



## Meikle Carewe Wind Farm Community Fund

REPORT  
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In 2013 RES established a community fund which will make more than £20,500 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 local Community Councils in the area covered by the fund, meet annually to distribute the fund. At the end of the 2014 round of funding, Kincardineshire Development Partnership (KDP) took over the administration of the community fund from Kincardine & Mearns Area Partnership (KMAP).

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 2014 was £34,166.50. This was made up from the general community fund of £21,012.50 plus £13,154.00 unclaimed money from RES's Local Electricity Discount Scheme (LEDS). The second round of the fund opened for applications on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2014 for a three month period, closing on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2014. A total of 21 applications were received in this period requesting funding of £75,902.35 (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 12<sup>th</sup> November 2014. 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. Again, 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 fund criteria.

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.

£7,908.15 was carried forward to next year as there were not sufficient applications received this year which fully met all the criteria.

All applicants were informed by letter of the outcome of their funding application. 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 Kirkton Hall - £3500.00 – *for tree felling*
- Drumoak & Durriss Playgroup - £116.00 – *for sensory play equipment*
- Newtonhill Out of School Club – £1516.00 – *for outdoor play area equipment*
- Muchalls Village Association - £2150.78 – *to upgrade heating in hall*
- NCHA/Bettridge Centre - £2240.50 - *for replacing fire doors*
- Friends of Cookney Hall - £633.00 – *for replacement tables*
- Maryculter Driving for Disabled £1000.00 – *to support the upkeep of one horse.*
- Maryculter Friendship Club - £1000.00 – *towards coach hire for outings*
- Stonehaven Festival & Events – £6,092.07 – *for platform for the disabled*
- Stonehaven Golf Club - £910.00 – *for new driving nets*
- Stonehaven Thistle Cricket Club - £2950.00 – *for a lawn mower*
- Exercise After Stroke - £400.00 – *3 month costs of instructor for exercise*
- 1<sup>st</sup> Stonehaven Scout Group - £3500.00 – *for a new kitchen in scout hall*



### Points for Future Consideration

- 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 worked well and the timing of press releases was appropriate. The Funding Panel requested that next year they are given a longer period of time to look at the applications before the panel meeting.
- One community group has had an application rejected twice because the Decision Making Panel did not feel their constitution demonstrated an open unbiased membership process. The need for groups to have an open membership process should be made clear in the funding criteria.
- One community group in the 2013 round did not spend their award on the items requested in their application form but instead requested to spend the money on something different. It was agreed that as per the fund criteria, if awards are not spent on the specific items requested, the monies should be returned to the community fund. This would not eliminate the group reapplying for the funds the following year for the items they now wanted to purchase.
- Award certificates were presented to successful applicants at a KDP EGM in February 2015. It was felt to be a very useful publicity event for the community fund. In future years certificates along with cheques will be presented at a similar event.

### Financial Report

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

*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.*



Rachel Anderson from RES presenting Award Certificates to:

- Stonehaven Golf Club
- Maryculter Friendship Club
- Drumoak & Durris Playgroup
- NCHA/Bettridge Centre
- Newtonhill Out of School Club
- Maryculter Driving for the Disabled

Appendix 1

Meikle Carewe Funding Applications, per Community Council Area

Community Council	No. of Applications	Value of Applications
Various	1	£2424.00
Stonehaven & District	7	£31242.07
North Kincardine	3	£2633.00
Newtonhill, Muchalls & Cammachmore	5	£16907.28
Portlethen & District	2	£13580.00
Crathes, Drumoak & Durris	3	£9116.00
	<b>21</b>	<b>£75,902.35</b>

Appendix 2

Meikle Carewe Wind Farm Community Fund Applications

<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Amount Requested</b>	<b>Awarded</b>
Durriss Kirkton Hall	£3500	£3500
Drumoak & Durriss Playgroup	£116	£116
Newtonhill Out of School Club	£1516	£1516
Muchalls Village Association	£2150.78	£2150.78
NCHA/Bettridge Centre	£2240.50	£2240.50
Friends of Cookney Hall	£633	£633
Maryculter Driving for the Disabled	£1000	£1000
Maryculter Friendship Club	£1000	£1000
Stonehaven Festivals & Events	£9892.07	£6092.07
Stonehaven Golf Club	£910	£910
Stonehaven Thistle Cricket Club	£6000	£3200
Exercise After Stroke	£400	£400
1 <sup>st</sup> Stonehaven Scout Group	£3500	£3500
Drumoak Durriss Community Group	£5500	-
Newtonhill & District Bowling Club	£10000	-
Chapelton Community Group	£1000	-
Lairhillock School Parent Council	£3000	-
Jubilee Community Hall	£10580	-
Stonehaven Folk Festival	£540	-
Stonehaven & District Sea Cadets	£10000	-
Stonehaven & District Angling Assoc	£2424	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£75,902.35</b>	<b>£26,258.35</b>