**Bradenstoke Solar Farm Community Benefit Fund.**

**Annual General Meeting**

**20th October 2021 – 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 2020 to 31st August 2021

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 2020 to 31 August 2021**
   1. The table below shows details of the grant activity since the fund was set up within the above period highlighted in blue.
   2. 4 projects have been approved during the period. The full applications on two projects are still to be received.

3.3 It was decided that facilities in the funding area would again be invited to apply for some financial relief with regard to difficulties experienced because of Covid 19, and were offered £1,000 per facility. These facilities are listed below. 16 groups took advantage of this fund. This meant the fund spent £16,000. When you include the admin fee for Community First, this equated to £17,600.

1. **Recommendation**

4.1 Members are asked to note this report



