



## Meikle Carewe Wind Farm Community Fund

RES has established a community fund which will see more than £20,500 available to support local community projects every year during the lifetime of the Meikle Carewe Wind Farm. The fund is administered by Kincardine & Mearns Area Partnership (KMAP), and managed by a decision making panel made up of members of the local Community Councils in the area covered by the fund.

The community fund is open to applications from groups and projects which benefit the communities living in the following Community Council areas:

- Crathes, Drumoak & Durris
- Newtonhill, Muchalls & Cammachmore
- North Kincardine Rural
- Portlethen & District
- Stonehaven & District

The first round of the fund opened for applications on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2013 for a three month period, closing 30<sup>th</sup> November 2013. A total of 29 applications were received in this period, requests for funding which met the funding criteria totalling £58,187.53 (see appendix 1; funding per Community Council area, appendix 2; total funding applications).

Applications were distributed to the Decision Making Panel members for consideration prior to the Decision Making Panel meeting on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2013. Applications which met criteria of the fund were broken down into the geographic areas. There was an aspiration to split 75% of the fund equally between the five Community Council areas, if applications meeting the criteria were received to enable that to happen. This year the fund was distributed between only four of the Community Council areas as there were no applications from Portlethen & District which fully met the funding criteria.

All applicants were informed by letter of the outcome of their funding application. Successful applicants must report back to KMAP within twelve months or whenever the project is complete, whichever is soonest.

Successful applications were received from a wide range of community projects. The following grants were awarded;

- Friends of Durris - £3680 – *for the creation of a new pond, board walk, planting of native flora and educational resources.*
- Newtonhill Bettridge Centre - £1885.53 – *funding to set up a fortnightly soft play activity.*
- Skateraw Hall Committee £4759 – *funding to upgrade the heating system.*
- Maryculter Driving for Disabled £1000 – *to support the upkeep of one of its horses.*
- Maryculter Community Hall Association £800 – *funding to support the painting of the hall and changing rooms.*
- 1st Maryculter Scout Group £550 – *to purchase new heaters for the hall.*
- South Deeside Under 5's £2000 – *to purchase safety equipment.*
- Friends of Cookney Hall £1525.47 – *funding for a new heating system.*
- Stonehaven Horizon Project £800 – *to purchase barrels and flowers to decorate historic buildings in Stonehaven.*
- Stonehaven Running Club £500 – *to provide First Aid cover for the 2014 Stonehaven Half Marathon.*
- Stonehaven & District Talking Newspaper £1000 - *to purchase new memory sticks and microphones.*
- Mearns Community Radio £2,000 – *to fund a new portable FM recording studio.*

## Points for Future Consideration

KMAP has reviewed the administration of the Meikle Carewe Wind Farm Community Fund for 2013.

The fund successfully attracted a large number of applicants, which on the whole met with the Terms and Conditions as laid out. Communication with community groups and projects worked well, the timing of Press Releases was appropriate. The Funding Panel have a number of recommendations they would like to implement prior to the next funding round in 2014;

- Opening the fund earlier in the year, this would avoid the busy festive period for both fund panel members and applicants.
- Rewording of "What Will Not Be Funded," to clarify those religious objectives which will not be funded. A number of applications came from this sector.

## Financial Report

Attached is the end of project account for Meikle Carewe Wind Farm Community Fund, appendix 3.

*Kincardine & Mearns Area Partnership would like to extend their thanks to the five Community Councils involved in the funding process, in particular, the Decision Making Panel members. Also, to Rachel Anderson, RES, for her support throughout this process.*

## Appendix 1

### Meikle Carewe Funding Applications, per Community Council Area

Community Council	No. of Applications	Value of Applications
Various	3	£7705
Stone haven & District	8	£19578
North Kincardine	6	£7080
Newtonhill, Muchalls & Cammachmore	3	£7144.53
Portlethen & District	2	£13000
Crathes, Drumoak & Durriss	1	£3680
	23	£58187.53

Note: Six further applications were received which did not meet Community Fund Guidelines.

## Appendix 2

### Meikle Carewe Wind Farm Community Fund Applications

Applicant	Amount Requested	Awarded
Friends of Durris	£3680	£3680
Newtonhill Bettridge Centre	£1885.53	£1885.53
Skateraw Hall Committee	£4759	£4759
Maryculter Driving for Disabled	£1000	£1000
Maryculter Community Hall Association	£800	£800
1 <sup>st</sup> Maryculter Scout Group	£550	£550
South Deeside Under 5's	£2000	£2000
Friends of Cookney Hall	£2000	£1525.47
Stonehaven Horizon Project	£800	£800
Stonehaven Running Club	£500	£500
Stonehaven & District Talking Newspaper	£1000	£1000
Mearns Community Radio	£3000	£2000
NESCU	£3705	-
St. James Church	£3600	-
Stonehaven & District Radio Car Club	£400	-
Stonehaven & District Angling Association	£2778	-
Stonehaven Tennis Club	£5000	-
Stonehaven & District Choral Society	£1500	-
Open Air in the Square	£5000	-
Cookney Church Youth Cafe	£730	-
Porthlethen & District Community Council	£10,000	-
Porthlethen Sports Club	£3000	-
Newtonhill Out of School Club	£500	-
Porthlethen & District Vol. Ambulance	£2500	-
CLAN	£830	-
Fetteresso Church	£5000	-

Maryculter Senior Citizens	£960	-
Maryculter Woodlands Trust	£6173	-
Portlethen Academy	£1500	-

Appendix 3

End of project Funding Account

	Aug 13	Sep 13	Oct 13	Nov 13	Dec 13	Jan 13	Feb 13	Mar 13
<b>Income</b>	20500							
<b>NCHA</b>						1885.53		
<b>Maryculter Hall</b>						800		
<b>Talking Newspaper</b>						1000		
<b>Horizon</b>						800		
<b>Cookney hall</b>						1525.47		
<b>Friends Dorris</b>						3680		
<b>Driving for Disabled</b>							1000	
<b>Deeside Under 5's</b>							2000	
<b>Running Club</b>							500	
<b>Skateraw</b>							4759	
<b>Maryculter Scouts</b>							550	
<b>Mearns Radio</b>								2000
<b>Sub Total</b>						9691	8809	2000
<b>Balance</b>						10809	2000	0