drama performance that celebrates Filwood to tell hidden stories of the local community.

This project was not supported by the committee members as the location was not considered to be in close proximity area to the Airport.

**Resolved: A grant will not be awarded to this group.**

#### **Southmead Somali Association**

Southmead Somali Association requested £1,000 from the Diamond Fundas to purchase CCTV for their IT Suite, Welcome Room, Front Door and Staff SSA.

This project was not supported by the committee members as the location was not considered to be in close proximity area to the Airport.

**Resolved: A grant will not be awarded to this group.**

#### **Backwell Swimming Club**

Backwell Swimming Club requested £1,000 from the Diamond Fund to purchase six new starting blocks for the pool.

The project is within close proximity to the Airport and meets the criteria of the Fund. The committee supported this project and were happy to grant £1,000 towards the project.

**Resolved: A grant of £1,000 is approved by the committee.**

#### **Long Ashton Community Centre**

Long Ashton Community Centre requested £1,000 from the Diamond Fund to upgrade their deteriorating manual cinema screen to an electric one.

The project is within close proximity to the Airport and meets the criteria of the Fund. The committee supported this project and were happy to grant £1,000 towards the project.

**Resolved: A grant of £1,000 is approved by the committee.**

#### **Blagdon and Butcombe Youth Week**

Blagdon and Butcombe Youth Week requested £1,000 from the Diamond Fund to help subsidise both a coach trip to Drayton Manor Park and the the cost of the hall hire for the Youth Week.

Whilst this project is within close proximity to the Airport, the Committee Members agreed that this project would only benefit a limited number of people for a one off event and therefore does not meet the Funds criteria.

**Resolved: A grant will not be awarded to this group.**

### **Rainbow Pre-school - Backwell**

Backwell Rainbow Pre-school requested £990.74 from the Diamond Fund to purchase push bikes and also a small number of helmets.

The project is within close proximity to the Airport and meets the criteria of the Fund. The committee supported this project and were happy to grant £990.74 towards the project.

**Resolved: A grant of £990.74 is approved by the committee.**

### **Grief Encounter South West**

Grief Encounter South West requested £1,000 from the Diamond Fund to provide essential support to children in Bristol facing life without their mum, dad or sibling.

The project is within close proximity to the Airport and meets the criteria of the Fund. The committee supported this project and were happy to grant £1,000 towards the project.

**Resolved: A grant of £1,000 is approved by the committee.**

### **Abbots Leigh Civic Society**

Abbots Leigh Civic Society requested £913 from the Diamond Fund as they would like to purchase two gazebos for a summer fete and a fireworks party.

Whilst this project is within close proximity to the Airport, the Committee Members agreed that this project would only benefit a limited number of people for a one off event and therefore does not meet the Funds criteria.

**Resolved: A grant will not be awarded to this group.**

### **Churchill Cricket Club**



Churchill Cricket Club requested £1,000 from the Diamond Fund to help repair their main cricket roller and to provide essential equipment to maintain the cricket square in a safe condition for league cricket.

The project is within close proximity to the Airport and meets the criteria of the Fund. The committee supported this project and were happy to grant £1,000 towards the project.

**Resolved: A grant of £1,000 is approved by the committee.**

### **Backwell Parish Council**

Backwell Parish Council requested £1,000 from the Diamond Fund to replace and provide a new notice board for the local community.

The project is within close proximity to the Airport and meets the criteria of the Fund. The committee supported this project and were happy to grant £1,000 towards the project.

**Resolved: A grant of £1,000 is approved by the committee.**

### **Vision North Somerset**

Vision North Somerset requested £1,000 from the Diamond Fund to provide advice, training and support for groups in Clevedon, Nailsea, Portishead and Weston-Super-Mare that are on their specific sight loss journey.

The project is within close proximity to the Airport and meets the criteria of the Fund. The committee supported this project and were happy to grant £1,000 towards the project.

**Resolved: A grant of £1,000 is approved by the committee.**

### **British Dodgeball**

British Dodgeball requested £680 from the Diamond Fund to launch a brand-new dodgeball club in Bristol at Ashton Park Sports Centre.

Whilst this project is within close proximity to the Airport, the Committee Members agreed that this project does not meet any of the funding criteria of this Fund.

**Resolved: A grant will not be awarded to this group.**

### **Banwell Foodbank**

Banwell Foodbank requested £1,000 from the Diamond Fund to purchase food for the coming weeks and months so that the Foodbank can support many residents in the local community.

The project is within close proximity to the Airport and meets the criteria of the Fund. The committee supported this project and were happy to grant £1,000 towards the project.

**Resolved: A grant of £1,000 is approved by the committee.**

### **Grove Preschool Nailsea**

Grove Preschool Nailsea requested £800 from the Diamond Fund to add more resources and to make the most of their outdoor space which will encourage the children to be outside, connecting with nature and being active.

The project is within close proximity to the Airport and meets the criteria of the Fund. The committee supported this project and were happy to grant £800 towards the project.

**Resolved: A grant of £800 is approved by the committee.**

### **Bedminster Winter Lanterns Parade Project**

Bedminster Winter Lanterns Parade Project requested £1,000 from the Diamond Fund to pay for lantern-making workshops for schools and community groups in the BS3 area.

This project was not supported by the committee members as the location was not considered to be in close proximity area to the Airport.

**Resolved: A grant will not be awarded to this group.**

### **InterAct Stroke Support**

InterAct Stroke Support requested £800 from the Diamond Fund to pay for 20 hospital sessions at the South Bristol Community Hospital.

The project is within close proximity to the Airport and would support residents living within close proximity to the Airport. It therefore meets the criteria of the Fund. The committee supported this project and were happy to grant £800 towards the project.

**Resolved: A grant of £800 is approved by the committee.**

### **Trigger Productions Ltd**

Trigger Productions Ltd requested £1,000 from the Diamond Fund to install suitable IT infrastructure within their building to enable the organisation to provide quality mentorship for local young people.

Whilst this project is within close proximity to the Airport, the Committee Members agreed that more information would need to be provided to make a decision on this project and that this organisation would be allowed to reapply again this year.

**Resolved: A grant will not be awarded to this group from this month's Committee Meeting.**

### **Children's Hospice South West**

Children's Hospice South West requested £1,000 from the Diamond Fund to replace a profiling bed at their hospice at Charlton Farm in Wraxall.

The project is within close proximity to the Airport and is supporting residents living within close proximity to the Airport. It therefore meets the criteria of the Fund. The committee supported this project and were happy to grant £1,000 towards the project.

**Resolved: A grant of £1,000 is approved by the committee.**

### **Brain Tumour Support**

Brain Tumour Support requested £938 from the Diamond Fund to cover the whole cost of one community face-to-face group at Southmead Hospital for up to 30 people.

Whilst this project's location is outside of the close proximity area to the Airport, the project will support those living within North Somerset and it does meet the criteria of the Fund. The committee supported this project and were happy to grant £938 towards the project.

**Resolved: A grant of £938 is approved by the committee.**

## **5. Noise Overview**

Whitey Love, Sustainability Officer, informed the committee members on the applications received for the 2024 Noise Mitigation Grant programme. The comments and results were presented to the committee members. They are as follows:

- £200,000 has been committed to the 2024 Noise Mitigation Grant (NMG) programme.
- The Noise Mitigation Grant programme ran across two periods, with the final period closing to applications on 31 August.

### **Applications**

- In total, 34 eligible properties applied for funding from both application windows, totalling £182,103.92.
- 7 properties applied for a grant from the NMG programme that sat just outside the contour boundary.
- During the meeting, the Committee Members agreed to support 5 of those properties who sit outside of the contour area. This total amount came to £3,579.22 being awarded to each household.
- Therefore in total, the full £200,000 has been awarded to homeowners from the 2024 Noise Mitigation Grant programme.

## **6. Any other business**

The Committee agreed to add the words 'For non-residential buildings only' onto the end of condition two for the Bristol Airport Environmental and Amenity Improvement Fund. Therefore, the wording would state - 'Schemes which generate renewable energy or schemes designed to reduce energy consumption within the vicinity of the Airport (for non-residential buildings only).'

## **7. Date of the next meetings in 2024**

It was agreed by all the committee members for the next meeting to be held on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December.