

**Grampound Community Fund Panel**  
**Meeting Monday 26 April 2021**  
**Via Zoom meeting**  
**Minutes**

**In attendance**

Dean Jenkins (chair), Bob Egerton, Victoria Moorcroft, Bryan Coode, Geoff Hodgson, Jane Sloan, Shirley Turner  
Grantscape: Matt Young and Laura Farrell  
Plus applicants observed the meeting

**Apologies**

None

**Introductions**

Dean introduced the panel members and Matt Young (CEO) and Laura Farrell (grants officer) from Grantscape.

**Minutes of last meeting**

The chair explained that it had not been possible to hold a meeting either in person or virtually last year during the early stages of the Covid lockdown. Instead, the panel members exchanged emails before reaching their recommendations. The email confirming to Grantscape their recommendations was noted and the panel agreed that it was an accurate representation of their decision making.

**Membership of the panel post May 2021 elections**

The current composition of the panel was explained as comprising one representative appointed by the parish council, one as the Cornwall Councillor for Grampound (Bob Egerton), and five persons elected by the local community. Bob explained that he would not be the Cornwall Councillor after 6 May and the panel needed to decide if it wished to invite the new Councillor to join the panel. It was proposed by Geoff Hodgson that the position should not be offered to the new Councillor who would not be based in Grampound and that, instead, the panel should comprise a parish council representative plus six persons elected from the local community. The panel agreed by 6 votes, nil against, 1 abstention to change the terms of reference accordingly. Matt Young confirmed that Grantscape would have no objection to that change. Jane also stated that she wished to step down from the panel after this meeting. This means that there would be two vacancies to be filled for next year.

**Review progress of previous projects supported through the fund**

A list of all the projects that have previously been supported by the Fund was considered by the panel. It was noted that all but two of the projects were marked as completed and the panel felt that this was a very good performance with over £150k having been spent in the local community through this fund.

**Declarations of interest in applications to be considered**

All of the panel members confirmed that their declarations of interest were unchanged from those published on the website.

## **Applications for 2021 funding round**

The chair read through the list of applications for funding. He confirmed that the total of the amounts requested was £31,724 and the sum available this year was £17,385.

### **Debate by panel members on the applications and resolutions**

A panel member expressed support for the Grampound Carnival and Grampound Times applications as being relatively modest amounts requested and being for organisations and projects widely held in high regard in the village. She also expressed support for the shop's solar panel project but felt that she could not support the new flooring for the shop. This was supported by another panel member. A third member supported those projects but added that he also wished to support the PFA project in full.

It was suggested that the Merlin MS Centre project was not a project that could be supported because its catchment area was much wider than just Grampound.

A proposal was made to fund the three small projects (Grampound Times, Carnival, PFA) plus the store solar panels.

- *Grampound Times £1,000*
- *Grampound PFA £1,122*
- *Grampound Carnival £384*
- *Grampound community shop solar panels project £7,000 (vs. requested £8,123)*

On a vote, this was agreed unanimously.

A panel member put forward the suggestion that the Merlin MS Centre could not, regretfully, be supported. This was supported by another panel member who suggested that both the Merlin MS Centre project and the shop's floor proposal not be progressed.

On a vote, it was agreed by 6 votes for, 1 against, that those two projects not be supported.

After these votes, it left a potential sum of £7,879 available for the four other projects: Bowling Club, Heritage project, St Nuns Church, Friends of the Fal.

A panel member suggested that the panel allocates £2,000 for the Friends of the Fal for the safety fence only. This was supported by another panel member but concerns were raised over safety, safeguarding and public liability insurance. Grantscape confirmed that a recommendation from the panel could contain an advisory about ensuring adequate safety and safeguarding criteria are met.

A panel member spoke in favour of the Bowling Club project of new doors. Another spoke against the inclusion of the Heritage project and the St Nuns church project.

It was formally proposed that the panel would support:

- *Grampound Bowling Club £1,900*
- *Friends of the Fal £2,000 for safety fence only, with an advisory to Grantscape*

On a vote, this was agreed by 6 votes for, 1 against.

A panel member then proposed that the balance of funds available be held over to next year.

On a vote, this was rejected with 2 votes for, 5 against.

A panel member spoke in favour of supporting the St Nuns Church project.

On a vote on supporting the St Nuns Church project, there were 3 votes for, 3 against, 1 abstention.

A new proposal was made that the panel should support the two remaining projects to the extent of giving each 50% of their requested amounts, i.e.

- *Grampound Heritage Project* £1,175
- *Grampound with Creed PCC (St Nuns Church)* £1,475

On a vote, this was supported by 6 votes for, 0 against, 1 abstention.

Matt Young confirmed that this meant that the total of the recommended projects was £16,056; the balance of £1,329 would be held over and added to next year's allocation. These recommendations would be put to the Grantscape board at its meeting of 24 May. Applicants should wait until ratification from the board before announcing that they had been successful in their bids.

### **Review of criteria for 2022**

After a brief discussion, it was proposed that the current fund criteria should be continued in 2022, except that the maximum amount should be set at 50% of the total funds available. Because of the indexation since the fund started, this would mean that the maximum would be approximately £9,000. The minimum would remain at £150. This was agreed unanimously.

### **Fund dates for 2022**

Matt Young advised that the proposed date for next year's panel was Monday 25 April 2022.

### **Any other business**

It was confirmed that the vacancies on the panel would be advertised in due course and interested persons should contact the chair, Dean Jenkins.