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ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP

ABOUT US

Glenkens & District Trust (GDT) is a Scottish Incorporated Charitable Organisation established in 2011. As a fund distribution body our role is 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, St John's Town of Dalry, Dunscore, Glencairn, the Royal Burgh of New Galloway & Kells Parish and Parton.

We currently make decisions on Blackcraig Wind Farm Community Fund grant awards. Based on the current volume of local wind farm planning applications, it is anticipated that further developments may come on stream over the next five years. Our goal is to ensure community benefit funds coming into our area are maximised for the long-term benefit of the local communities, through good stewardship and partnership working. Therefore since 2018 GDT has been progressing with a range of activity in support of this objective, including commissioning the development of the Glenkens Community Action Plan.

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Community Councils (as an entity) form the GDT membership, which is different to being an Associate Member. Each member Community Council nominates a Community Councillor to serve as a Trustee on the Board of GDT and additionally there can be up to five independent Trustees. In addition to their nominated Trustee, each member Community Council can send one or more representatives to general meetings, and these representatives can vote (one vote per member Community Council).

Current Members are the following Community Councils: Balmaclellan • Balmaghie • Corsock & Kirkpatrick Durham • Crossmichael & District • St John's Town of Dalry • Royal Burgh of New Galloway & Kells Parish • Parton

As well as these Trustees and Members we also have Associate Membership. Associate Members are different to Members and have no voting rights – they can be individuals, institutions, organisations and bodies who support and wish to engage with the work of GDT. They will receive regular updates on the work of GDT and opportunities to engage.

This structure preserves the fundamental role of Community Councils while widening membership in a practical way ensuring the wider community can get involved with and stay up to date with the activities of GDT without having to be community councillors, trustees or grantees - this reflects a desire of GDT to be accountable to the wider community and to ensure a sense of community ownership of the valuable resource that community benefit monies represent.

You can view our Constitution and the Rules & Regulations for Associate Members at tinyurl.com/gdtgovernance

HOW TO JOIN

Overleaf you will find some FAQs about Associate Membership and an application form. You can complete this form electronically by filling in the boxes and then clicking Submit. Or you can Save As PDF and return by email attachment- or you can print out page 3 and send it to us by post. If you have any questions please contact us on info@glenkenstrust.org.uk. A fully accessible version of this form is available on request.



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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Associate Membership is open to any individuals, institutions, organisations and bodies who support and wish to engage with the purposes of the Glenkens & District Trust. You do not have to be a resident in the area.

HOW DO I JOIN?

Applicants should complete and return the Application Form attached. In accordance with normal practice, Associate Membership applications are subject to approval by the Board of Trustees. The Trustees will review applications for Associate Membership and promptly notify the applicant of their decision thereafter. The Trustees may, at their discretion, refuse to admit any person or organisation as an Associate Member.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF BEING AN ASSOCIATE MEMBER?

For the duration of membership, you will receive regular updates from GDT and an invitation to the Annual General Meeting. You will be able to speak and to ask questions at any of these meetings and the Trustees see this as an important mechanism for GDT to understand what is important to the wider community. Only the Community Council Members are eligible to vote on any formal business.

WHAT IS REQUIRED OF ASSOCIATE MEMBERS?

There are no formal requirements, but we hope that Associate Members will engage with the work of GDT, support us in meeting our objectives as well as feel able to challenge us on our actions. We welcome questions on any subject and all we ask is that any issues are raised in a constructive and courteous manner.

HOW COULD ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP COME TO AN END?

An Associate Member can give notice to terminate their Associate Membership at any time and their name will be promptly removed from the Register of Associate Members. Associate Membership is not transferable and, in line with our Constitution, membership come to an end on death of an individual or in the event of the organisation ceasing to exist for any reason. In addition, Associate Membership can also be terminated by a resolution of the Trustees if they consider that it is in GDT's best interests that the Associate Membership is terminated.

SMALL PRINT

The Trustees can at any time amend the above rules and regulations, and will notify Associate Members promptly if this occurs. From time to time the Trustees will ask by email if individuals or organisations wish to remain as Associate Members and will also confirm contact details held. If an individual or organisation does not confirm they wish to remain an Associate Member, their name will be removed from the Register of Associate Members.



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ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

YOUR CONTACT DETAILS

Name	<input type="text"/>
Organisation and Job Title (if applicable)	<input type="text"/>
Address Line 1	<input type="text"/>
Address Line 2	<input type="text"/>
Village/Town/City	<input type="text"/>
Postcode	<input type="text"/>
Contact email	<input type="text"/>
Contact telephone	<input type="text"/>

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP DECLARATION

Please tell us why you want to become an Associate Member of Glenkens & District Trust:

// we support the purposes of Glenkens & District Trust (delete as appropriate)

DATA PROTECTION

We will hold your details on our Register of Associate Members. The information you have supplied will be used for the purpose(s) for which you have provided it. This data will be maintained in accordance with the GDPR and the Data Protection Act 2018 and will not be passed on or sold to any other organisation without your prior approval, unless there is a legal requirement to do so. To help keep costs down we'd like to keep in touch by email with updates on our work, Fund awards and news. You can opt out at any time.

Yes, please keep me in touch with occasional emails (please check you've given your email address above)

No, please don't send me these emails

PLEASE RETURN TO....

**Please return to info@glenkenstrust.org.uk or by post to GDT, registered address:
Glenkens & District Trust, Balmaclellan House, Balmaclellan, DG7 3PW**