**THE NATIONAL LOTTERY COMMUNITY FUND**

**UK FUNDING COMMITTEE MEETING**

**23rd March 2021 10:00 – 13:00**

**Online via Teams**

**MINUTES**

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| **PRESENT:** |  |
| Tony BurtonAaliya SeyalKevin BoneElizabeth PasseyEileen MullanSian Callaghan | ChairScotland Committee MemberEngland Committee MemberBoard MemberNorthern Ireland Committee MemberWales Committee Member |
| **IN ATTENDANCE:** |  |
| John Rose Cassie RobinsonEmma AckermanNick GardnerJohn KnightsHannah PatersonNigel CromptonAndriana NtziadimaBeth BellVicky GarfittCatherine RobertsDominic Newlyn | Interim Chief Executive OfficerDeputy Director, Funding StrategyFunding Strategy DirectorHead of Climate Action FundSenior Portfolio ManagerSenior Portfolio ManagerPortfolio Manager (Item 6)Portfolio Manager (Item 7)Portfolio Manager (Item 7)Portfolio Manager (Item 8)Head of Governance (Minutes)Governance Officer (Minutes) |
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1. **CHAIR'S WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**
	1. Tony Burton welcomed the committee and gave an overview of the meeting structure, the majority of which would be a significant number of funding proposal decisions in the Growing Great Ideas programme. Tony thanked the team for the preparation work done with regards to these decisions and the associated paper.
2. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
	1. There were no apologies for absence.
3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
	1. There were none.
4. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING – UKFC(20)M04**
	1. The Minutes were approved as seen.
5. **ACTIONS ARISING – P01**
	1. There were two open actions from the November meeting. Both actions would be addressed in their respective section updates later in the meeting, and would be marked as closed assuming adequate resolution of each.
6. **UK PORTFOLIO OVERVIEW**
	1. The Committee discussed the ongoing development of the UK Portfolio. The portfolio continued to play a nuanced role in supporting activity across the Fund with the design and development of systems and processes, and the use of evidence to inform funding design and delivery – with the latter having increased focus given current conversations with key stakeholders.
	2. The Committee discussed the portfolio’s approach to corporate partnerships and private sector engagement. Protocol and procedure for approaching or being approached by potential corporate partners still required further refinement, with public perception of such partnerships as important as ever. Understanding and finding strategic partners for the Fund that shared core purposes and social values remained a key driver of activity in this space.

**UK Portfolio Overview – P02**

* 1. The Committee noted the contents of the overview paper.

**Global Partnerships Pipeline – P02 Annex A**

* 1. The Committee noted the contents of the pipeline paper.

**Climate Action Fund Update – P02 Annex B**

* 1. The Committee noted the contents of the Climate Action Fund Paper. There was a decision required which would be addressed in AOB to ensure there was time to address the Growing Great Ideas funding proposals.

**Leaders with Lived Experience (LLE) Update – P02 Annex C**

* 1. The Committee noted the contents of the LLE Update paper.

**Grants and Programme Update and Learning Report – P02 Annex D**

* 1. The Committee noted the contents of the paper.
1. **UK FUNDING DECISIONS**

**Growing Great Ideas Overview – P03**

* 1. Cassie Robinson introduced the paper and thanked the Committee for their time and efforts to read and note the contents prior to the Committee meeting.
	2. The Committee discussed the funding programme, designed to connect and build pioneers in creating new and emerging systems. The programme had developed against a backdrop of discussions around the future of civil society, accelerated by Covid, that challenged ways of thinking around relationships to property and land, health, flow of capital, and the value of knowledge and experience. The Chair commented on the strong alignment between the GGI funding proposals and the expectations of the Government’s policy directions to the Fund.
	3. The Committee discussed the ability of the programme to build the resilience and endurance required for long-term success. The programme’s success would be driven by creating shared understanding amongst teams and portfolios at the Fund, finding and collaborating with funders who want to be involved, and wide sharing of successful initiatives.
	4. Committee members discussed their role in evaluating the GGI funding proposals and confirmed key focus points through which to analyse the applications.

**Growing Great Ideas Funding Proposals – PO4 through to P14**

* 1. Decisions on the GGI proposals are restricted and can be found at Annex A.
	2. Where approved, proposals were awarded for the full duration of the grant as stated in the Annex. At the 3 year point, initiatives will come back to the UK Funding Committee as an opportunity to share progress and address any further or different funding needs. This will not impact upon the full funding period already agreed.

*Aaliya Seyal, Eileen Mullan and Sian Callaghan left the meeting.*

1. **EAST AFRICA DISABILITY FUND**
	1. The Committee received the paper and request to resume funding in Tanzania as part of the EADF.
	2. The Committee were given reassurance on safeguarding, noting the experience and knowledge the team have gained working with grantholders and partners to develop action plans. The team also report that they will be monitoring safeguarding using recommendations from a consultant’s review of EADF grantholders and the new funder safeguarding collaboration.  Funding would resume with increased governance in collaboration with grantholders to ensure safeguarding is central to working with new partners in Tanzania.
	3. In response to Committee questions, it was confirmed that the resumption of funding was in line with the longer-term strategy to wind down the Fund’s activity in this part of the portfolio.

**The Committee recommended that the requested resumption of funding be approved. This discussion took place when the meeting was not quorate, and as result the decision would be ratified with absent Committee members following the meeting.**

1. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**
	1. The Committee reviewed the additional information that had been provided in P02 Annex B regarding the requested changes to delegated authority in the Climate Action Fund.
	**The Committee recommended that the changes be approved. This discussion took place when the meeting was not quorate, and as result the decision would be ratified with absent Committee members following the meeting.**
	2. Cassie Robinson noted this would be Tony’s last meeting as Chair of the UK Funding Committee. Cassie led members and the team in thanking Tony for his commitment and effort invested in the Committee, his leadership and guidance as Chair, and his help and guidance provided to the UK team during his tenure.

 **THE MEETING ENDED AT 13:10.**

**MINUTES AGREED DATE**

**TONY BURTON**

**UK FUNDING COMMITTEE CHAIR**