

The Highland Council

Minutes of Meeting of the **Community Challenge Fund Applications Panel** held in the Committee Room 1, Council Headquarters, Glenurquhart Road, Inverness, on Wednesday, 27 August 2014, at 3.40 p.m.

Present

Dr D Alston

Mr D Hendry

Committee Chairs

Mr D Fallows

Mr T Prag

Mr A Christie

Officials in attendance:

Ms M Morris, Assistant Chief Executive

Ms L Lee, Committee Administrator

Dr D Alston in the Chair

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Mr J Gray, Mrs F Robertson and Mrs C Wilson.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Note of the Panel's Recommendations, June 2014

There had been circulated the Note of the Panel's Recommendations of June 2014, which had been approved by the Council at its meeting held on 26 June 2014. The Recommendations were **NOTED** subject to Mrs C Wilson's inclusion in the Members who had responded to the proposals.

4. Assessment Criteria

The Panel **NOTED** that copies of the Assessment Criteria agreed by Highland Council at its meeting on 25 October 2012 were available for reference if required.

5. Expressions of Interest – Round 7

There had been circulated Report No. CCF5/14 dated 18 August 2014 by the Deputy Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Development updating the Panel on progress with applications for the Community Challenge Fund. Six Expressions of Interest received prior to the closing date of 1 August 2014, together with the recommendations of the Officers' working group were appended to the report. The report also provided a summary on progress with earlier Expressions of Interest and Applications pending. An email dated 13 August 2014, from Councillor D Kerr to the Head of Policy and Reform, relating to the Expression of Interest from For The Right Reasons, was tabled.

Members having confirmed that they had read the circulated papers and the tabled email, intimated that they concurred with the recommendations contained in the papers. The Panel **NOTED** the progress of earlier Expressions of Interest and Applications pending; and **AGREED** that:

- i. the Expressions of Interest from Nethy Bridge Community Council and Caberfeidh Horizons be accepted and these groups be invited to submit an application;
- ii. the Expressions of Interest from Kinraig & Vicinity Community Council and Open Secret be refused;
- iii. the Expressions of Interest from For the Right Reasons and the Sutherland Partnership be put on hold, pending further discussions with these organisations; and
- iv. Councillor Kerr be informed that his observations had been taken into account by the Panel in coming to their decision.

The meeting ended at 3.45 p.m.