



St John's Hill Wind Farm Community Fund

REPORT
2022

REV established a Community Fund for St John's Hill Wind Farm which receives £12,950 per year (index linked) available to support local community projects during the 25-year lifetime of the wind farm. The ownership of the Wind Farm has now transferred to Quintasenergy. The fund is administered by Kincardineshire Development Partnership (KDP) and managed by a decision-making panel made up of members nominated by the local Community Councils in the area of benefit, a KDP nominated representative plus a representative from Quintasenergy. The community fund is open to applications from groups and projects which benefit the communities in the following Community Council areas:

- Arbuthnott
- Catterline, Kinneff and Dunnottar

The fund opened for applications on 1 January 2022 for a three-month period, closing on 31 March 2022.

Applications were distributed to the Decision-Making Panel members for consideration prior to the panel meeting on 3rd May 2022. Applications which met the criteria of the fund were broken down into the two geographic areas. 8 applications were received, 3 from Arbuthnott and 5 from Catterline, Kinneff and Dunnottar with a total requested £15,218.43.

The policy to only consider applications which met all criteria on the evening i.e. planning permission, quotes, accounts, and constitutions on the table worked well.

All 8 groups received an award, with £15,218.43 worth of funding agreed. £19,234.77 was carried forward to 2023. See appendix 1 for a complete list of applicants and breakdown of funding awarded.

All applicants were informed by email/letter of the outcome. Successful applicants must report back to KDP within twelve months or whenever the project is complete, whichever is soonest.

Applications were received by a range of community projects. The following grants were awarded:

Arbuthnott Community Association - £1,475.00 – Hall Maintenance
Arbuthnott Community Council - £1,012.58 – Platinum Jubilee Commemorative Project
Friends of the Grassic Gibbon Centre - £1,763.97 – Dishwasher
Catterline Community Church - £2,000.00 – Chairs & tables
Catterline Scottish Women’s Institute - £671.88 – laptop, projector & screen
Kinneff Old Church Preservation Trust - £3,000.00 – Honours of Scotland booklet
Kinneff & Catterline Parish Hall - £750.00 - Platinum Jubilee Commemorative Project
St Philip’s Episcopal Church - £3,545.00 – Historic stained-glass repairs

Points for Future Consideration

The administration of the St Johns Hill Wind Farm Community Fund for 2022 was reviewed by the decision-making panel.

The panel discussed the amount of money unallocated after the successful applicants were awarded funding, and agreed that the Fund should be promoted more extensively in future years. Specifically, the Arbuthnott Community Council should be encouraging community groups in their area to apply.

It was also agreed, moving forward, marketing materials should state the actual amount of money available in the Fund rather than the original annual contribution, as has been the case until this point.

Conclusions

All applicants received their awards by bank transfer once the Acceptance Form was signed and returned.

Financial Report

The 2021-22 Financial Account for St John’s Hill Wind Farm Community Fund can be seen in Appendix 2.

Kincardineshire Development Partnership would like to extend their thanks to the two Community Councils involved in the funding process who are represented on the Decision-Making Panel. Also, the Quintasenergy for their support throughout this process.

Appendix 1: St John's Hill Wind Farm Community Fund - All Applications Received in 2022

Applicant	Amount Requested	Awarded
Arbuthnott		
Arbuthnott Community Association	£1475/00	£1475.00
Arbuthnott Community Council	£1012.58	£1012.58
Friends of the Grassic Gibbon Centre	£2763.97	£2763.97
	£5251.55	£5251.55
Catterline, Kinneff & Dunnottar		
Catterline Catterline Community Church	£2000	£2000.00
Catterline Scottish Women's Institute	£671.83	£671.83
Kinneff Old Church Preservation Trust	£3000.00	£3,000.00
Kinneff & Catterline Parish Hall	£750.00	£750.00
St Philip's Episcopal Church	£3545.00	£3545.00
	£9966.88	£9966.88
Total	£15,218.43	£15,218.43

Appendix 2 – Annual Accounts

Please note that as the 2022 fund did not close until 31st March 2022, the grants were not allocated until May 2022 and therefore the payments will show in next year's accounts. The funding awards shown below are for the 2020-21 allocation of grants.

Account 18082164 - St Johns Hill Windfarm Community Fund													
1st April 2021 - 31st March 2022													
	Apr-21	May-21	Jun-21	Jul-21	Aug-21	Sep-21	Oct-21	Nov-21	Dec-21	Jan-22	Feb-22	Mar-22	Total
Income													
In Bank	£37,658.68												
Annual Payment										£16,783.90			£16,783.90
Returned unspent grants													£0.00
Sub-total	£37,658.68	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£16,783.90	£0.00	£0.00	
Grants Awarded													
Kinneff Old Church Preservation Trust		£5,000.00											£5,000.00
Catterline Coastal Rowing Club		£516.98											£516.98
Arbuthnott Bervie Kinneff Church		£2,420.00											£2,420.00
Catterline School Parent Group		£3,455.09											£3,455.09
Friends of the Grassic Gibbon Centre		£4,288.95											£4,288.95
Friends of the Grassic Gibbon Centre		£1,698.36											£1,698.36
Arbuthnott Community Council		£2,610.00											£2,610.00
													£0.00
Sub Totals	£0.00	£19,989.38	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	
Balance C/F	£37,658.68	£17,669.30	£17,669.30	£17,669.30	£17,669.30	£17,669.30	£17,669.30	£17,669.30	£17,669.30	£34,453.20	£34,453.20	£34,453.20	