Mabe Parish Council Minutes – 27 July 2023 – Extraordinary meeting

Minutes of an extraordinary meeting of Mabe Parish Council held on Thursday 27 July 2023 at 7.00pm, Mabe WI Hall, Antron Hill, Mabe.

Councillors present: Councillors: P Tisdale (Chair), K West (Vice-Chair), B Galke, R Phillips, P Simmons, T Tindle, M Wilkinson (from 7.08pm)

Minute no:	Agenda Items	
MPC23.24.112	Apologies for absence – were received from Cllr A Thomas.	
MPC23.24.113	Members' Declarations of Interests – None	
MPC23.24.114	To approve written requests for dispensation – None	
MPC23.24.115	Public Speaking – None	
MPC23.24.116	Funding application to the Community Capacity Fund	
	Members considered the motion proposed by Cllr West:	
	Motion: For the PC to agree and consent to pursue the purchase and development of the two Fields Identified in the Mabe NDP Policy[page 51 map] for community development projects and submit, as required, any and all funding applications to facilitate the same.	
	Members also considered the draft of the completed CCF application form, and supporting report from Cllr West.	
	Cllr West explained that the application to the Community Capacity Fund was seeking support to develop the concept, design and feasibility of a project to obtain and develop two fields on Antron Hill from Cornwall Council, for the parish council to develop for amenity, biodiversity, free community car parking and free community electric car charging with the benefit of solar and wind generation of electricity on the site. Members discussed the concept, noting that it had been discussed previously when the council first submitted the Initial Proposal Form seeking the devolution of the land.	
	Discussion on the draft application and covering report followed, and included:	
	 Question 15 in the application – an assurance that Cllr West had checked with the Good Growth team at Cornwall Council that the CAP7 priorities are the ones to refer to, rather than the Good Growth outcomes set out in the CCF guidance. Free car charging – is that likely to be viable? How would it work, VAT, etc. It was noted that the 'free' element was not necessary to meet the CCF funding criteria. A question was raised, whether the CCF application should include funding for developing a business plan for the scheme, this was said not to be necessary as the application covered all elements needed at this stage: concept, design and feasibility. 	

 Cllr West advised that only one company in Cornwall had been found with the availability to give an idea of the costs involved for the majority of the works and with the skillset to cover all or most aspects of the works to be included in the CCF funding application. 		
It was agreed that at this stage it was sufficient to focus on the application to the Community Capacity Fund.		
Resolved – to submit the application to the Community Capacity Fund seeking funding of £25,000 for the feasibility, design and concept detail for the devolution/purchase and development of community land.		
Agreed to endorse and note Cllr West submitting the Expression of Interest for the Good Growth fund.		
Meeting closed: 8.19pm	Signed by Chair:	