**MINUTES**

**Meeting of Scottish Land Fund Committee**

**1st December 2021**

**Video conference**

**Members:**

Cara Gillespie Chair of Scottish Land Fund Committee

Tom Black Scottish Land Fund Committee Member

Malcolm Combe Scottish Land Fund Committee Member

Alan Hobbett Scottish Land Fund Committee Member

Bobby Macaulay Scottish Land Fund Committee Member

Pauline Megson Scottish Land Fund Committee Member

Janet Miles Vice-Chair of Scottish Land Fund Committee

**Staff:**

Tony Crosbie Operations Manager, Highlands and Islands Enterprise

Sandra Holmes Community Assets Sector Lead, Highlands and Islands Enterprise

Rebekah Dundas Funding Manager, National Lottery Community Fund

Fiona Grant Business Support Officer, Governance, National Lottery

Community Fund (minutes)

David Knight Funding Officer, National Lottery Community Fund

Elyn Zhang Funding Officer, National Lottery Community Fund

Terry O’ Neill Funding Officer, National Lottery Community Fund

**Observing:**

Janet Mountford-Smith Policy Officer, Community Land Team, Scottish Government

Funding Officers, National Lottery Community Fund

Highlands and Islands Enterprise SLF Case Officers

1. **OPENING REMARKS**
   1. The Chair welcomed Committee Members and staff to this Scottish Land Fund Committee meeting.
2. **APOLOGIES & DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
   1. There were no apologies for absence.
   2. The following declaration was received:

Janet Miles declared an interest in the application from Lochewe Community Enterprise Limited.

* 1. This member left the meeting for the discussion and was not involved in the decision making for this case.

1. **MINUTES FROM SLF MEETING HELD ON 22nd SEPTEMBER 2021**
   1. The minutes of the Scottish Land Fund Committee meeting held 22nd September 2021 were approved as an accurate record.
2. **OVERVIEW PAPER** 
   1. Rebekah informed Members about the budget for this meeting. She highlighted that following discussions with the organisations involved, the application from Deeside Bike could be considered fundable. The Committee noted that applications received are for smaller requests than previous years and stage two applications are taking longer than expected with significant delays continuing for CATs as groups wait for Relevant Authorities to hold decision meetings.
   2. The press embargo for this meeting is still to be decided but it is likely to be later in December so the latest awards made by the Management Group can be included.
3. **PIPELINE REPORT**
   1. Tony provided an overview of the pipeline. The Committee noted the similarities and differences in the themes for urban and rural projects. He highlighted that the team will look at an alternative format for the pipeline report.

**ACTION, Tony Crosbie**

* 1. The Chair thanked Tony for his helpful presentation.

**6. CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATIONS**

6.1 10 applications were considered for decision making.

6.2 9 applications were awarded funding.

6.3 1 application was rejected.

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| **Name of Applicant** | **Project** | **Award** |
| Finderne Development Trust | Community-led affordable housing – Brockloch, Rafford | £331,740  Capital - £301,740  Revenue -£30,000 |
| Northton Heritage Trust | Seallam! – Hiort na Heardadh | £239,000  Capital -£229,000  Revenue -£10,000 |
| Deeside Bike Collective | Banchory Woodland Trails | £109,582  Capital - £109,582 |
| Dollar Community Development Trust | Community purchase of The Hive and grounds | £287,150  Capital - £275,150  Revenue -£12,000 |
| Glengarry Community Woodlands | Lower Ardochy Forest: Woodland Crofts for the Community | £197,019  Capital - £159,089  Revenue -£37,930 |
| Loch Ewe Community Enterprise Limited | Poolewe shop | £232,118  Capital - £206,250  Revenue - £25,868 |
| Stronsay Development Trust | Stronsay Community Pub & Hotel | £233,878  Capital - £215,878  Revenue - £18,000 |
| West Fife Community Trading Limited | Acquisition of The Red Lion Inn | £504,500  Capital - £504,500 |
| Woolfords, Auchengray and Tarbrax Improvement Foundation | Loanhead Multi-use Community Enterprise | £454,400  Capital - £422,400  Revenue - £32,000 |
| Total Awarded |  | **£2,589,387**  **Capital -£2,423,589**  **Revenue -£165,798** |

**7. INTERNAL GUIDANCE ON CONDITIONS FOR CATs & HOUSING POLICY**

7.1 Sandra gave the background to the revisions of the internal guidance documents on CATs and Housing Policy that the Committee noted.

7.2 The Chair thanked Sandra for the updated policy documents.

**8. AOB**

8.1 Tom highlighted the importance of groups considering what they can do to work towards net zero. Officers responded that since 2016 that the SLF has included an environmental outcome and this is reported on in the annual report to the Scottish Government.

**9. FINISH**

9.1 The Chair thanked everyone for their hard work and effort.

9.2 There being no further business the meeting closed at 12.