

MINUTES
THE NATIONAL LOTTERY COMMUNITY FUND
MEETING OF THE SCOTLAND COMMITTEE HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 9 MARCH 2022 AT 10.30AM
BY MICROSOFT TEAMS

Present:

Kate Still	Scotland Committee Chair
Jackie Brock	Scotland Committee Member
Grant Carson	Scotland Committee Member (items 1-16)
Lindsay Graham	Scotland Committee Member
Martin Johnstone	Scotland Committee Member (items 1-9)
Janet Miles	Scotland Committee Member
Aaliya Seyal	Scotland Committee Member

In attendance:

Laura Atchison	Funding Officer (item 16)
Hayley Banks	Funding Manager (item 13)
Julia Boardman	Funding Officer
Evelyn Boyd	Head of Communications & Engagement
Roddy Byers	Head of Funding
Rachelle Cloutier	Funding Officer (item 16)
Joao Conclaves	Funding Officer (item 15)
Helen Curry	Funding Manager (item 11)
Stephen Cox	Funding Officer (item 16)
Anna Grant	Funding Officer (item 15)
Fiona Grant	Business Support Officer (Governance) (minutes)
Alayna Imlah	Head of Knowledge & Learning
Faiza Khan	Insight and Engagement, Director (items 1-6)
Aine Lovedale	Funding Manager (item 15)
Cat Nisbet	Senior Grant Making Manager (item 15)
Jennifer Mitchell	Funding Manager (item 16)
Kirsty Nairn	Head of Business Support
Neil Ritch	Scotland Director
Corne Storm	Funding Officer (item 16)
Tracey Wightwick	Funding Officer (items 11-12)

Guests:

Jewels Lang	Scottish Refugee Council (item 13)
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1. OPENING REMARKS

- 1.1 The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and noted the following:
- i. This is Grant and Evelyn's final Committee meeting

- ii. Jewels Lang from the Scottish Refugee Council will join the meeting for item 13
- iii. The Central place team will join the meeting for item 16

2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

- 2.1 There were no apologies for absence

3 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

- 3.1 Aaliya Seyal declared an interest in the application from Scottish Refugee Council as she is member of their board. It was agreed that this was a disqualifying interest.

4 APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF SCOTLAND COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 26 JANUARY 2022 (SCOTLAND COMMITTEE MINUTES 22/01)

- 4.1 The minutes of the Scotland Committee meeting held on 26 January were approved.

5 MATTERS ARISING

- 5.1 There were no items for matters arising.

6 STRATEGY RENEWAL

- 6.1 Faiza gave an update on the plans for the strategy renewal highlighting the following:
 - i. It has been 8 years since the last strategy renewal and the world has changed especially with the impact of the pandemic and long term austerity
 - ii. There have also been leadership and ministerial changes
 - iii. The strategy renewal will build on the ideas set out in our Commitment to Communities including commitments to fairness and inclusion, focus on impact and use of data and striking a balance between responding to a breadth of community ideas and opportunities and investing in innovation and more strategic approaches to wider challenges
 - iv. The strategy renewal will launch in early April and the consultation and work will run throughout the year with the new strategy being launched in April 2023
- 6.2 During discussion the main points raised were:
 - i. It is important to consider the Scotland political and Government perspective
 - ii. It is important to find a way to meaningfully engage with the least heard voices
 - iii. We have been speaking to other funders about what we are planning
 - iv. This will be an iterative process with opportunities for Committee members to contribute and be engaged with

7 DIRECTOR'S UPDATE (SCOTLAND COMMITTEE P22/07)

- 7.1 The Committee noted the Director's Update.

8 COMMUNICATIONS REPORT (SCOTLAND COMMITTEE P22/08)

- 8.1 Evelyn introduced the Communications report highlighting the following:

- i. There was good coverage of the climate action award made to Keep Scotland Beautiful
- ii. There was also good coverage for Young Start in the Press and Journal and the Daily Record
- iii. Our blog posts have had good engagement with a guest blog from get2gether and for children's mental health week we highlighted the work being carried out by How it Felt
- iv. Events are starting to pick up again and we have started planning for The Gathering in June

8.2 The Chair thanked Evelyn for her helpful report.

9 SCOTLAND POLITICAL STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT (SCOTLAND COMMITTEE P22/09)

9.1 Evelyn introduced the paper highlighting the following:

- i. This engagement plan for political stakeholders involves Scotland Committee, MTS, Public Affairs Office and area teams providing a consistent approach and enables tracking of engagement
- ii. Each MP/MSP is prioritised from Level 1-4. The priority level takes into account their role, their involvement in relevant committees and working groups, as well as their importance to the Scotland directorate.
- iii. This prioritisation will be reviewed regularly.
- iv. We will be linking in with the work of Faiza's team

9.2 During discussion the main points raised were:

- i. This timely engagement will help to raise our profile and it will be useful for MSPs to what is happening at a grass routes level in their consistency
- ii. Members are happy to be involved the engagement work with the MSPs identified in level 1
- iii. The Chair would like to attend the meeting with Ipsos Mori to discuss the results of the 2021 MSP Survey

9.3 The Committee approved the political stakeholder engagement plan.

9.3 The Chair thanked Cath for all of her work on this. It is exciting to be involved in the stakeholder engagement and show the work being supported by our funding.

9.4 It was agreed that Cath will follow up with members so she can find out which, if any, level 1 stakeholders they already have a relationship with.

(ACTION, Cath Logan)

10 OVERVIEW PAPER (SCOTLAND COMMITTEE P22/10)

10.1 Roddy introduced the paper highlighting the following:

- i. February continued a trend of increasing application approvals
- ii. Pipelines for March are busy
- iii. We have been working with Scottish Refugee Council (SRC) to bring forward a proposal for working in partnership focussed on smaller local refugee-led organisations
- iv. This is being considered under our Supporting Great Ideas offer, which allows us to consider exceptional propositions from the sector

10.2 Roddy gave a presentation giving an overview of the Supporting Great Ideas programme.

10.3 The Chair thanked Roddy for his helpful presentation putting SGI into context.

- 10.4 It was agreed that Committee would like more in depth analysis focussing on the impact and learning from the projects that been funded through SGI.
(ACTION, Head of Funding)

11 UPLIFT REQUEST - THE MANDA CENTRE (SCOTLAND COMMITTEE P22/11)

- 11.1 The decision is recorded in Annex A to these minutes.

12 UPLIFT REQUEST - QNIS (SCOTLAND COMMITTEE P22/12)

- 12.1 The Committee noted the question/answer document.
12.2 The decision is recorded in Annex A to these minutes.

Aaliya Seyal left the meeting.

13 SCOTTISH REFUGEE COUNCIL (SCOTLAND COMMITTEE P22/13)

- 13.1 The decision is recorded in Annex A to these minutes

Aaliya Seyal rejoined the meeting.

14. MATCH TRADING PROPOSAL (SCOTLAND COMMITTEE P22/14)

- 14.1 Roddy introduced the paper highlighting the following:
- i. This is a proposition to explore further an enhanced *Match Trading* offer as a way of better responding to grant requests from trading social enterprises
- 14.2 During discussion the main points raised were:
- i. Appreciated the work that has gone into this but there are other more important areas to focus on at the moment
 - ii. The impact of a match trading offer is different for more established enterprises when compared to more newly established enterprises
 - iii. We need to have a creative approach that meets the needs of social enterprises and this is not necessarily a match trading approach
 - iv. Explore options supporting the sector helping those with the most disadvantaged circumstances and needs
- 14.3 The Committee felt that this was not the best approach to support these organisations and that we should be exploring other options to support the sector. This is something we will now consider as part of our new portfolio development work.

15. 2023 PORTFOLIO UPDATE

- 15.1 Cat gave an update on the plans for programme which the Committee noted.
15.2 Aine gave an overview of the plans for the work of 2023 portfolio team and highlighted how Members can be involved.
15.3 The Chair thanked Aine for her helpful update.
15.4 It was agreed that the Committee would like to be as actively involved as possible and one to one conversations with Members is a good starting point.

16. PRESENTATION FROM CENTRAL PLACE TEAM

- 16.1 The Chair welcomed the Central place team to the meeting
16.2 The Central place team gave a presentation on their work and priorities

- 16.3 Members gave some feedback on the presentation highlighting the following:
- i. The projects showcased in the presentation show the interesting and diverse work that has been supported
 - ii. The team have a thorough knowledge of their areas
- 16.4 The Chair thanked the team for their comprehensive and helpful presentation and for the quality and depth of the work it represented.
- 16.5 The slides will be shared with members.

ACTION, Fiona Grant

17. AOB

- 17.1 There were no items for AOB.

18. DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

- 18.1 The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 11th May by Teams.

19. FINISH

- 19.1 There being no further business the meeting finished at 3.15pm.