



Meikle Carewe Wind Farm
Community Fund

REPORT
2015



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In 2013 RES established a community fund which made £20,500, index linked, available to support local community projects every year during the 25 year lifetime of the Meikle Carewe Wind Farm. A decision making panel, made up of members of the Community Councils in the area of benefit, meet annually to distribute the fund. Kincardineshire Development Partnership (KDP) administration the fund on behalf of RES.

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 total fund for 2015 was £37,860.34. This was made up from underspend in 2014 of £7,908.15; £18.38 returned from a group; the general community fund of £21,537.81; £8,396.00 unclaimed money from RES's Local Electricity Discount Scheme (LEDS).

The third round of the fund opened for applications on 1st July 2015 for a three month period, closing on 30th September 2015. A total of 24 applications were received in this period requesting funding of £72,534.13 (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 panel meeting on Wednesday 11th November 2015. 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 funding went to all five areas.

The policy to only consider applications which met all criteria on the evening i.e. planning permission in place, quotes and accounts on the table, which was adopted after the 2013 round, worked well with less ambiguity about applications on the night.

£24,375.00 worth of funding was agreed with £13,485.34 carried forward to next year as there were not sufficient applications received which fully met all the criteria.

All applicants were informed by letter of the outcome. Successful applicants must report back to KDP 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:

- Durriss Scottish Womens Institute - £250.00 – *for a projector & screen*
- NCHA Bettridge Centre - £2980.80 – *for soft play equipment*
- Maryculter Driving for the Disabled – £12,00.00 – *for upkeep of horses*
- Lairhillock School Parent Council - £3075.00 – *for picnic benches*
- Maryculter Friendship Club - £1000.00 - *for bus trips*
- Maryculter Woodlands Trust - £1260.00 – *for signage*
- Portlethen Community Basketball Club - £961.00 – *for training qualifications*
- Portlethen & District Mens Shed - £3810.00 – *for grounds work*
- Stonehaven Tennis Club – £150.00 – *for tennis balls*
- Stonehaven Folk Festival - £295.00 – *for printing flyers*
- Stonehaven Business Association - £1000.00 – *for printing brochures*
- Woodend Arts Ltd - £1920.00 – *for improved signage*
- Durriss Indoor Bowling Club - £900.00 – *for equipment, trophies & prizes*
- 1st Drumoak Scouts - £4000.00 – *for safety equipment*
- Drumoak & Durriss Community Group - £1574.00 – *for development of newsletter*



Cllr Carl Nelson and KDP
Chairman Paul Melling
presenting Award
Certificate and Cheque
to the representative
from Stonehaven
Business Association

Points for Future Consideration

- The fund successfully attracted a large number of applicants, which on the whole met with the terms and conditions of the fund. Communication with community groups worked well and the timing of press releases was appropriate. There were however fewer applications this year and therefore more publicity should be considered next year.
- As professional fees are viewed in the same light as salaries, it was agreed by the panel to add this into the funding criteria so as not to cause any confusion in the future.
- There were some applications which did not include adequate financial detail. It was agreed that only a signed detailed income and expenditure statement would be accepted.
- The panel were asked to consider including the Mearns Community Council area into the area of benefit. This proposal was rejected.



Cllr Carl Nelson and KDP Chairman Paul Melling presenting Award Certificate and Cheque to the representative from the Portlethen Mens Shed

Financial Report

A spreadsheet is attached (Appendix 3) detailing the end of year accounts for the Meikle Carewe Wind Farm Community Fund.

Kincardineshire Development Partnership would like to extend their thanks to the five Community Councils involved in the funding process and to Rachel Anderson from 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 Received	Value of Awards Made
Stonehaven & District	6	£8,790.00	£1,445.00
North Kincardine	4	£6,650.00	£6,535.00
Newtonhill, Muchalls & Cammachmore	3	£11,980.80	£2,980.00
Portlethen & District	5	£30,771.00	£4,771.00
Crathes, Drumoak & Durris	6	£14,342.33	£8,644.00
	24	£72,534.13	£24,375.00



Cllr Carl Nelson and
KDP Chairman Paul
Melling presenting
Award Certificates
and Cheques to
representatives of
Lairhillock School
Parent Council
And 1st Drumoak
Scouts

Appendix 2

Meikle Carewe Wind Farm Community Fund Applications

Applicant	Amount Requested	Amount Awarded
Stonehaven Folk Festival	£695.00	£295.00
Stonehaven Business Association	£1000.00	£1000.00
Stonehaven Tennis Club	£1350.00	£150.00
Maryculter Driving for the Disabled	£1200.00	£1200.00
Maryculter Friendship Club	£1000.00	£1000.00
Maryculter Woodlands Trust	£1375.00	£1260.00
Lairhillock School Parent Council	£3075.00	£3075.00
NCHA Bettridge Centre	£2980.80	£2980.00
Portlethen Community Basketball Club	£961.00	£961.00
Portlethen & District Mens Shed	£3810.00	£3810.00
Woodlands Arts Ltd	£3710.00	£1920.00
Durriss Indoor Bowling Club	£900.00	£900.00
1 st Drumoak Scouts	£4000.00	£4000.00
Drumoak & Durriss Community Group	£1574.00	£1574.00
Durriss Scottish Women's Institute	£250.00	£250.00
Stonehaven Town Partnership	£2745.00	-
Stonehaven Tolbooth Association	£2500.00	-
Stonehaven Half Marathon	£500.00	-
Jubilee Hall	£4000.00	
Portlethen Parish Church	£7000.00	-
Newtonhill & District Bowling Club	£5000.00	-
Playground Improvement Project	£15,000	-
St Ternan's Scottish Episcopal Church	£4000.00	-
Royal Deeside Railway Preservation Society	£3908.33	-
TOTAL	£72,534.13	£24,375.00

Appendix 3

End of Year Accounts for the Meikle Carewe Wind Farm Community Fund

Account 10608361 - Meikle Carewe Windfarm Community Fund

1st April 2015 - 31st March 2016

	Apr-14	May-14	Jun-14	Jul-14	Aug-14	Sep-14	Oct-14	Nov-14	Dec-14	Jan-15	Feb-15	Mar-15
Balance b/f	7,908.15											7,908.15
Income		21,537.81	8,414.38									29,952.19
Sub-Total	7,908.15	21,537.81	8,414.38	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	37,860.34
Grants Awarded	Cheque											
S'haven Business Assoc	157											1,000.00
Drumook & Durris C G	148											1,574.00
Lairhillock S P Council	151											3,075.00
S'haven Tennis Club	159											150.00
Durris Indoor Bowl Club	149											900.00
1st Drumook Scouts	146											4,000.00
Durris SWI	150											250.00
Maryculter Driving for Disabled Group	152											1,200.00
NCHA Bettridge Centre	147											2,980.00
Portlethen Mens Shed	156											3,810.00
Maryculter Friends Club	154											1,000.00
Woodend Arts Ltd	160											1,920.00
Portlethen Basketball Ct	155											961.00
Maryculter Woodlands Trust	153											1,260.00
S'haven Folk Festival	158											295.00
Sub Totals	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	24,375.00
Balance C/F	7,908.15	21,537.81	8,414.38	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-24,375.00	13,485.34