



Glenkens & District Trust

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Trustees

Trustee	Date acted (if not for whole year to 31 August 2020)	Name of body entitled to appoint Trustee (if any)
Caroline Pridham	Resigned 22 June 2020	Corsock and Kirkpatrick Durham Community Council
Des Hadnett		Balmaghie Community Council
Graham West	Resigned 30 June 2020	Dalry Community Council
Richard Middleton		Crossmichael and District Community Council
William Dickson		Corsock and Kirkpatrick Durham Community Council
Denise MacDonald Kiernan		Balmaclellan Community Council
Allan Todd	Resigned 29 September 2020	Dunscore Community Council
Alistair Nelson	Appointed 8 August 2019 Resigned 25 November 2019	Parton Community Council
Rosalind Hill	Appointed 15 October 2019	The Royal Burgh of New Galloway and Kells Parish Community Council
Fiona Smith		
Paul Hodson	Appointed 25 November 2019 Resigned 11 March 2020	Parton Community Council
Craig Millar	Resigned 14 October 2019	The Royal Burgh of New Galloway and Kells Parish Community Council
Thomas Marshall	Appointed 9 June 2020	Parton Community Council
Julie Garton	Appointed 20 July 2020	Corsock and Kirkpatrick Durham Community Council
Andrew Mellor	Appointed 1 July 2020	Dalry Community Council
Gavin Creaney	Appointed 29 October 2020	Dunscore Community Council

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Recruitment and appointment of trustees

Other than the Chairman the current Trustees were appointed by their respective Community Councils. There has been considerable change in the Trustees over the year, but all Community Council Members have appointed Trustees. Fiona Smith was first appointed by the Trustees to be a Trustee and Chairman on 19 November 2018.

Governing document

The charity is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO)

Charitable purpose

The organisation's purposes during the year being reported on were:

- 1 To advance citizenship and community development by distributing Wind Farm Community Benefit money and other grants (e.g. from any government, commercial or charitable source with which the Trust has had discussions and for which the Trust is acting as agent to distribute funds for qualifying projects and activities), to local groups, organisations, or individuals according to criteria and need as defined from time to time for projects (Economic, Employment, Educational, Environmental, Social Well-being) that will benefit local communities within the Glenkens and or the adjacent Community Council areas.
- 2 The advancement of environmental protection or improvement, including the preservation or conservation of the natural environment or particular parts of it and the promotion of sustainable development. "Sustainable development" means development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.
- 3 The prevention or relief of poverty including preventing those who are poor from becoming poorer, as well as preventing those who are at risk of being poor from becoming poor.

At the Annual General Meeting on 9 December 2020 members agreed to a new Constitution including these amended purposes :

1. to advance citizenship and community development by distributing Wind Farm Community Benefit money and other grants to local groups, organisations or individuals according to criteria and need as defined from time to time, as well as commissioning and providing funding for

projects that will benefit local communities within the Community Council Areas,

2. the advancement of environmental protection or improvement including the preservation or conservation of the natural environment or particular parts of it and the promotion of sustainable development. “Sustainable development” means development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs, and
3. the prevention or relief of poverty including preventing those who are poor from becoming poorer, as well as preventing those who are at risk of being poor from becoming poor.

Activities & Achievements

The year ended August 2020 has seen GDT build on the work carried out in the previous year and has been very busy for all involved.

The following have been the key areas of focus

- Blackcraig Wind Farm Community Fund
- Community Action Plan
- Constitution and Governance
- Potential wind farm developments.

Blackcraig Wind Farm Community Fund

Blackcraig Wind Farm Community Fund (the Fund) is provided by Blackcraig Wind Farm (Scotland) Ltd from its Blackcraig wind farm. The Fund is administered by Foundation Scotland which processes all monies paid to or by the Fund. The role of GDT is to decide on how the Fund is used. GDT has a Memorandum of Understanding with Foundation Scotland setting out their respective responsibilities.

The purpose of the Fund is to help our communities be even better places to live, work and visit for people of all ages by becoming more connected, strong, creative, inclusive, healthy and long-lasting.

In line with this purpose, we have an agreed Fund Strategy which informs our decisions on the allocation of monies from the Fund.

During the reporting year we completed two open award processes from the Fund as well as opened an Emergency Fund to address COVID 19 issues. In our first round of grant making in October 2019 we awarded over £191,000 to 26 community groups across the wider Glenkens and District area. In the second round in May 2020, we awarded £99 792 to 12 community groups.

When the pandemic started, we set up a COVID Emergency Fund to address immediate need and distributed £5 429 from it, as well as £500 to each of the eight Community Councils in the Main Fund to use as they deemed necessary to address any issues in their area. Full details on the awards are on the Blackcraig Wind Farm Community Fund website and in the Annual Report produced on the Fund.

Community Action Plan

We worked with Community Enterprise to complete the work on the Community Action Plan. We held successful and well attended public meetings in December and February and had nearly completed the report when we all went into lockdown.

As that situation evolved, we took time to discuss and develop a way forward for the Community Action Plan that would reflect the input we had already received, as well as enabling us to consider how things were changing as a result of our experiences during COVID-19. The documents were finalised at the end of the reporting year and were in two parts: a Research Report into community context and priorities; and an Action Plan for delivering on these priorities.

The Research Report includes information on the area, along with the inputs we had received during the consultation which it was felt would be of use to groups making any funding applications. The Action Plan sets out clear goals with underpinning values and principles.

We would like to thank CARES and Blackcraig Wind Farm (Scotland) Ltd for providing the funds to complete this element of the work, and Community Enterprise for their collegiate and supportive approach.

While GDT facilitated the production of this Action Plan it has been created by the community for the community. We want to ensure that this approach is carried forward in the next steps. Therefore, at the end of this reporting year we are moving into the set-up phase as we recognise that, to make this Plan effective, we need to ensure that identified priorities get delivered whilst also ensuring that the Plan evolves to meet the changing needs of the community.

Constitution and Governance

Supported by Turcan Connell, a firm of solicitors with expertise in this area, we reviewed our legal structure and constitution to ensure it is fit for purpose, meets our needs and conforms to best practice.

We completed this review during the reporting year and concluded that we should continue as a two tier Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation but that a new Constitution was required. The key changes to the Constitution are that it allows individuals and organisations to become non-voting

Associate Members; sets out clearly the manner in which each Community Council member can appoint a Trustee as well as discharging its membership responsibilities; gives the ability for up to five Independent Trustees to be appointed; and brings other provisions into line with best practice.

Approval for these changes was obtained from the Scottish Charity Regulator and our members after the end of this reporting year.

We also reviewed our governance arrangements, training and processes, and are taking steps to evolve and develop these to reflect the increasing demands on GDT and the Trustees.

Potential new wind farm developers

While being extremely careful not to discuss the merits or otherwise of any development, during the year we have maintained a positive dialogue with other potential wind farm developers in our area in order to set out the rationale for Glenkens & District Trust being used for any future community benefit payments in the event of a wind farm being developed. We have also kept the developers informed about the Community Action Plan.

Conclusion

This has been a very busy year for GDT and its Trustees. We would like to thank Blackcraig Wind Farm (Scotland) Ltd for continuing to fund the Blackcraig Wind Farm Fund which is making a difference across our community; our Community Council Members for their continued support; the wider community for their engagement with us and in particular their positive support for the Community Action Plan; and last, but not least, Foundation Scotland staff for their hard work and good nature during a very strange, demanding and difficult year.

Trustee Remuneration and expenses

The Trustees did not receive any remuneration during the period nor were any expenses reimbursed.

Reserves

The only expenditure during the year was matched with grant funding and the unrestricted balance in the Bank Account remaining at the year-end was £348.38.

The independently examined Accounts are attached.

Approved by the Trustees on 18 January 2021 and signed on their behalf


Fiona Smith (Acting Administrator)

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Glenkens & District Trust (SC042489)

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st August 2020 which are set out overleaf.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The Charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (d) of the Accounts Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under section 44(1) (c) of the Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeks explanations from the trustees concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - 1.a. to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 44(1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations, and
 - 1.b. to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations have not been met, or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: Stephen T Davie

Name: Stephen T Davie

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Date: 28/12/2020

INCOME & EXPENDITURE FOR Glenkens & District Trust (SC042469)
1/9/2019 to 31/8/20

Income			
Grants	£4,191.53		£291.50
			£3,996.00
Total Income	<u>£4,191.53</u>	Total Expenditure	<u>£4,287.50</u>
Balance of Bank Account @ 1/9/2019	£139.88	Invoices remaining unpaid @ 31/8/2020	(£304.47)
	<u>£4,331.41</u>	Balance of Bank Account @ 31/8/2020	£348.38
			<u>£4,331.41</u>