

Community Renewable Energy Grants Sub-Committee Minutes

Tuesday 18th February

1. Present: Councillors M Law (Chairman Boyton Parish Council) G Clarke (Parish Councillor and panel reserve member) J Smith (Boyton Parish Council Sub Committee Chairperson) Donna Martyn (Cornwall Community Foundation) Prospective Panel Members: Rachel Ellacott, Fay Mann, Gerd Willets, Richard Stanbury, Phil Strout.

Apologies: Ian Rocks, Darren Ruby, Darren Humphries.

2. Jenny Smith thanked all for coming and introduced Donna Martyn from Cornwall Community Foundation (CCF) who run the grant scheme on behalf of Boyton Parish Council. Donna gave a detailed description of the role carried out by CCF and how the grant scheme works and in particular to Boyton Parish. It was resolved that although CCF were suggesting only one meeting would be required per year due to the amount of the grant available, Mervyn Law preferred to keep it at two as previously agreed. Donna explained that once a grant is approved, the successful applicant has one year to enact the grant unless there are exception circumstances. Rachel Ellacott asked what the funding could be applied to. Donna proceeded to read an extract from the present contract which outlines what the funding can be applied to. It was noted that this was not an exhaustive list.

Money from the grant fund cannot be applied for by individuals, but individuals can apply through an umbrella organisation. All requests for funding must be for the benefit of the community. Church and Chapel may apply for grants but cannot be related to religious purposes or upkeep of buildings.

Grant money can be rolled over into a second year but only for substansive reasons. E.g. insufficient applications. Mervyn Law outlined the reason for using CCF to ensure individuals within the Parish weren't responsible for selecting/rejecting grants and avoiding any possible retribution from disappointed applicants.

It was agreed that the figure for grant approval should be set at a minimum of £250 up to a maximum of £1000. The upper limit could be extended in exceptional circumstances as and if the need arose. £2500 would be made available in each 6 month period.

3.

Solar Farm Guidelines Sheet: Add "Wind "to tittle. Delete the section: "What Are The Criteria". Delete "Please note maps of each area.....within the given area.

Under the section "How much can you apply for?" Change Grants range from £250.00 to £5,000.00 to read a maximum of £1000. Delete "Grants range from £250.00 to at the panel's discretion)".

Change "Please *enclose* two signed, suitable, references:" to read One. Delete all references to two in this paragraph and insert "one".

In the section "What Happens Next" delete from the last line "and if successful".

Application Form: Add "Wind" to heading and to any further reference to "solar". Change £5000 to read £1000.

4. Mervyn Law explained the Boyton Parish Council would have two councillors on the panel alongside 3 parishioners drawn from the pool. The Parish Council had elected Mervyn Law as the Chairman and Jenny Smith as vice chair for the first 12months. After which elections would be held. All parish members present agreed to stand. It was further agreed that all present would attend the first panel meeting. The first meeting will be held in June. Donna recommended that after the first meeting, the meetings should be held in September/October and March/April. Mervyn requested that Donna attend the first meeting. Donna agreed but stated it would be in her own time and she was not sure if she would be available.

It was suggested and agreed that details of the funding should be placed on the Boyton Parish Web Site.

5. Jenny Smith thanked all for their contribution and it was agreed to hold the first meeting of the panel on June 4th 2014 at 7.30pm in Boyton Church hall.

Graham Clarke