



Community Benefit Fund Policy

1. The Fund

- 1.1 The Community Benefit Fund arises from the contributions for two wind turbines operating in the Parish at Higher Goonamarth and Blackpool
- 1.2 The fund receives £8000 per wind turbine, RPI index inked and is paid by Clean Earth Energy to St Mewan Parish Council until 2037

2. Purpose of the Fund

- 2.1 The Community Benefit Fund will be used for projects/purchases that will primarily benefit those residing in the Parish of St Mewan.
- Projects or initiatives that will improve the local environment for the community through planting or other such enhancements.
 - Projects or initiatives that encourage physical recreation and /or the promotion of wellbeing and good health.
 - Projects or initiatives to mitigate climate change and education relating to this.
 - Projects or initiatives to support nature conservation and education relating to this.
 - Building or landscaping projects or initiatives for the benefit of the community.
 - Projects or initiatives that promote and/or involve the installation of energy efficiency measures, small-scale renewable energy projects and education relating to these.
 - Other community projects or initiatives within the Parish of St Mewan

3. Accounting Purposes

- 3.1 The income will be divided between the village of Trewoon, Sticker, Polgooth and a General Community Benefit Fund.

- 3.2 The fund is not for general use of the Parish Council e.g. For annual budgeting and precept.

4. Administration

4.1 St Mewan Parish Council reserve the right to allocate the annual fund for a specific purpose i.e., a long-term project particularly beneficial to the community.

4.2 The General Community Benefit Fund can be used at the discretion of St Mewan Parish Council which can include grant applications.

- To ensure the fund has the interest of the local residents at its core.
- St Mewan Parish Council will approve applications and award grants

5. Eligible Organisations for Grant Applications

5.1 Eligible Organisations who can apply

- Local voluntary and community groups and charities
- School Parent Teacher Associations
- Social enterprises including co-operatives, social firms, community-owned enterprises/community interest companies and development trusts provided they operate on a not-for-profit basis.

6. Exclusions

Grants will not be available for: -

- Commercial organisations
- Private membership- based sports clubs and facilities unless membership is open to the general public without undue restriction i.e. Not membership by nomination organisations
- Beneficial to one individual
- To promote religious or party-political objectives
- Retrospective funding

7. Criteria

7.1 Assessment of applications received.

- The number of residents who will benefit

- The level of community support
- How sustainable is the organisation.
- Request of a grant below £1000 one quote/estimate will be required. Between £1000 and £5000 3 written estimates/quotations to be submitted.

COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUND GRANT APPLICATION FORM

Name of Organisation:

Correspondence Address:

Contact Name:

Telephone Number:

Email:

Registered Charity? Yes/No If Yes

Charity Number:

For what purpose is the grant required?

Amount of grant required £

Who will benefit from the project?

Continue on a separate sheet if necessary.

Please note: A copy of recent bank statements of the organisation is required. Receipts may be requested.

CERTIFICATION

- I certify that the above information and the contents of the attached documents are correct at the time of applying.
- I understand that if any of the information is subsequently found to be incorrect this may lead to the organisation being disqualified from consideration and/or the withdrawal of any grant awarded.
- I agree to my organisation being bound by the eligibility criteria and any conditions set by the Parish Council.
- If successful, the Parish Council will expect the organisation to publicise the contribution made.
- To be included in any publicity and its contribution noted.
- There will also be conditions attached to any grant awarded covering how to repay the grant should it not be used as per the application form, or if the event is cancelled.
- Acceptance of any funds will be deemed to be agreement of conditions attached.
- St Mewan Parish Council reserves the right to withhold any agreed grant until such time as satisfactory invoices or evidence of the project can be presented to the council.
- The Parish Council will require a statement of how the money was used and when, within 12 months of receipt of the grant (this is a statutory requirement).

Signed

Print Name

Date

Completed application forms and supporting documents to be sent to: The Clerk of St Mewan Parish Council c/o Tre Bethan, The Chase Sticker St Austell PL26 7HL or email to clerk@stmewanparishcouncil.gov.uk

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