



Name of External Body		Sustainable Communities Fund
Member		Doug Jones
Date of Meeting		December 2016
Sustainable Communities Fund Information		
1	The Sustainable Communities Fund has a small budget of £20,000 for 2016/17 and makes awards ranging from £250 to £10,000 to a wide range of recipients, in a wide range of locations – often helping applicants to ‘lever in’ significant amounts of funding from other sources. A detailed presentation was provided prior to the September 2016 NPA Meeting.	
2	Grants awarded in the year to date total to approximately £43,000, drawing upon returned funding from previous years when the SCF budget was significantly higher. An increasing number of applications are now being refused.	
3	The SCF grant fund is available to community and voluntary groups, social enterprise / ‘not for profit’ organisations and ‘for profit’ organisations delivering non-profit-making projects in the National Park. Projects should contribute to policies or outcomes in the Partnership Management Plan. Organisations that are outside the National Park can be funded if they demonstrate a clear link to priorities in the National Park area.	
4	The SCF Grant Panel considers applications over £2,000 whilst smaller grants are decided by delegation to NPA officers. The Panel consists of eight people from various sectors and includes two NPA Members (Doug Jones and Pete West) along with other individuals with a variety of expertise and backgrounds. Applicants can apply for up to 50% of project costs and the remaining funding can include investment from their own organisation, other grants or contributions, and contributions in kind (including volunteer time or materials).	
Decisions made at an SCF ‘small grant meeting’ in December 2016		
1	West Meon School – a proposal to convert a neglected part of the Old West Meon Railway Station site into a nature reserve for the benefit and use of local school children. A grant of £1,500 was approved .	
2	Bespoke Biking, Winchester – a proposal to launch a programme of off-road cycle rides and supporting activity. Whilst there was support in principle for this project, a grant of £2,000 was not approved . Applicants are able to re-submit with further details / information	
3	Cuckmere Pilgrims Path – a proposal to establish the Pilgrim Path as a circular walk of about 11-14 miles taking in seven ancient rural churches in the Wealden District. Whilst there was support in principle for this project, a grant of £1,650 was not approved . The applicants are able to re-submit with further details and information.	
Related documents – e.g. reports or minutes – and / or Hyperlinks		
1	https://www.southdowns.gov.uk/care-for/supporting-communities-business/sustainable-communities-fund/	
2	https://www.southdowns.gov.uk/care-for/supporting-communities-business/sustainable-communities-fund/criteria-and-detailed-information/	
Date of next meeting		There are 2 panel meetings each year for the large SCF grant applications. The date of the next meeting is 21 March 2017.

