**Bradenstoke Solar Farm Community Benefit Fund.**

**Annual General Meeting**

**1st November 2023 – 6:00pm**

**Grants Review**

1. **Purpose of Report**

1.1 To provide members with details of the grant activity of the fund during the period 1st September 2022 to 31st August 2023

1. **Background**
   1. The fund provides grant in the parishes of Lyneham and Bradenstoke, Christian Malford, Hilmarton and Bremhill under the following criteria:

* Alleviating fuel poverty
* Developing community scale & micro renewable energy schemes
* Reducing greenhouse gas emissions
* Advancing efficiency in the use of natural resources
* Protecting or enhancing the natural environment
* Protecting or enhancing biodiversity
* Promoting environmental sustainability
* Other purpose in the interest of the community

2.2 Grants are awarded to charities and community organisations under a two-stage application process, Expression of Interest followed by a Full Application.

1. **Activity during 1st September 2022 to 31 August 2023**
   1. **Appendix 1** shows details of the grant activity since the fund was set up, and within this the above period highlighted in blue.

3.2 **Appendix 2** shows the Community First Financial Accounts for the BSPCBF.

3.3 6 projects have been approved during the period. The full applications on 5 projects are still to be received.

1. **Recommendation**

4.1 Members are asked to note this report.