

Community Gain Liaison Committee
For the Irishtown/Ringsend/Sandymount Catchment Area
(In association with the Dublin Waste to Energy Project)

Minutes of meeting held on the 7th July 2016 (adjourned) & 27th July 2016

Meeting: 7th July 2016 (10.30 – 13.30) Venue: Conference Room, Block 2 , Floor 2

1. Minutes of meeting held on 11th May
Agreed.
Matters Arising: None

2. Waste to Energy Report
Noted.

3. Project Grants Scheme- applications for amounts less than €100k
The Committee noted that letters have issued to all of the applicants setting out the decision taken in respect of each of the applications received. It was agreed that the Committee will deal with any follow up issues arising from any response received from applicants at the next meeting. It was also confirmed that decisions taken by the Committee on the Grants approved will be published.

4. Project Grants Scheme – applications for amounts greater than €100k
It was noted that in advance of the meeting Committee members were circulated with the following documents.
 - A copy of the Projects Grant Scheme 2016 General Conditions and Criteria for reference
 - A List of the projects requesting amounts greater than €100k
 - Copies of each of the application forms submitted/coversheets for projects requesting amounts greater than €100k.The Committee were also notified that when assessing the applications a review of the supporting documentation would be required and that copies would be available at the meeting for this purpose.

The Committee noted that the General Conditions and Criteria state that the ‘overall amount available in any year will be dependent on the balance in the fund at the beginning of each year’. The Committee further noted that as announced in the January 2016 Newsletter the overall amount of grants available this year is €5.1 million of which €277,801 was approved or approved in principle at the meeting on 11th May 2016.

The Chair opened the discussion and drew the Committees attention to the fact that the total amount applied for in the applications before them was €35 million which was way in excess of what was available for distribution.

He invited the Committee to consider the assessment process to be applied having regard to

- The General Conditions and Criteria already approved and notified to applicants.
- The fact that the amount sought or applied for was in some individual cases and overall much greater than the funds available.
- The eligibility issue for applications outside the local area and/or the extent to which applications would benefit the populations living within the area.
- The Committees desire to identify and support potential flagship projects to provide long term sustainable facilities and services to the local communities.
- Sources of other funding that might/should be available for large scale projects.

The Committee discussed all of these issues in some detail and then went through all applications in the context of the scope of the Fund and the resources available. It was agreed that supporting a few flagship projects was preferable but equally it was agreed that the Committee should try and distribute what was available as widely as possible

Rose Kenny advised that the LAIP for Irishtown/Ringsend was a DCC Plan which was agreed at Area Committee and would require sponsorship if it was to be implemented. It was suggested that a full breakdown of costs be obtained with a view to perhaps funding elements of the plan in the future

The Committee agreed that the fund could not be used for upgrades to houses/apartments. It was also agreed that the fund could not be used to clear existing or future loans. The Committee also agreed that it was not in a position to fund projects outside the catchment area in this phase of the Project Grants Scheme.

The Ringsend & Irishtown Community Centre application was then discussed. The Committee agreed to supporting the application in principle but agreed that the overall amount sought was well beyond the capacity of the fund to meet all of the objectives set out in the proposal. The Chair suggested that a discussion with RICC might be helpful and it was agreed that this should be arranged when decisions on the other applications had been considered.

The Committee then reviewed both the Railway Union and Monkstown CC applications and agreed in principle to supporting the projects but it was agreed to confirm with the applicants that the overall projects are still feasible if less than the amount sought is approved by the Committee

The Committee asked that they be notified at the same time as applicants are informed on status of grant applications.

Given the length of time the committee had spent reviewing applications, the Chair

summarised the position reached at meeting and suggested that this meeting be adjourned.

Meeting was adjourned and Committee agreed to resume on Wednesday 27th July @ 8.30 a.m.

In attendance: Peter McLoone (Chair), Mary Doolin, John Daly (Covanta), John Nolan, Mary de Courcy, Cllr. Frank Kennedy, Cllr Kieran Binchy (part of meeting), Rose Kenny (DCC), Helen McNamara (DCC)

Apology: Cllr Chris Andrews

Absent: Martina Campbell, Administrator

Minutes of meeting held on 27th July 2016

(Resumed from meeting held on 7th July 2016)

Meeting: 27th July 2016 (8.30- 12.30) Venue: Conference Room Block 1, Floor 6

The Chair opened the meeting stating that this was a resumption of the meeting held on 7th July. He summarised where the committee was with the review of the grant applications in excess of €100k. He advised that there was €4.8m available to allocate to these projects.

1. The Committee had a general discussion on eligibility and agreed that the fund would be used for projects which would benefit people living in the catchment area.
2. The Chair stated that the applications from RICC, Railway Union and Monkstown CC needed to be examined in more detail and a decision taken on the overall amount to be allocated to them. Following a lengthy discussion it was agreed that the Committee would set aside circa €2-2.5m of the available funds for 2016 for these 3 Flag Ship projects and that the remaining applications be assessed in the context of the balance of monies available i.e. circa €2.3m.
3. The Committee agreed that dialogue was required with the RICC. The Chair agreed to contact the RICC to indicate the Committee's agreement in principle to supporting the project but to inform them that the amount being sought was beyond the scope of the fund and to discuss if the fund could be used to progress an element of the overall project. John Nolan agreed to accompany the Chair if a meeting was arranged.
4. Having regard to the volume of remaining applications to be considered and amount of fund to be disbursed and the fact that these had all met the general eligibility criteria (excepting those that had been excluded at the meeting held on 7th July i.e. they were outside the catchment area, or were seeking repayment of loans or upgrading to residential properties) community representative and elected representative members offered their local knowledge on issues pertinent to the application and their relative benefit to the local community and this information formed part of the assessment and decision process. The Committee then proceeded to assess each of these applications on a case by case basis and the decisions reached are attached at Appendix A.
5. The Chair advised that all decisions made at the meeting were to remain confidential until letters issued to the applicants which would happen in August.
6. Next meeting 29th September from 13.00 – 15.00

In attendance: Peter McLoone (Chair), Cllr Kieran Binchy, Cllr Frank Kennedy, Cllr Chris Andrews (part of meeting), John Daly (Covanta), John Nolan, Mary Doolin, Mary DeCourcy, Rose Kenny (DCC), Helen McNamara (DCC)