

The Highland Council

Minutes of Meeting of the **Highland Coastal Communities Fund Sub Committee** held **REMOTELY** on Monday 27 September 2021 at 2:00 pm.

Present:-

Mr G Adam
Mr J Gordon
Mr R Gale
Ms E MacDonald (substitute)

Mr G MacKenzie
Mr W MacKay
Mrs T Robertson (Chair)

In attendance:-

Ms N Wallace, Environment Manager
Ms P Betts, Development Officer
Mr M Culbertson, Development Officer
Ms S Lamb, Development Officer
Miss J MacLennan, Principal Administrator
Mrs O Bayon Committee Officer

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf on Mr A Baxter, Mrs H Carmichael, Dr I Cockburn, Mr J Gray, Mr T Heggie, Mr B Lobban and Ms F Robertson.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest from Members.

3. Highland Coastal Communities Fund

There had been circulated Report No HCCF2/21 dated 15 September 2021 by the Executive Chief Officer Infrastructure, Environment and Economy.

Members were reminded that, following the Highland Communities Coastal Fund Sub Committee meeting on 25 June 2021, applications had been invited from those Expressions of Interest that had been submitted which had been viewed as having a strategic fit e.g. those that had a wider benefit other than where they were geographically based. £355,205.57 had been ringfenced for applications but, also at their meeting on 25 June 2021, the Sub Committee had approved a grant of £15,000 to support the application from Fort William Marina and Shoreline CIC's Dredging of the Foreshore Project. This left £340,205.57 to allocate.

An additional allocation to this fund was anticipated in October but, at present, there were no details as to what form it would take. Meanwhile, the Sub Committee had 8 applications to consider, their sum total being £438,754.50. Development Officers then proceeded to take Members through each application in turn explaining the nature of the project and how it had been assessed. Members were given an opportunity after each application to ask questions of officers.

Thereafter, following discussion, the Sub Committee:-

i. **DEFERED** the following projects until the next round:-

- Broadford & Strath Community - Skye Cycle Way – Bridge to Broadford Link
- Camuscross & Duisdale Initiative – Motorhome Service Point

ii. **AGREED** to make awards as detailed to the following projects-

Projects	Applicant	HCCF award
CISP (Community Infrastructure Support Program)	North Highland Initiative	£30,000
Encouraging slower tourism in the North West Highlands Geopark	North West Highlands Geopark	£54,250
Laying the Foundations for a World-class John o' Groats Trail	Association of Northern Trails	£67,720
Local Food on Local Plates	Highland Food & Drink Club	£30,000
Our Firth, Our Seashore	Moray Firth Coastal Partnership	£86,784.50
Sutherland Outdoor Activities Project	Golspie Brora Cycle Links	£45,000

iii. **NOTED** the amount awarded totalled £313,754.50, leaving £26,451.07 to be carried forward into the next round.

The meeting ended at 3.20 pm