



Queen Camel Parish Council

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**Minutes of the Community Benefit Fund Panel meeting on 16th February 2022,
7.30 pm in the Memorial Hall, Queen Camel**

Public Question Time: No members of the public were present.

Present: Jane Crozier, Beverley Davies, Angus Davidson, Dan Hewlett, Liz Jardine, Terri Plummer

Also Present: Clerk: Elaine Owen

CB 02/00 Election of Chairperson

In the absence of Cllr Sue Gettings, Jane Crozier was elected chairperson for this meeting.

CB 02/01 Apologies for absence

Cllr Sue Gettings sent apologies due to being away.

CB 02/02 Declarations of Interest:

The following Members declared an interest in the Playing Field Committee (charity) Terri Plummer and Angus Davidson.

CB 02/03 Minutes of the previous meeting to be confirmed as correct

It was RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 10th November 2021.

CB 02/04 Chairpersons Report

In the absence of Sue Gettings, Jane Crozier and the clerk provided the following information:

- a) **Precept** It was noted that we are still waiting for SSDC to confirm the precept. We need to wait for this to be confirmed before grants from precept can be allocated to organisations.
- b) **Speed Indicator Device (SIDs)** It is noted that the parish council at its last meeting asked for SID's to be funded from the Community Benefit Fund. An application will be forthcoming in due course.
- c) **The new limit for Section 137** (included in Terms of Reference) has been raised from £8.41 to £8.82 per elector. The number of electors has dropped to 678 meaning that the limit for section 137 spending has been raised from £5744 to £5979.96
- d) **A new Deed of Amendment** has been received from Downing who manage the Sutton Montis Road solar farm on behalf of Aberconwyn. The Deed makes provision for the extension of payments to February 2030 with an uplift of the annual amount by RPI each year (capped at 3%). Correspondence continues as the present year has been paid early without the RPI addition. This item is on the Parish Council Agenda for the 21st February.

CB 02/05 Revised Terms of Reference, Guidelines, Applications Forms, Marking Grid and website page

- a) **Revised Documents:** Printed copies were provided for Panel Members.
- b) **Website Page:** This has been updated and amended in line with Councillor and Panel comments.

CB 02/06 Opening up and Reconnecting Communities Fund progress report

The fund focuses on reopening the Community Lounge to encourage people who have been isolated through the pandemic to socialise and reconnect with the wider community once more. A report on progress to date has been provided by Cllr Sue Gettings that shows expenditure to date has been £544.92 from the budget of £5000.

The Covid Omicron surge meant that the Christmas party was cancelled at short notice, although all invited participants had a home delivery of the party food, crackers etc.

In February a questionnaire was circulated to discover peoples' preferences for activities and a copy of the result was provided to the Panel for information. This is being used to design a programme of activities.

The overall aim is to use the fund to trial activities and establish a programme of those that work best which will be self-sustaining. The fund will also remove barriers to participation by purchasing equipment and enabling people to attend by providing transport / wheelchairs.

The Panel were very positive about the benefits of the project and how it is pulling the community together.

CB 02/07 Defibrillators purchase and installation

The defibrillators were delivered before Christmas, but there has been a delay in the delivery of the cabinets for reasons beyond London Hearts control. (Due for delivery by 18th February). One will be at the Memorial Hall and the other will probably be on the Pavilion. (The Playing Field Management Committee will decide.)

The availability of training to be followed up.

CB 02/08 To consider the APPLICATION for funding for replacement of Queen Camel Playing play equipment

An application was previously made but the decision deferred due to:

The application forms requiring amendment and the imminent change of playing field management structure. Both of these matters have been resolved. Also, the Panel wanted more promotion of the Fund to other village groups.

A Marking Grid was completed to capture all the comments of the Panel and to record how the application satisfied the funding requirements.

It was RESOLVED to recommend to the parish council that the application for £10,000 should be APPROVED with the condition that the project is split up to install new play equipment a section at a time (as funds become available) rather than money being kept in a ring-fenced fund until the entire project fund of £130,000 is raised.

For 4, Against 0, Abstained 2 (through prior declaration of interest)



CB 02/09 To consider any further APPLICATIONS for funding received after the date of this Agenda
One enquiry has been made in respect of a Donation, but the application has not yet been received. The organisation has been reminded.

CB 02/10 Communications

The Fund was advertised in December 2021 Camel Magazine. It was agreed that another advert should be placed in the Camels magazine, potentially with a photo and explanation of the defibrillator(s)
Other channels may include table talkers at the village café and the Facebook group

The Panel would also like to book a slot to talk at the Annual Village Meeting in May.


Dates of meetings

- The next Parish Council meeting will take place on 21st February 2022
- The next Community Benefit Panel will be on Wednesday 11th May 2022

The meeting closed at 21.00

**Elaine Owen,
Parish Clerk**

Signed.......... (Chairperson)

Date..........

