

MINUTES
THE NATIONAL LOTTERY COMMUNITY FUND
MEETING OF THE SCOTLAND COMMITTEE HELD ON
TUESDAY 28 NOVEMBER 2023 AT 10.30AM
AT CITIZENM HOTEL, GLASGOW & TEAMS

Present:

Kate Still	Scotland Committee Chair
Jackie Brock	Scotland Committee Member (on Teams)
Lindsay Graham	Scotland Committee Member
Martin Johnstone	Scotland Committee Member (items 6 -18)
Janet Miles	Scotland Committee Member (on Teams items 1- 9)
Aaliya Seyal	Scotland Committee Member
Naila Wood	Scotland Committee Member

In attendance:

Roddy Byers	Head of Funding
Paul Forrest	Funding Officer (items 6-8 & 14)
Lily Gordon-Brown	Knowledge & Learning Officer (item 8)
Fiona Grant	Business Support Officer (Governance) (minutes)
Pauline Kerrigan	Funding Manager (items 6-8 & 14)
Daniel McCallum	Funding Officer (items 6-7)
Lucy McDonald	Head of Knowledge & Learning
Neil Ritch	Scotland Director (items 1-9)
David Sinclair	Head of Business Support
Dougie Spence	Funding Manager (items 14-16)
Landa Sullivan	Head of Communications & Engagement
Michelle Wilson	Funding Officer (item 14)

Guests:

Shaista Asghar	CEMVO (item 6)
Padam Singh	CEMVO (item 6)

1. OPENING REMARKS

- 1.1 The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and noted the following:
- i. This is the last meeting of 2023
 - ii. We will be joined by Shaista Asghar and Padam Singh for item 6

2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

- 2.1 There were no apologies for absence.

3 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

- 3.1 Jackie Brock declared an interest in the Corra Foundation as she works for an organisation which is in final stage of discussions with the Corra Foundation about their management of a fund which her organisation is responsible for. Although not

directly involved in the negotiations if Corra is successful she will be responsible for managing the contract. It was agreed that this is a disqualifying interest and she left the meeting for the discussion of the Supporting Great Ideas application from the Corra Foundation and the discussion of the item 16 - Household Hardship Fund.

4 APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF SCOTLAND COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 4 OCTOBER 2023 (SCOTLAND COMMITTEE MINUTES 23/06)

- 4.1 The minutes of the Scotland Committee meeting held on 4 October 2023 were approved.

5 MATTERS ARISING

- 5.1 The Chair gave an update on the UKFC meeting held on 20th November 2023 which the Committee noted.

6 REVIEW OF FIRST YEAR PARTNERSHIP WITH CEMVO (SCOTLAND COMMITTEE P23/41)

- 6.1 The Chair welcomed Shaista and Padam to the meeting.
- 6.2 Shaista and Padam gave a presentation on the first year of the partnership between CEMVO and the Fund highlighting the following:
- i. In 2022 CEMVO and the Fund entered into a 3 year partnering arrangement as part of a range of efforts aimed at being more accessible to Minority Ethnic (ME) communities and their ambitions
 - ii. There was extensive groundwork undertaken by the CEMVO teams in partnership with NLCF to ensure the fund was launched as scheduled. This included 2 knowledge and Learning Network events that were attended by over 20 ME community group representatives across Scotland
 - iii. The sectoral responses in year 1 have far outweighed expectation and the financial limits of the funding
 - iv. Learning from year 1 will be embedded into practice and work is underway on year 2 of the programme
 - v. The demand for funding and support is set to continue and there is an uplift request for the Committee to consider to better align activity with demand
- 6.3 During discussion the main points raised were:
- i. It was good to understand what work has been done and what the outcomes and ambitions of this partnership
 - ii. The importance of building trust with all the communities that we have reached out to
 - iii. The learning from this partnership is valuable for both the Fund and CEMVO
 - iv. CEMVO should consider making connections with a Higher Education partner to support research and evaluation and capture the learning from this work
- 6.4 The Chair thanked Shaista and Padam for their presentation and the work they are doing.
- 6.5 The Committee noted the progress made in year one of the project.

7 UPLIFT REQUEST - CEMVO (SCOTLAND COMMITTEE P23/42)

7.1 The Committee approved the uplift request of £48,792 for CEMVO.

8 FOOD PANTRIES EVALUATION (SCOTLAND COMMITTEE P23/44)

8.1 Lily and Pauline gave an overview of the Pantry Plus Mini-Evaluation that evaluates the success of three community pantry projects that we have funded across Glasgow city.

8.2 During discussion the main points raised were:

- i. It was helpful to get analysis and insights
- ii. This report could be shared with Scottish Government colleagues who would be interested to see this work and its impacts.

9 STRATEGY IMPLEMENTATION - OPTIONS DISCUSSION (SCOTLAND COMMITTEE P23/43)

9.1 Neil introduced the paper highlighting the following:

- i. options and related considerations to achieve alignment of the Scotland funding portfolio review with the new Fund-wide Strategy
- ii. reflecting on the specific context of communities of Scotland
- iii. the proposed timeline

9.2 During discussion the main points raised were:

- i. This was a comprehensive paper
- ii. In relation to the timeline, Members felt there was the opportunity to increase the pace with which new medium programmes and partnership approaches were developed, potentially through the application of additional resource. It is important not to compromise quality for time
- iii. There is a risk of closing programmes in a turbulent market and increasing demand
- iv. We will be able to add more to the existing analysis of the current portfolio. As an approach to stability and transition, we can identify existing projects who are immediately impacted by change so that their projects can continue until the launch of any new medium programmes
- v. We will take an iterative approach when engaging with stakeholders and will build on the work that has already taken place
- vi. It is important to have a balance with meaningful engagement and ensuring those less easily heard have a voice

9.3 The Committee agreed that they would like further work to be undertaken on the timeline before they can make any further decisions. This will be discussed further at a Committee and Management Team portfolio development session in January 2024.

10 COMMUNICATIONS REPORT (SCOTLAND COMMITTEE P23/45)

10.1 The Committee noted the Communications report.

10.2 Landa highlighted that our Parliamentary reception will be taking place on Wednesday 6th March 2024. Members will have an ambassadorial role at the event and further information will be circulated.

(ACTION, Landa & Fiona)

11 DIRECTOR'S UPDATE (SCOTLAND COMMITTEE P23/46)

11.1 The Committee noted the Director's update.

12 PLACE UPDATE (SCOTLAND COMMITTEE P23/47)

12.1 The Committee noted the Place update.

13 OVERVIEW PAPER (SCOTLAND COMMITTEE P23/48)

13.1 Roddy introduced the paper highlighting the following:

- i. Demand remains high
- ii. The current budget position
- iii. The pipeline for Supporting Great Ideas

14 SUPPORTING GREAT IDEAS - SCOTTISH PANTRY NETWORK & THE CORRA FOUNDATION

14.1 The decision on these applications is in Annex A to these minutes.

15 UPLIFT REQUEST - JUBILEE HOUSE (SCOTLAND COMMITTEE P23/49)

15.1 The Committee approved the uplift request of £35,000 to Jubilee House.

16 CORRA FOUNDATION - HOUSEHOLD HARDSHIP FUND 22/23/24 (SCOTLAND COMMITTEE P23/50)

16.1 Dougie introduced the paper highlighting the following:

- i. Corra Foundation have provided a learning report about the funding they received to run the Household Hardship Fund in 2021/22
- ii. We have continued to work with Corra Foundation on appropriate governance models should we wish to release funding into this approach and this is now available
- iii. Committee need to consider if this is as an appropriate time to make a response to re-engage the Household Hardship Fund for the remainder of this financial year

16.2 During discussion the main points raised were:

- i. This was a helpful learning report
- ii. There is still demand for funding to support families and individuals impacted by the cost of living crisis
- iii. This is an area that needs systemic change

16.3 The Committee was minded to re-engage the Household Hardship Fund for the remainder of this financial year and asked that Scottish Government be approached to match the investment.

17 AOB

17.1 Roddy highlighted that as part of the Awards for All refresh the organisation is looking at a £50,000 pilot using the Awards for Model. The pilot could be run in Scotland with two potential options; a cost of living fund or greening community facilities fund, addressing the environmental agenda. This option would replicate work that has already taken place in Northern Ireland and Wales. The Committee preferred the greening community facilities option and asked if learning from Northern Ireland and Wales could be shared. Officers will keep Members up to date with progress and potentially present a paper at the January meeting for their consideration.

18 DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

18.1 The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 30th January 2024.

19 FINISH

19.1 There being no further business the meeting finished at 2.45pm.