



GLENKENS & DISTRICT TRUST (SC042489)

Reporting from meeting of Trustees – July 2022

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

It was noted that the Chair was on leave and had circulated a report by email ahead of the meeting. This included an update on the Windy Rig arrangements. Following internal discussions, Glencairn Community Council has chosen to retain their allocation of the Windy Rig community benefit fund for the local fund, rather than include this within the wider Glenkens and district area fund managed by GDT. GDT will discuss the issues this presents at a future Board meeting as it has ramifications for the creation of a pooled Glenkens and District fund and whether all communities should have full access to this.

Trustee Recruitment

There remain vacancies on the Glenkens & District Trust (GDT) Board for a Trustee from Dalry Community Council, along with three independent Trustee vacancies. It was noted that there remained an aspiration to maintain a gender balance on the Board and to attract people of working age to trusteeship, and a recruitment drive to this end will take place after the summer period.

Community Action Plan (CAP) steering group update

The CAP Steering Group has not met since the GDT May Board meeting, however a verbal update on activity was provided and it is evident that there is currently a significant amount of activity being delivered across the different priority areas. The Steering Group will publish its own report on this in due course.

We are pleased to learn that Glenkens Community and Arts Trust (GCAT) has successfully appointed to two posts which will support GCAT Executive Manager with co-ordination and implementation of the Community Action Plan.

Foundation Scotland update

Foundation Scotland reported that the Fund balance was £31,410.67 at the last Board meeting and was now £248,185.66 due to the annual payment now having been received from Blackcraig Windfarm Scotland Limited (BWFSL).

As a result of the payment being received, the Community Council small grants offers have now been made. There remain some completion reports from last year still outstanding, which is a condition of release of this year's payment; Foundation Scotland is following up with these Community Council directly.

The Foundation Scotland grant management system is currently unavailable for access until the week commencing Monday 18th July 2022. This closure was communicated to all existing Fund grantees and also advertised on the GDT site and Facebook page.

Upon resumption, a new grant management system will improve grantee, applicant, and decision maker experience, including a function to retain repeat applicant data, which will save time when applying to the fund.

Education and Training (E&T) fund framework

Progress on the implementation of a ring-fenced Education and Training fund was made. This fund is designed to support local residents to help them access training and education opportunities. The initial allocation to the sub fund is £20,000; with day to day management delegated to Foundation Scotland. The aim is to open the Fund in late August – more information will be available in due course.

Awards

One out of cycle was made during this meeting:

1. Glenkens Community and Arts Trust (GCAT), to create a freelance fixed term role with a remit to create and facilitate a Glenkens Community Assets Network over the next two years, £19,976.

Areas to focus over the next quarter

As highlighted in our May update, we will work with Foundation Scotland to take forward work on the development pipeline. We will finalise the arrangements for Windy Rig including working closely with Carsphairn to achieve this. We will promote dates for the Fund Closing and the launch the new Education and Training Fund.