



Glenkens & District Trust (SC042489)

Report from meeting of Trustees – July 2021

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

Next Funding Round

Following a discussion on appropriate timing etc we want to confirm that there will be a second round of funding made available from the Blackcraig Wind Farm Community Fund this fund year, reopening in October and closing for applications in January 2022. We do not anticipate any changes to Fund Strategy or Priorities; however, there may be some small changes to the supporting information and to the application form. The precise dates and confirmation of sums available will be announced in mid-September.

Fund Reporting

In the late Autumn we are also planning to produce a celebratory Fund Impact Report with information on awards made to date and the outcomes from them. This will be followed by a celebratory event to bring together recipients of awards to celebrate their awards and to share learning and experiences.

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, allowing for upcoming Community Council payments, at 20 July 2021 was £197,068.

Community Action Plan

Work continues on the 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.

The CAP Steering Group has spent considerable time considering the appropriate monitoring and oversight arrangements on the CAP to ensure that they are effective. This included consulting with the local community organisations that act as 'community anchors' about how this could best be done. As a result of this work and consultation, as reported below, a grant of £19,000 has been awarded to Glenkens Community and Arts Trust Limited to contribute to the costs of a new senior role in GCAT. GCAT were awarded funding from South of Scotland Enterprise and combining the two awards plus their own resources enables GCAT to create a post which, as part of the role, will help move forward the issue of

how to provide appropriate leadership and oversight of the CAP, ensuring it is community owned and not rigidly identified with GDT, which as a fund distributing body is committed to resourcing and enabling community development in the Glenkens.

Once the person is in post, we will work with GCAT to clarify each organisation's CAP roles and responsibilities and map out partnership working.

New Trustees

We have announced the start of the process to recruit three further Trustees. Information is on this link: tinyurl.com/gdtrecruit and on Facebook at [glenkenstrust](https://www.facebook.com/glenkenstrust)

Potential further developments

We continue to engage with wind farm developers with plans in our area. As you will be aware, GDT was asked by Vattenfall, which is developing two wind farms locally at Quantans Hill and Whiteneuk, to consult its membership and respond to the Draft Community Development Strategies relating to them. We have consulted and submitted responses. At this stage, Vattenfall is seeking to create headline local priorities that will help shape community benefits, should either development be consented. 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 engaged on this basis.

Awards and Extensions

The award to GCAT for £19,000 referred to above was made.

We have granted an extension to Dunscore Gala Committee to reflect the delay of the Gala due to the Covid restrictions.

The payments to the Community Councils for their micro grants will be made by the end of the month. If you have any questions about these please contact Suzy or Karen at Foundation Scotland on communitybenefit@foundationscotland.org.uk