



Glenkens & District Trust (SC042489)

Report from meeting of Trustees – September 2021

The focus of the September meeting was on the following areas:

Next Funding Round Dates

We agreed that the Fund would open for applications on Friday **1st October** with a deadline for applying of Monday **10 January 2022**. Decisions will then be made by mid-March 2022. The amount available for awards will be around £110,000. There is a small amount of work to do to update the Fund Strategy to provide more guidance on what is needed to support applications, particularly where they are seeking to install energy efficiency measures in their buildings and this is all well in hand. These dates will be promoted in social media etc and as always there will be the opportunity to speak to the team at Foundation Scotland to get support and guidance on what is required.

Celebratory Event

We have now firmed up on Saturday 6 November 2021 for an event to celebrate what the organisations awarded monies have achieved as well as to enable them to share experiences and learning with other community organisations. This will be in Dalry Town Hall and will include a screening of the Town Hall's short film about the Pentland Rising (which the Fund co-funded with Galloway Glens Landscape Partnership). The idea is to have an informal session with plenty of time for people to drop in and to mix and discuss topics of interest. Foundation Scotland will be there to answer any questions and queries on the funding process.

We want both grantees and potential applicants to attend and would strongly encourage your members to attend.

Community Action Planning

Work continues on the Glenkens & District Community Action Plan with the various projects in this set up phase progressing. The findings from these projects will assist in the evolution of the CAP and the projects set out in it.

A feedback session has taken place on the Asset Work done by Corsock Village Hall Committee and next steps are being developed. Work is also in hand to develop a proposal to take forward some work on Theme 4 of the CAP on A Carbon Neutral Community. The initial focus is likely to be an information, advice, and advocacy hub to help people access appropriate guidance and support. The COVID Learning Report has been received and

feedback sessions are being arranged. The Feasibility Study relating to Child Care across the area from SKS is close to being finalised. It is also clear from recent feedback that housing provision across the area is an increasing priority and the Trust is currently considering what it can usefully do to stimulate community development in this area.

Finally, once the Executive Manager in Glenkens Community & Arts Trust Ltd is appointed we will work with them to clarify each organisation's CAP roles and responsibilities and map out partnership working. This will also involve how we transition the leadership of the CAP from GDT to GCAT.

We recently had a very useful meeting with Moniaive Initiative to gain a better understanding of what they do to support their community and its community organisations. They are also currently reviewing their Community Action Plan. We are interested in the role community anchor organisations play right across the area of benefit as, gaining a better understanding of this, will assist us to better understand how we could invest in them to secure positive outcomes and maximum value for our communities as a whole.

Fund Statement

We reviewed the Fund Statement prepared by Foundation Scotland to inform us on the monies received, awarded, repaid and therefore available for new awards. The available fund balance was £179,685. Some of these monies have been ringfenced in order to enable work on the CAP projects to continue and, in these still uncertain times, to ensure the Trust has some monies available in reserve for any applications that might come in under the urgent funding criteria. The budget is reviewed at each Board meeting. We have therefore indicated that around £110,000 will be available for the next funding round.

New Trustees

We were delighted to receive an application from Matthew Shedden for the independent trustee role and we are now progressing to make a formal appointment. Matthew is originally from Crossmichael and remains closely connected with the area. Matthew is at the start of his career as an analyst with an investment manager and we are delighted to see a younger demographic and the Glenkens diaspora represented on the Board. There are still two independent trustee positions available, and we welcome applications from interested individuals. Information is on this link: tinyurl.com/gdtrecruit.

Potential further developments

We continue to engage with wind farm developers with plans in our area. We, as always, are very careful to take no stance on the merits or otherwise of the development. Our role is to discuss community benefit arrangements when/if a development is consented and commissioned, and we engage on this basis. We do however feel it is important to engage early to ensure that if the development proceeds that the community is well placed to make use of any community benefit payments. We spent some time looking at the potential pipeline of developments, their status in the consent process and approach to community benefit arrangements. Attached is a short summary of the pipeline setting out estimated timelines etc.

This indicates that there is potentially a 25-year flow of funds of > £1m per annum coming into our communities and this is a major responsibility for all involved. We agreed that we would aim to support an approach that enables as much of our community's energy as

possible to go into focusing on the outcomes of the community benefits i.e. What can this transformative level of funding do for our communities and how do we achieve that effectively? This is an important topic for us to consider and to engage on with the wider community. We are therefore planning to commence some work on this as a precursor to further engagement with our Members and the wider community to ensure we collectively build consensus on our approach.

Out of Cycle Award

An out of cycle award was made to Crossmichael Memorial Parish Hall of £18,515 to contribute to the costs of improving drainage around the hall in order to prevent further water damage.

Areas of focus over the next quarter

As highlighted above we plan to do some detailed work to progress how we address the potential pipeline of community benefit payments, and we will be seeking input on these in due course.

The GDT year end was 31 August 2021 so at our November meeting we plan to sign this off and make arrangements for our AGM in early January. Please note that the GDT year and the Fund year are two separate financial years. The Fund Annual Report produced by Foundation Scotland can be viewed on our new website

<https://www.glenkenstrust.org.uk/funding>

On the CAP we anticipate that time will be spent discussing and agreeing future Community Action Plan arrangements with GCAT.

Finally, we will also deliver and review how the celebratory event on 6 November went to ensure we learn what went well and not so well to inform future meetings. If your CC has any ideas about the content of this event, those would be very helpful.

Pipeline of possible wind farms

2022	Statkraft (>Greencoat)	Windy Rig
2023	Falck	Mochrum Fell
2024	Fred Olsen Renewables	Windty Standard 3
2025	EDF	Troston Loch
2026	Energie Kontor	Glenshimmeroch Margree Cornharrow Fell Gargrogo
2027	Vattenfall	Quantans Hill Whiteneuk

2022 Statkraft

Site: Windy Rig

Capacity: 48 MW

Community Benefit: £216k pa (across 9 Community Council areas)

Current Consent Status: All consented and construction nearly complete Estimated commissioning date: October 2021 (Payments start 6 months later)

2023 Falck

Site: Mochrum Fell

Capacity: 29.4MW

Community Benefit: £147K pa

Current consent status: Falck Renewables lodged an Appeal for Non-Determination to the Planning & Environmental Appeals Division of the Scottish Government in relation to the Mochrum Fell Wind Farm. The planning application comprises 7 x 149.9 m tip turbines, access tracks, borrow pits, substation, anemometry mast and is approximately 4 km north of Parton near Castle Douglas. Following submission of the planning application for Mochrum Fell to Dumfries & Galloway Council in October 2020, the project application had not been determined to date and therefore Falck lodged an Appeal for Non-Determination on 20th July to secure greater certainty on the timetable for a decision. The application will now be determined by the Scottish Government's Directorate for Planning and Environmental Appeals (DPEA). No timescale has been issued for the appeal however based on previous appeal timelines they would hope it would be determined by either the end of this year or start of next.

Estimated commissioning date (if approved) : Earliest would be summer 2023 but this is dependent on getting consent to enable construction to start next summer. There is a 12- month construction period.

2024 Fred Olsen Renewables

Site: Windy Standard 3

Capacity: 67.5MW

Community Benefit: In line with Good Practice

Current Consent Status: Consent granted 23 March 2021 Estimated commissioning date: 2024

2025 EDF Renewables

Site: Troston Loch

Capacity: 67.2MW

Community Benefit: £336k pa

Current Consent Status: S.36 consent granted in December 2020.

They're still working with other developers in approaching a joint access route to sites and are looking to bid the project into the upcoming CFD auction, which has been pushed back to early 2022. Until these are clarified they will not be deciding on the project. Estimated commissioning date (if it proceeds): Earliest date is October 2025

2026 Energie Kontor

Site: Glenshimmeroch

Capacity: 36MW

Community Benefit: £180k pa

Current consent status: Consent granted after Appeal but amendments being sought to blade sizes from D&G Council. They needed to submit a new planning application for this. This variation application has been appealed and is currently being considered by the DPEA. They anticipate a decision by the end of 2021.

Estimated commissioning date (if approved): 2026

Site: Margree

Capacity: Up to 50MW

Community Benefit: In line with good practice. The Good Practice Guidance from the Scottish Government would say that this is therefore up to £250k pa.

Current consent status: The planning application to D& G Council was validated on 4 February 2021 and EK have appealed to the Scottish Government for non-determination by the Council within the statutory 16-week period from application. They anticipate a decision in early 2022

Estimated commissioning date (if approved):2026

Site: Cornharrow

Capacity: 38.4MW

Community Benefit: £192k pa

Current consent status: Original application refused Sept 2019. EK applied for revised wind farm which validated 19 February 2020.

EK appealed to the Scottish Government as a result of the non-determination by the Council within the statutory 16-week period from application and this was approved on appeal in June 2021. EK has very recently submitted a further application to increase the heights of the turbines from 150m to 180m and remove the most contentious turbine, making it a 7 turbine project.

Estimated commissioning date (if approved): 2026

Site: Fell Farm

Capacity: Up to 50 MW

Community Benefit: In line with good practice. The Good Practice Guidance from the Scottish Government would say that this is therefore up to £250k pa.

Current consent status: Application submitted to D&G Council on 29 January 2020 and validated on 19 February 2020. EK have appealed to the Scottish Government for non- determination. The reporter is in the process of writing up his decision, and EK anticipate this being determined within the next month or two

Estimated commissioning date (if approved): 2026

Site: Garcrogo

Capacity: Up to 50 MW

Community Benefit: In line with good practice. The Good Practice Guidance from the Scottish Government would say that this is therefore up to £250k pa.

Current consent status: The planning application was submitted to Dumfries and Galloway Council on 22 February 2021 and validated on 24 March 2021. This is still with the council for consideration. EK will be submitting further information to the council in due course to address some of the comments that have been raised by consultees.

Estimated commissioning date (if approved): 2026

2027 Vattenfall

Site: Quantans Hill

Capacity: They have indicated they are reducing the turbines from 21 to 14 but we still await information on the new MW of the site.

Community Benefit: In line with Good Practice.

Current Consent Status: They are finalising their application for s 36 consent to the Consent Unit at the Scottish Government

Estimated commissioning date (if approved): 2027

Site: Whiteneuk

Capacity: They have indicated that they are reducing the number of turbines from 35 to 27 and information on the new MW is still awaited

Community Benefit: In line with Good Practice

Current Consent Status: They are finalising their application for s 36 consent to the Consent Unit at the Scottish Government

Estimated commissioning date (if approved) ;2027