



Pentland Community Chest

A partnership between Balerno Village Trust and the Rotary Club of Currie Balerno

Memorandum of Understanding

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signed on 15th March 2023 describes the agreement between The Rotary Club of Currie Balerno (CB Rotary) and the Balerno Village Trust (BVT) in running the Pentland Community Chest (PCC).

Background

In 2016 The Rotary Club of Currie Balerno established the Community Chest, a scheme by which the club could give grants to local organisations.

Balerno Village Trust agreed in 2017 to establish a scheme that would allow some of the surplus from Harlaw Hydro to be used to provide small grants to local organisations.

Rather than establish and administer duplicate schemes The Rotary Club of Currie Balerno and Balerno Village Trust signed an MOU in 2017 agreeing to work together to administer the Community Chest.

Pentland Community Chest

PCC is a fund that exists to assist primarily modest, local projects which will enhance community relations, spirit and cooperation. Grants will be primarily for the benefit of organisations in the catchment areas of Balerno and Currie High Schools.

Administration

Each organisation will provide three named trustees for the PCC grant committee and the committee chair will alternate between a representative of CB Rotary and a representative of BVT.

An account for the fund showing income, expenses, grants given and projects completed will be prepared and published annually in CB Rotary Accounts.

The PCC grant committee will provide financial information to BVT and CB Rotary after each award tranche and awards made to organisations (but not their amounts) will be made public after each tranche is allocated.

Project Guidelines

Eligibility Rules and guidelines will be decided by the PCC grant committee and published in the Grant Application form.

Funding

PCC will be funded by both organisations; supplemented by sponsors and donations. The funding may not necessarily be equal amounts from each organisation. BVT commits to donating 10% of its annual core donation from the Harlaw Hydro micro-hydro project.

Publicity

In all publicity there will be recognition that this is jointly funded and administered by CB Rotary and BVT. Both organisations will publicise the fund on their respective websites and social media. No public announcements of grants will be made until all applicants have been notified of the outcome of their application.

Ending the MOU

Either party will be entitled to end the agreement by giving three months' notice to the other party that the agreement is at an end. All unpaid funding agreed up to that point will then be due for settlement.

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