

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

Management Committee

Thursday 6th June 2024 14:30 – 16:00

Minutes of the meeting

Present:

David Hall	Chairman
Ellena Fletcher	North Somerset Council
Cllr Wendy Griggs	North Somerset Council
Cllr Steve Bridger	North Somerset Council
Cllr Bridget Petty	North Somerset Council
Jacqui Mills	Bristol Airport
Harry Ellis	Bristol Airport
Matthew Sharp	Bristol Airport
Whitney Love	Bristol Airport

1. Apologies:

Apologies and feedback received from Cllr Annemieke Waite (North Somerset Council).

2. Update of monies committed in 2024:

An updated total was provided to the committee members.

3. Correspondence:

Since the previous meeting we have received two letters of gratitude from previous successful organisations:

- Churchill Music and the Primary Schools received a grant to provide educational sessions to the student. The organisation would like to thank the Committee as the children have learned how they can use music to benefit their health and wellbeing particularly living close to a busy airport. The class teacher said - "The positive powers of music were clearly and

imaginatively communicated and the children enjoyed recalling them during the second session. The children enjoyed the mix of information and active participation in a range of ways. We would highly recommend the Power of Music team to other schools."

- Backwell Playing Fields Charity were awarded funding to help provide and improve drainage and year-round access to the play facilities. The charity said that the high-traffic areas under the play equipment are no longer mud baths, as the rubber mulch covers the surfaces while allowing water to drain through.

4. Applications for funding:

Diamond Fund

Whiteoak Way School Association

This project requested £1,000 for a grant from the Diamond Fund for funding towards purchasing sports kit and equipment for the school.

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.

Bristol Bears Community Foundation

The Bristol Bears Community Foundation requested £1,000 for a grant to go towards financially supporting a toilet facility so children, young adults and adults with disabilities and additional needs can use on Bristol Bears match days.

This project was not supported as the committee members felt the location was not in close proximity to the Airport.

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

Holly Hedge Animal Sanctuary - Barrow Gurney

This project requested £150 from the Diamond Fund to create a wildlife haven /mindfulness garden and mini allotment for staff and volunteers to use as a quiet space for breaks and partake in some gardening.

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 £150 towards the project.

Resolved: A grant of £150 is approved by the committee.

Clevedon Cricket Club

This organisation applied for a grant of £1,000 from the Diamond Fund to purchase outside furniture suitable for older and/or disabled spectators. 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 a £1,000 towards the project.

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

Nailsea Tithe Barn Trust: Memories at the Barn - Supporting Local People with Dementia

This organisation applied for a grant of £1,000 from the Diamond Fund to help with the transport costs of using the Nailsea Community Bus to those living in the local community with dementia.

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.

Nailsea & District Community Transport

This organisation applied for a grant of £1,600 from the Diamond Fund to purchase eight minibus vehicle trackers to help reduce fuel and overall costs. 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 a contribution of £1,000 towards the project.

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

Winscombe RFC U16s Girls Rugby Club

Winscombe RFC U16's Girls Rugby Club requested £928.50 from the Diamond Fund for a team building day for the group of girls which would include lunch and an archery session at Mendip Activity Centre.

This project was not supported as the committee members felt the location was not in close proximity to the Airport.

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

Dolphin Society

This organisation applied for a grant of £1,000 from the Diamond Fund to help towards the yearly cost of the maintenance of the pendant alarms for financially disadvantaged, isolated, elderly people who fear falling and being unable to call for help.

The project is within close proximity to the Airport and will help support residents in the North Somerset area. Also, this project 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.

Cheddar Cricket Club

This organisation applied for a grant of £1,000 from the Diamond Fund to help towards the cost of installing a new artificial cricket pitch. This project was not supported as the committee members felt the location was not in close proximity to the Airport.

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

Bristol Bridge Club - Redland

This organisation applied for a grant of £1,000 from the Diamond Fund to renovate their community building and improve access for disabled visitors or those in poor health / elderly.

This project was not supported as the committee members felt the location was not in close proximity to the Airport.

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

Somerset International Festival of the Arts (SIFA)

The Somerset International Festival of the Arts organisation applied to the Diamond Fund for a grant to provide unique transformative musical experiences through education and outreach projects across North Somerset.

The organisation applied for £2,000 to help deliver educational sessions to the following schools - Wrington C of E Primary School; St Andrews Primary School, Congresbury; Chestnut Park Primary School, Yatton; Education Workshop at St Andrew's Church, Backwell.

The project is within close proximity to the Airport and will help pupils in the North Somerset area. Also, this project meets the criteria of the Fund. The committee supported this project and were happy to grant £2,000 towards the project.

Resolved: A grant of £2,000 is approved by the committee.

Yatton RFC Under 7's

This organisation applied for a grant of £807 from the Diamond Fund to help towards the cost of purchasing kit bundles for the young rugby players which includes tops, shorts, socks & hoodies.

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 a contribution of £807 towards the project.

Resolved: A grant of £807 is approved by the committee.

Sporting Weston Football Club

This organisation applied for a grant from the Diamond Fund of £535.23 towards the cost of purchasing footballs, training bibs, crowd barrier and pop-up goals for the football team that play at the King George V Playing Field, Cleeve.

The project is within close proximity to the Airport and meets the criteria of the Diamond Fund. The committee supported this project and were happy to grant a contribution of £535.23 towards the project.

Resolved: A grant of £535.23 is approved by the committee.

Homeland - Backwell

This organisation applied for £1,000 from the Diamond Fund to pay towards the creation of the therapeutic arts studio at their site.

Whilst this project is situated within close proximity to the Airport, it did not meet the criteria of the Fund. Therefore, the committee members did not approve this project.

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

Burrington Parish Room Limited

This project applied for £1,000 for a grant from the Diamond Fund to help pay for the repairs to the Burrington Parish Room, which includes improvements to the main roof and the kitchen fire escape doors.

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 a contribution of £1,000 towards the project.

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

Wellspring Counselling

This organisation applied for £4,800 from the Diamond Fund to provide low-cost 1:1 counselling to anyone in North Somerset over the age of 11. The charity offers a person-centred approach to mental health support, tailoring their services to each client's needs.

The project is within close proximity to the Airport and will help residents in the North Somerset area. Also, this project meets the criteria of the Fund. The committee supported this project and were happy to grant a contribution of £1,200 towards the project.

Resolved: A grant of £1,200 is approved by the committee.

5. Noise Overview

Whitney Love informed the committee members on the 2024 Noise Mitigation Scheme (NMS), programme. The following was presented to the committee members:

- Scheme went live first week of April. Two application periods for 2024:

Beginning of April – 1st of June

Beginning of July – 1st of September

For the 2024 Noise Mitigation Scheme (NMS), £200,000 has been budgeted. The previous scheme required a 50% contribution for some noise bands. This is no longer the case.

Applications

In total, there have been 27 applications received this year with a total cost totalling £142,053.52.

6. Any other business

N/A

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 5th September.

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