

STANCOMBE QUARRY COMMUNITY FUND FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHY IS THERE A COMMUNITY FUND FROM THE QUARRY?

Tarmac agreed to provide a fund to contribute to local community organisations and worthy causes.

HOW LONG WILL THE COMMUNITY FUND RUN FOR?

The fund will operate whilst Stancombe Quarry is working which is currently planned until 2043.

HOW MUCH MONEY IS IN THE FUND?

Tarmac contribute 2 pence per tonne for all limestone sold from Stancombe Quarry site. With annual sales of approximately 1 million tonnes the fund would receive £20,000 every year.

WHERE IS THE MONEY HELD?

The fund monies are held by North Somerset Council and payments will be made from the fund by the Council.

WHAT CAN THE MONEY BE USED FOR?

The Community Fund will support projects within the parishes of Flax Bourton, Backwell and Barrow Gurney that improve the lifestyles of the residents within the parishes.

Projects that have clear benefits in terms of education, recreation, nature conservation and sustainability will be supported subject to the availability of funds.

CAN I APPLY FOR ANYTHING OTHER THAN MONEY?

Requests can be made for a financial contribution or a contribution in materials from the quarry. The supply of materials is to be at a commercial rate and Tarmac will provide the parish councils with an itemised list of products, prices and delivery costs at the beginning of each calendar year.

CAN ANYONE APPLY FOR FUNDING?

Grants will not be made to political parties, commercial organisations or those working for profit. Applications must meet the requirements in terms of projects within the parishes of Flax Bourton, Backwell and Barrow Gurney that improve the lifestyles of the residents within the parishes.

CAN I APPLY FOR FUNDING MORE THAN ONCE?

There is no limit to the number of applications that can be made.

HOW DO I APPLY FOR FUNDING?

Requests should be made electronically or by hard copy via the parish clerks or the Backwell Residents Association on an agreed pro forma setting out the details of the request. Funding requests must be supported by a detailed breakdown of how the monies are to be used and Tarmac reserves the right to request evidence of expenditure such as receipts.

WHERE CAN I GET AN APPLICATION FORM FROM?

Application forms can be downloaded or requested from the parish council websites and Backwell Residents Association website. Links to each website needed

HOW MUCH CAN I APPLY FOR?

There is no limit to fund applications but requests of £5,000 or less will be given priority.

WHAT INFORMATION DO I NEED TO SUPPLY WHEN ASKING FOR A CONTRIBUTION?

The fund application form identifies all the information that is required. Requests must be for clear and deliverable community benefits within the area of the three parishes.

WHO DECIDES ON HOW THE COMMUNITY FUND IS SPENT?

A Management Committee has been established to oversee the distribution of funds.

The Management Committee consists:

- Two representatives from each of Flax Bourton and Barrow Gurney parish councils.
- One representative from each of Backwell parish council and Backwell Residents Association.
- Two staff from the Operator.
- One representative of North Somerset Council.
- Funding decisions will be made democratically by the parish council and Backwell Residents Association members. Tarmac will only vote if there was an equal number of votes for any application.

HOW OFTEN DOES THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEET?

Management Committee meetings are held towards the end of March and September in each year and decisions are made at the meetings on fund applications which have been received since the previous meeting.

HOW DO I KNOW IF MY APPLICATION FOR FUNDING IS SUCCESSFUL?

Following the Management Committee meeting confirmation of the Committee's decision regarding each funding application will be made by the relevant parish council to the applicant within four weeks of the meeting including, where appropriate, the reasons for not funding any request in whole or in part.

HOW DO I RECEIVE ANY FUNDS?

North Somerset Council will issue a cheque in the agreed amount as directed by the Management Committee within four weeks of the Management Committee meeting.

HOW LONG HAVE I GOT TO SPEND ANY MONEY?

Any funding is to be spent within a maximum of 6 months of the donation taking place and must be used for the project that it was requested for. Any unspent monies are to be returned.