

Funding Hub 6th Feb 2008

Pitches

Two groups pitched at the Funding Hub

1. Jura Passenger Ferry - sub group of Jura Development Trust (JDT)
2. Antlers, Jura (Tea room, craft shop, gathering point) – JDT

Attendance at the main meeting (14)

Andrew Campbell (SNH) Chair, Arlene Cullum (ABC Corporate Funding Officer), Eileen Wilson (CPP Manager), Rhona Sutherland (HIE AI, Strengthening Communities), Kerrie Redington (HIE AI, Strengthening Communities), John Davidson (Islay and Jura CVS), Glenn Heritage (Argyll and Bute Volunteer Centre), Gillian McInnes (Argyll Community Housing Association), Roanna Taylor (Argyll & Bute Young Scot/Dialogue Youth), Alison MacKenzie (A&B Education - Principal Officer, Childcare), Shona Strachan (ABC European Policy Assistant), Hughie Donaldson (Initiative at the Edge), Muriel Kupris (ABC Community Resources Manager), Margaret Fyfe (ABC Community Learning and Regeneration and Voluntary Support)

Matters Arising

Minutes of Previous Meeting (28 November 2007)

Approved with amendment by John Davidson - *11. AOCB John Davidson, Islay and Jura CVS, brought to the attention of the partnership the need for support to Argyll CVS to ensure its future and to avoid the potential loss of funding for the sector if it was not fully functioning. He agreed to pass the date of the Argyll CVS to Eileen Wilson for circulation to interested parties to be able to offer support.*

CPP European Funding

Shona Strachan explained that over the last few weeks the CPP European Steering Group have met and a report went to the CPP Management Group today. Projects to be focussed on 'Creating a Robust and Dynamic Economy' with an emphasis on third sector, volunteer and NEET agendas. Discussion also took place around provision for village halls. The guidance so far suggests that £6.75m may be available but may be as much as £11m. A more realistic planning timetable is also proposed. Papers on this topic will be posted on the CPP website.

Concerns were raised regarding match funding for European projects and how this fits with Scottish Rural Development Programme.

Action – Arlene invite Ross Lilley to Funding Hub.

Fairer Scotland Funding

Scottish government funding stream direct to local authorities bringing together different strands of regeneration in a new outcomes based package. Meetings with partners to date have been positive and based on joint working to include areas outwith the previous regeneration areas and better engagement with third sector. Funding is in the region of £860k at the moment

but potentially will grow to more than previous funding. Fits well with European funding.

BIG Applications (Lottery)

The number of Awards for All applications approved has dropped considerably this quarter. There followed a discussion on the distribution of Lottery funds.

Update on GRANTNET

None

Update from Argyll CVS AGM

Argyll CVS has lost the Admin officer based in Lochgilphead. New funding coming through so positive future for developing a service again. Some new members on the Board. The third sector team at Communities Scotland have requested a 'sensible' Business Plan.

Action Everyone is invited to feed in comments to the redraft which has a deadline of 31st March 2008.

Volunteers Centre AGM (held at the same time)

The 'Time Bank' project has now ended. New funding required and a Lottery application is in. The Time Bank project pitched at a previous Funding Hub meeting and was invited to prepare a paper for the CPP Health and Wellbeing Theme Group with the advice and guidance of Susan Dawson, ABC Health Development Officer.

Arlene to send Glenn feedback from Hub.

Future HUB Meetings

Arlene Cullum tabled a paper on the context for the Funding Hub and a discussion took place on how it might operate better. We are working in a new environment with Single Outcome Agreements including the Social Economy movement, greater emphasis on CPP, community involvement etc and a greater requirement to make more 'intelligent' decisions linked to national targets. Some of the issues raised included;

Is there methodology required to 'score' projects in a methodical manner and in order for them to carry our endorsement?

Should we be looking to pull in 'experts' for specific topics?

Eleven pitches have been delivered so far and the general feeling is that these have been successful from both sides. Many of those presenting pitches have welcomed the opportunity to 'trial run' their bids.

Action – Arlene to send round background and questions for return by 19th March 2008.

Minute

Thanks to Gillian MacInnes, ACHA for taking the minute.

Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 19th March at HIE AI Offices, Kilmory.