



**GLENKENS**  
& District Trust

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# Annual Report & Accounts

2021-2022

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# Introduction



## About the Glenkens & District Trust

In 2011 some forward-looking residents of the Glenkens established the Glenkens & District Trust (GDT) to create a community-owned and led vehicle to receive community benefit funds which the community was anticipating receiving in due course.

A number of years and a number of owners later, in 2019 the Blackcraig wind farm site was constructed and finally began to provide the community benefits originally discussed almost a decade earlier.

GDT currently works in partnership with fund distributing charity Foundation Scotland to deliver the Blackcraig Wind Farm Community Fund. However, based on the current volume of local wind farm planning applications, it is anticipated that further developments may come on stream. Glenkens & District Trust aims to operate as an open and transparent community-led organisation, working across our collective communities towards the mutual goal of securing long-term benefit from all onshore renewable developments in the area.

With this in mind, since 2018 GDT has been progressing a range of activity focused on ensuring that any community benefit funds coming into the area can be maximised for the long-term, including commissioning the development of the Glenkens & District Community Action Plan.

This Annual Report provides an update on our activities in the year to 31st August 2022.

We are pleased to present yet another busy and productive year. In particular, we would underline our goal of working collectively to secure best outcomes. We particularly thank Carsphairn, Dalry and New Galloway Community Councils for the approach taken by them to the community benefits derived from the Windy Rig Wind Farm which will come into effect next year.

I would also like to thank my fellow GDT trustees, Members and Associate Members for their support and Foundation Scotland for the expertise they bring to the work of the Trust.

Chair, Glenkens & District Trust



# Who We Are

## Our Mission

As a fund distribution body our role is to **resource, enable and stimulate community development** in the Glenkens and surrounding communities, defined as the Community Council areas of Balmaghie, Balmaclellan, Carsphairn, Corsock & Kirkpatrick Durham, Crossmichael & District, Dalry, Dunscore, Glencairn, the Royal Burgh of New Galloway & Kells Parish and Parton.

## Our Purpose

Our goal is to ensure community benefit funds coming into our area provide long-term benefit to our local communities, through good stewardship and partnership working

## Governing Document

Glenkens & District Trust is Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO) with the charity number SC042489. Our governing document is our constitution which was last amended on 9 December 2020.

We hold regular meetings of trustees and communicate openly on what is discussed at these meetings. We have in place relevant policies and guidance to ensure we have an effective governance framework. Details can be found on our website [www.glenkenstrust.org.uk](http://www.glenkenstrust.org.uk)

## Charitable Purposes

The purposes of the Trust as set out in our governing document are:

- 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,
- 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
- 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.

# Who We Are

## Trustees

GDT's membership comprises the Community Councils in our area of operation that choose to join. Each of the Member Community Councils can nominate a trustee and we can have up to five independent trustees. The Constitution requires the person nominated by each Community Council Member to be either a member or associate member of that Community Council and requires the Community Council to take into account any role description/skills matrix provided in making that nomination. This has been provided as part of the Members' Handbook available on our website.

Trustees can, by two thirds majority, appoint an independent trustee based on their skills, experience, background, profession, expertise, and any other relevant factors. During the year the role of independent trustee has been promoted locally with a pack setting out the requirements being freely available and applications sought.

### Trustees

William Dickson  
Appointed by Corsock and Kirkpatrick Durham Community Council

Julie Garton until January 2022  
Independent

Des Hadnett until September 2022  
Appointed by Balmaghie Community Council

Rosalind Hill until September 2021  
Appointed by The Royal Burgh of New Galloway and Kells Parish Community Council

Denise MacDonald Kiernan  
Appointed by Balmaclellan Community Council

Thomas Marshall  
Appointed by Parton Community Council

John McGaw from September 2021  
Appointed by The Royal Burgh of New Galloway and Kells Parish Community Council

Andrew Mellor until May 2022  
Appointed by Dalry Community Council

Richard Middleton  
Appointed by Crossmichael and District Community Council

Geoff Monk from September 2022  
Appointed by Balmaghie Community Council

Morag Paterson from July 2022  
Appointed by Dalry Community Council

Matthew Shedden from September 2021  
Independent

Fiona Smith  
Independent

Graham Walker  
Appointed by Dunscore Community Council

### Trustee Remuneration

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

# What we delivered this year

## 1

### **Resourcing and enabling community development activities**

- We agreed awards from Blackcraig Wind Farm Community Fund, enabling numerous organisations to deliver projects and services to meet community need. You can read the full Fund Annual Report produced by Foundation Scotland on our website.
- We revised and updated the Fund Strategy to ensure we address changing circumstances and to provide more clarity for applicants.
- We launched an Education and Training Fund providing bursaries which support access to education and training opportunities.
- We commissioned a Housing Needs and Demand Assessment covering our area of operation in response to this issue being prioritised in the Community Action Plan.
- We agreed arrangements for the implementation of the Glenkens & District Community Action Plan (CAP) to be led by the Glenkens Community & Arts Trust Ltd, with oversight from a strengthened CAP Steering Group. This enables GDT to focus on our key purpose as a fund distribution body.

## 2

### **Positive partnership working**

- We built on our existing relationships with Members, who have actively supported taking a collective approach across the area in pursuit of best outcomes for all our communities when considering the pipeline of developments in the area.
- We consulted with our Members to enable us to respond in detail to consultations with wind farm developers on community benefits.
- We built relationships with local community anchor organisations to understand their community priorities to enable us to reflect these in fund priorities.
- We continued to work positively in partnership with Foundation Scotland who bring a wealth of experience from their work across Scotland.
- We held a second successful briefing session with local Elected Members to communicate GDT's aims and objectives.

# What we delivered this year

## 3

### Maximising funds for long term benefit

- We maintained regular contact with the numerous developers across the area to ensure a good understanding of our approach and the way we work across the area
- We co-ordinated and submitted detailed responses to consultations on community benefit arrangements by various developers.
- We kept abreast of how community benefit arrangements are evolving, drawing on the expertise and experience of Foundation Scotland .
- Working with Foundation Scotland, we secured a move from a year to year to a fixed four-year community benefit arrangement with Blackcraig Wind Farm (Scotland) Ltd.
- We agreed arrangements in relation to the Schroders Greencoat Windy Rig wind farm, which will result in an additional £54,000 per annum being available for distribution across our fund area, for the lifetime of that wind farm.

## 4

### Keeping our communities up dated

- We enhanced the content on our website and Facebook page, aiming to make information easily accessible.
- We made reports available from every board meeting within one week of our meetings, circulated to our Members and posted on the website, aiming to make information open and transparent.
- We supported Foundation Scotland to prepare Blackcraig Wind Farm Community Fund 2019-2021 Update Report, available on our website.
- To celebrate and share the learning from the Fund to date we held an open event in Dalry Town Hall which was attended by grantees and potential applicants, other funders, specialist support organisations and local development trusts.
- We produced and circulated our Newsletter to Members and Associate Members

# Our year in pictures

## FUND PRIORITIES


**Priority 1: A Connected Community**  
This supports activity which helps us to become more connected, for example through projects which promote effective communication, collaboration, sharing of information, skills and assets and which bring people together.

**Priority 2: An Asset Rich Community**  
This supports activity which aims to make best use of our assets - people, the natural and built environment - and sustaining them for the future. For example this could include affordable housing or energy efficient their development; projects which enable people to share skills, knowledge or heritage; supporting biodiversity or improving access to the landscape.

**Priority 3: An Economically Flourishing Community**  
This supports activity which maximises our ability to flourish economically, ensuring equity of access to services, and promoting the sustainable best use of our assets.

## BLACKCRAIG WIND FARM COMMUNITY FUND

UPDATE REPORT  
OCTOBER 2019-2021



Readers accurate

Foundation Scotland

## GLENKENS & DISTRICT TOWN

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS UPDATE  
SUMMER 2021

**WELCOME FROM THE CHAIR**

Welcome to our first Update and thank you for joining this important meeting. Through Associate Membership, our Associate Members (AMs) strengthen their relationship with the District Trust (DDT) and help us to better understand the needs of our local community. Your input is essential to our success and we look forward to your feedback on our content is welcome.

*Fiona Sweeney*

**LATEST BLACKCRAIG AWARDS**

The latest round of grant-making from the Blackcraig Wind Farm Community Fund took place in January. The Fund has supported a wide range of projects across the area. Trustees were pleased to see that the Fund was once again able to support so many important local projects across the area. Trustees were aware that 2021 has remained challenging for many groups trying to develop projects and were delighted to see such a diverse range of initiatives coming forward in this round. There will be a second round of funding available in this fund year and deadlines in mid September, with a closing date of sometime in January 2022.

Community Councils in the area of benefit have also recently been issued with their 'Small Grants' offer letters. These small grants are to be used at the discretion of the Community Council towards one or more charitable projects that will benefit the community. Some Community Councils operate their own grants scheme and others select projects for investment. Contact your local Community Council direct to find out more.



## BLACKCRAIG WIND FARM COMMUNITY FUND

# CELEBRATING & LEARNING DROP IN

FIND OUT MORE ABOUT HOW THE FUND IS BEING USED  
MEET SOME FUNDED PROJECTS & SUPPORT ORGANISATIONS

**SAT 6TH NOV**  
**10AM - 1PM**  
**DALRY TOWN HALL**

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## GLENKENS & DISTRICT TOWN

### EDUCATION & TRAINING FUND

## FUND FOR INDIVIDUALS

**EDUCATION AND TRAINING BURSARY FUND AVAILABLE NOW - APPLY ANY TIME**



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# Annual Accounts

## Policy on Reserves

As the Trust does not employ staff or own assets, the Trust's policy is not to hold any significant level of reserve. The only expenditure during the year was met from restricted funds as disclosed in the accounts for year ended 31 August 2021. At the year-end there was £348.38 unrestricted funds. While this balance is minimal the Trustees do not anticipate this being a material issue as it incurs little, if any direct costs.

## Income and expenditure for the period ended 31 August 2022

INCOME	
No income received in period	£0.00
EXPENDITURE	
Costs associated with the Community Action Plan	£4,560.00
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	
	(£4,560.00) <sup>1</sup>
MOVEMENTS IN BANK ACCOUNT	
Opening Balance	£4,908.38
Deficit for period	£4,560.00
Closing balance	£348.38

## Notes to the Accounts

1. While a deficit is shown this was a payment from restricted funds previously disclosed and was used in accordance with the restriction on the funds. Glenkens & District Trust incurs little if any direct costs as its key role is as decision maker on funds held and managed by Foundation Scotland.

## Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Glenkens & District Trust

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2022 which are set out on page 7.

### 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 (as amended).

The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (d) of the 2006 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 2006 Accounts Regulations. 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 any 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

(a) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 44(1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations

have not been met, or

(b) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:



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Date: 22nd November 2022

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