

# Mendennick Solar Farm Community Fund

## Funding criteria

### Fund Overview:

The Mendennick Solar Farm is committed to providing a community benefit fund for good causes local to the solar farm.

The Fund will allow groups to apply for grants. A panel will meet as required but annually to review applications.

### Project Purpose:

The fund is open to any community project which is for the benefit of residents of Millbrook Parish. The fund can provide both capital and revenue grants.

### Eligible Organisations:

Eligible Organisations, who can apply for funding include:

- Charities / voluntary, community groups
- Schools and educational establishments
- Social enterprises (including credit unions, co-operatives, social firms, community owned enterprises, community interest companies and development trusts) provided they operate on a not-for-profit basis.

Applicants need to have a written constitution, a set of rules, or a governing document and will need to have a bank or building society account with a minimum of two signatories in place before applying for a grant. However consideration will be given to groups that do not meet this criteria.

### 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 (e.g. not membership by nomination organisations)
- Projects that only benefit one individual (unless the application is received from an organisation and the project directly benefits individuals, e.g. energy saving measures such as insulation)
- Projects that are narrowly religious in focus or that support a party political campaign or cause.
- Funding core costs in organisations, e.g. running costs, administration costs, building rental costs etc.

- Retrospective funding, i.e. projects that have already been completed, whether or not already paid for
- Works considered a statutory responsibility, such as scheduled transport services, works to public highways and public car parks.

### **Judging Criteria:**

The main criteria used when assessing applications received will be:

- The social, economic and environmental benefits which will result from the project.

Other factors will also be considered which must be demonstrated in the application:

- The ability of the applicant to deliver the project
- How the work will be continued after the project has been completed i.e. its sustainability and legacy
- Value for money.

### **Application Process**

- Application forms will be made available from Millbrook Village Hall and the Parish Council website
- Completed applications can be returned to the Parish Council
- The judging panel will meet quarterly to determine applications. The frequency of meetings can be varied at the discretion of members of the judging panel.