



Glenkens & District Trust (SC042489)

Report from meeting – February 2024

We met virtually on 6 February for a Trustee meeting. The key focus for this meeting was to review what had happened since our last meeting and to carry out some key governance activities.

Update

It has been a relatively quiet period with little to report. We have been advised that a number of the different developers with interests in the local area have met to discuss matters of common interest and that this was a positive meeting. We continue to engage with all developers in the area and to monitor the status of the various proposal.

We have been advised that EDF has sold Troston Loch Windfarm Development site to Vantage RE Ltd and have been in contact with the new owners.

We have just received a draft Community Benefit Agreement from Red Rock Power covering Benbrack Windfarm and will seek to get this agreed and finalised. No monies are anticipated until at least 2026.

The Chair had a call with the team in the Department of Energy and Net Zero who are looking at proposals for community benefit arrangements in relation to transmission infrastructure developments. They were interested to find out more about our experience and approach as there are common issues for both wind farms and transmission lines. The need to keep the community at the heart of any decisions was emphasised. It was agreed that we would keep in touch.

Grant Making Report

We reviewed the Grant Making Report prepared by Foundation Scotland noting uncommitted funds, pending transactions and available balances. We also discussed and reviewed the End of Grant final monitoring reports to assure ourselves on how the awards were utilised. We also discussed some common themes arising from these reports including a number of environmental education projects, instances of building

improvements driving increased community use and that provision of benefit to early years projects was evident in this batch of reporting.

Annual Report and Annual General Meeting.

We reviewed and agreed the Annual Report and Accounts and authorised these to be finalised, signed and filed with OSCR (Office of Scottish Charities Regulator). This year we have included more information in relation to awards made to give more insight into our activities and the impact they are having. We hope our members and Associate members will find this additional information useful.

Our Annual General Meeting will be held at 7 pm on 12 March 2024 in The Smiddy in Balmaclellan and the Notice of Meeting will go out shortly. If you want to attend and are not an Associate Member, we encourage you to join by completing the form on our website at <https://www.glenkenstrust.org.uk/get-involved> .

Next Funding Deadline

Just a reminder that the Fund has now updated its identity to become the Glenkens & District Community Fund, and the former Blackcraig Fund arrangements have been folded into this. The application processes and fund priorities all remain the same.

We would also remind potential applicants, as set out in the Report from our September meeting that, having now set twice yearly fund application deadlines, the eligibility for 'Out of Cycle' awards has been tightened . These are now only available in an emergency situation.

The next deadline for applications is 19 March 2024. As always, the Foundation Scotland team are available to support you and community groups and answer queries. You can contact by email on grants@foundationscotland.org.uk or to talk to the Fund Advisers Emma or Suzy, you can telephone 07912 759 623. Foundation Scotland will also be doing fund deadline promotion in the coming weeks and arranging some online 'drop in' times where people can book slots to discuss potential application. We encourage contact as this can save you time and effort in completing the application form as we appreciate that they require a considerable amount of information.

Areas of focus over the next quarter

We will continue our work to ensure we evolve as an organisation to meet the challenges we face and to engage with other groups and regional and national bodies as appropriate.

We will negotiate the Agreement with Red Rock Power Ltd.

We will continue to liaise with developers.

We will prepare for the Annual General Meeting .