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Trustees

Trustee	Date acted (if not for whole year to 31 August 2019)	Name of body entitled to appoint Trustee (if any)
Caroline Pridham		Corsock and Kirkpatrick Durham Community Council
Des Hadnett		Balmaghie Community Council
Graham West		Dalry
Richard Middleton		Crossmichael and District Community Council
William Dickson		Corsock and Kirkpatrick Durham Community Council
Denise MacDonald Kiernan	Appointed 29 April 2019	Balmaclellan Community Council
Allan Todd	Appointed 18 February 2019	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
Fiona Smith	Appointed 19 November 2018	
Paul Hodson	Appointed 25 November 2019	Parton Community Council
Ian Mair	Resigned 28 November 2018	Balmaghie Community Council
Alan Rumble	Resigned 11 April 2019	Balmaclellan Community Council
David MacIsaac	Died 21 July 2019	Parton Community Council
Craig Millar	Resigned 14 October 2019	The Royal Burgh of New Galloway and Kells Parish

Contact Address

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Recruitment and appointment of trustees

Other than the Chairman the current Trustees were appointed by their respective Community Councils. Fiona Smith was first appointed by the Trustees to be a Trustee and Chairman on 19 November 2018. She was reappointed at the Annual General Meeting during the year.

Governing document

The charity is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO)

Charitable purpose

The organisation's purposes are:

- 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 comprising 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. □

Activities & Achievements

The year ended August 2019 has been a year of considerable change and development for The Glenkens & District Trust. Following the appointment of Fiona Smith as a Trustee and Chairman in November 2018 the Trustees carried out a full review of activities and focus. As a result, its key focus was to be appointed as the decision maker in relation to the community benefit payments arising from Blackcraig Wind Farm. This involved numerous discussions, meetings and correspondence with Temporis Capital Ltd who led the negotiations on behalf of Blackcraig Wind Farm (Scotland) Ltd. The Trustees were delighted in April 2019 that the decision was made that Foundation Scotland, a national grant making charity, would administer the fund and decisions on awards would be made by The Glenkens & District Trust. The Fund Strategy, Fund Factsheet and application forms were developed and finalised during May and the Fund launched on 1 June 2019. The closing date for applications for this round was 23 August 2019 and at that date 39 eligible applications had been received. Following the year-end these applications were assessed and decisions on awards made.

The Trustees were delighted with the quality of the applications from a wide range of organisations across the area.

Dunscore Community Council joined the Trust in April 2019.

Another area of focus was the work done by Stewarty Council of Voluntary Service (SCVS) on preparing a Community Action Plan and how this work should be taken forward. All the data gathered by SCVS was obtained and, after full discussion, it was agreed that a line should be drawn under the work SCVS had done to date. Following a tender process Community Enterprise have been appointed to take forward this work.

There was still a small balance from the CARES grant for this work available and Local Energy Scotland have agreed the balance can be used to complete the work Blackcraig Wind Farm (Scotland) Ltd have also agreed to contribute to the costs.

The Trust has also agreed with its Community Council members the allocation of accountabilities re engagement with wind farm developers as between GDT and the individual Community Councils as follows

Task	Community Council	The Glenkens & District Trust
Provide views and respond to scoping studies and consent applications re wind farms	YES	NO
Attend Community Liaison Groups to provide input and views on proposals, construction methods, access, impact on local community	YES	NO
Attend Community Liaison Groups to discuss terms of community benefit arrangements	NO	YES

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 remained at the year end was £139.88.

The independently examined Accounts are attached.


Approved by the Trustees on 7.1.20 and signed of their behalf

Fiona B Smith.

Fiona Smith (Acting Administrator)

Receipts and payments for year ended 31 August 2019

Cash in bank as at 1 September 2018	£ 139.88
Monies received from CARES	£ 5750.50
Payments made to SCVS	£ 5750.50
Cash in bank as at 31 August 2019	£ 139.88


Reviewed and found correct from information supplied
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