

EAST DEVON DISTRICT COUNCIL

Report of a Meeting of the Community Fund Panel held at Knowle, Sidmouth on 5 February 2019

Present: Councillors:
Dean Barrow (Chairman)
Paul Carter
Geoff Jung
David Key

Also present: Jamie Buckley, Engagement and Funding Officer
Chris Lane, Democratic Services Officer

Apologies: Councillor:
Douglas Hull
Marianne Rixson

The meeting started at 9:00am and ended at 9.35am.

5 Notes of Meeting held on 13 August 2018
The notes of the meeting held on 13 August 2018 were accepted as a true record.

6 Eligibility Criteria for Crowdfund East Devon
The Engagement and Funding Officer reported on the eligibility criteria for the Crowdfund East Devon pilot 2018/2019.

During discussions the following points were raised:

-) Crowdfund East Devon funding is now live.
-) There would be a workshop in the Council Chamber at Blackdown House on Wednesday 13 February between 4-7pm on Crowdfund East Devon. 30 voluntary and community groups had already agreed to attend, along with Council Officers and representatives of Crowdfund UK. The Engagement & Funding Officer agreed to send an email inviting all Panel members to this event.
-) Crowdfund UK was a company commissioned by Devon County Council (DCC), Police, EDDC and other district councils to run Crowdfund Devon.
-) Applicants for funding should go to the Crowdfund UK website and fill in the application form.
-) Projects must meet a criteria where 75% of the benefits are to communities and people within East Devon.
-) If a crowdfunding applications full fund raising goals were not met then funding would not be released.
-) Applications for Crowdfund East Devon finished at the end of April.
-) Those eligible could apply for a maximum of 50% of total project costs, with a minimum of 50% of total project costs being funded from elsewhere.
-) Those eligible could apply to Crowdfund East Devon for a minimum of £2,000 and a maximum of £10,000.

RESOLVED that the eligibility criteria for Crowdfund East Devon as presented in the report, be noted.

7 Brief Guidance Notes for Councillors

The Engagement and Funding Officer reported the guidance notes for reference were as follows:

-) If the project meets the eligibility criteria it should be approved and then funded. There may be very rare cases when the Panel decide that something that seems to meet the eligibility criteria shouldn't be funded, clear reasons for this would need to be recorded.
-) Due to the timescales need for crowdfunding to work, decisions need to be made within a week to ten days. We have authority from the Council to make decisions by email in this case. Please respond to emails asking for your decisions as soon as you can but within a week to ten days.
-) The funding is allocated on a first come first served basis, once, and if, its run out Crowdfund East Devon would close.
-) To make this a success we need applications. Please publicise this funding as far and wide as you can within your Wards, to your town and parish councils and fellow Councillors.

8 Date of Next Meeting

Monday 4 March 2019 at 10am in the Axe Meeting Room, Blackdown House, Honiton.