

**Grampound Community Fund Panel  
Meeting Monday 29 April 2019  
Grampound Village Hall at 7.30 p.m.  
Minutes**

**In attendance**

Bob Egerton, Victoria Moorcroft, Bryan Coode, Jane Sloan, Shirley Turner  
Observer: Matt Young and Sara Watts, Grantscape

**Apologies**

Dean Jenkins

**Introductions and election of chair of meeting**

Bob introduced the panel members and Matt Young and Sara Watts from Grantscape.

It was agreed that Jane Sloan would chair the meeting.

**Minutes of meetings**

The minutes of the meeting of the panel held on 1 May 2018 were noted.

**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 the projects were marked as completed except for the St Nuns vestibule project. Jane explained that it had been delayed because of the need to carry out other works but the project will still go ahead.

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

Bob Egerton: none.

Jane Sloan: Grampound Parochial Church Council, volunteer in Heritage Centre, shop volunteer.

Bryan Coode: Grampound Parochial Church Council.

Shirley Turner: Grampound Parish Council, shop volunteer

Victoria Moorcroft: children at the school.

All of the above confirmed that they had no pecuniary interest in any of the organisations and that they felt able to consider the applications in an objective manner.

**Applications for 2019 funding round**

**Grampound Heritage Centre (part of parish council): Lost and Found: a film about a lost craft £1,560**

Liz Fisher presented on behalf of the Heritage Centre. Anglia Television made a short documentary film in 1983 about Grampound tannery as the only oak bark tannery left in the U.K. The tannery had been in the village for over 200 years. The Heritage Centre wish to digitise and store the film for posterity. The total cost for licence and digitisation is £1,560.

In response to a question from the panel, Liz said that the fee had been negotiated down to the lowest that they were able to achieve.

### **Cultivate Cornwall CIC: TeX – Grampound community development through textiles £7,490**

There was no representative from Cultivate CIC present. Panel members confirmed that they had read the written application papers for this project.

### **Grampound with Creed Parents and Friends Association: class suite of Chromebooks £3,800**

Annie Abbott presented on behalf of the PFA. The PFA is run by volunteers. The school have a collection of laptops that it plans to replace with Chromebooks – better quality and cheaper to maintain than traditional laptops – automatic free updates and no need for a technician to maintain them. Very resilient machines, difficult to hack.

School has sufficient funds to purchase 15 Chromebooks. This funding is sought to purchase an additional 15 machines so that a whole class can use them at the same time. Pupils will not be allowed to take them home.

### **Merlin MS Centre: Oxygen therapy £5,000**

Alana Timmins, centre manager, and Sara Snell, income generation manager, presented on behalf of the Merlin MS Centre. It is Cornwall's only MS centre. Last year, it provided over 5,000 oxygen sessions for patients. It is used to treat MS and other conditions, e.g. injuries, cancer. The centre helps to prevent isolation and loneliness. There are case studies showing the benefits of oxygen therapy although not yet proven. It is thought to speed up tissue repair times in the case of injuries. Request is for £5k towards annual running costs of this service of £18.5k. The centre makes a small charge (£8) for the service. In comparison, private clinics charge up to £100 for this.

In response to questions from panel members, it was confirmed that the application met the panel's funding criteria. It was also confirmed that the NHS does not provide this service. Bob made the point that modern medicine, good as it is, still does not have the answers to every medical problem and that, if people feel that the treatment is working, then it is doing some good. It was confirmed that the NHS (doctors and MS nurses) refer patients to Merlin.

### **Grampound community shop: £2,550**

Mark Taylor and Tommy Tank presented on behalf of the shop. They explained how the shop was thriving but not making significant profits to be able to fund all major expenditure required. It is planned to put a new rubberised roof on the roof of the shop to keep it secure and weather proof for many years ahead. The coffee shop roof is double skinned and is OK.

In response to questions from panel members, it was confirmed that the shop has no plans to move into new premises in the near future.

### **1st Grampound brownies: £800**

Annie Abbott presented on behalf of the brownies. The rainbows, brownies and guides are run by volunteers. They currently have 5 adult leaders and 45 girls in the groups. The application is for camping equipment. They feel that camping is a great confidence booster for young girls.

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

Panel members discussed the Cultivate CIC application and felt that they did not have enough information on which they could award any money to them and agreed not to approve their application.

It was agreed by all panel members that all the other applications were good proposals and the panel was happy to support them.

Shirley made a formal proposition that the applications be supported in the sums requested by the applicants, i.e.

- *Grampound Heritage Centre £1,560*
- *Grampound PFA £3,800*
- *Merlin MS Centre £5,000*
- *Grampound community shop £2,550*
- *Grampound Brownies £800*
- *Total of above £13,710*

On a vote, this was agreed by 4 votes for, none against, 1 abstention.

Matt Young confirmed that these recommendations would be taken forward to the Grantscape board on 27 May and he would advise when the final decisions have been made.

He also advised that the application from the village hall that had not been considered on the evening because it had missed the closing date for applications, would be carried forward to next year and be considered then.

## **Review of criteria for 2020**

After a brief discussion, it was proposed that the current fund criteria should be continued in 2020, although panel members said that they would generally prefer capital projects rather than revenue support. This was agreed unanimously.

## **Fund dates for 2020**

Matt Young advised that the proposed dates for the 2020 funding round were:

Closing date for applications 4 March 2020

Panel meeting 20 April 2020

## **Any other business**

There was no other business.