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St John's Hill Wind Farm Community Fund

REPORT
2023

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 (should they choose to attend). 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 2023 for a three-month period, closing on 31 March 2023.

Applications were distributed to the Decision-Making Panel members for consideration prior to the panel meeting on 26th April 2023. Applications which met the criteria of the fund were broken down into the two geographic areas. 15 applications were received, 10 from Arbuthnott and 5 from Catterline, Kinneff and Dunnottar. The total funds requested were £41,509.89.

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 groups received an award, with £38,982.08 worth of funding agreed. £6,015.13 was carried forward to 2024. 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 Art & Craft Group - £3,404.74 – Display boards & supplies
Arbuthnott Community Association - £2,677.00 – Painting outside of hall
Arbuthnott Community Association - £790.00 – Committee room carpet
Arbuthnott Community Association - £675.00 – Repair of vestibule roof
Arbuthnott Community Association - £3,798.00 – LED lighting
Arbuthnott Community Association - £4,125.00 – UPVC windows
Arbuthnott Community Association - £2,868.00 – Outside repairs
Arbuthnott Community Association - £7,472.19 – Energy support
Arbuthnott Community Council - £1,990.18 – Book exchange
Catterline Coastal Rowing Club - £533.80 – Personal locator beacons
Catterline, Kinneff & Dunnottar Community Council - £2,884.20 – Visitor experience
Friends of the Grassic Gibbon Centre - £5,663.97 – Essential equipment
Kinneff & Catterline Parish Hall - £1,100.00 – Lawyers' fees
Kinneff & Catterline Parish Hall - £450.00 – Electricity costs
Kinneff Old Church Preservation Trust - £550.00 – Deep clean after flood

Points for Future Consideration

The administration of the St Johns Hill Wind Farm Community Fund for 2023 was reviewed by the decision-making panel.

It was agreed that electronic signatures would be acceptable in future.

Conclusions

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

Financial Report

The 2022-23 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, Quintasenergy for their support throughout this process.

Appendix 1: St John's Hill Wind Farm Community Fund - All Applications Received in 2023

Applicant	Amount Requested	Awarded
Arbuthnott		
Arbuthnott Art & Craft Group	£3404.74	£3404.74
Arbuthnott Community Association	£2677.00	£2677.00
Arbuthnott Community Association	£790.00	£790.00
Arbuthnott Community Association	£675.00	£675.00
Arbuthnott Community Association	£3798.00	£3798.00
Arbuthnott Community Association	£4125.00	£4125.00
Arbuthnott Community Association	£2868.00	£2868.00
Arbuthnott Community Association	£10000.00	£7472.19
Arbuthnott Community Council	£1990.18	£1990.18
Friends of the Grassic Gibbon Centre	£5663.97	£5663.97
	£35991.89	£33464.08
Catterline, Kinneff & Dunnottar		
Catterline Coastal Rowing Club	£533.80	£533.80
Catterline, Kinneff & Dunnottar Community Council	£2884.20	£2884.20
Kinneff & Catterline Parish Hall	£1100.00	£1100.00
Kinneff & Catterline Parish Hall	£450.00	£450.00
Kinneff Old Church Preservation Trust	£550.00	£550.00
	£5518.00	£5518.00
Total	£41,509.89	£38,982.08

Appendix 2 – Annual Accounts

Please note that as the 2023 fund did not close until 31st March 2023, the grants were not allocated until May 2023 and therefore the payments will show in next year's accounts. The funding awards shown below are for the 2022 allocation of grants.

Account 18082164 - St Johns Hill Windfarm Community Fund													
1st April 2022 - 31st March 2023													
	Apr-22	May-22	Jun-22	Jul-22	Aug-22	Sep-22	Oct-22	Nov-22	Dec-22	Jan-23	Feb-23	Mar-23	Total
Income													
In Bank	£34,453.20												
Annual Payment									£21,740.22				£21,740.22
Returned unspent grants					£1,016.82					£4,981.78			£5,998.60
Sub-total	£34,453.20	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£1,016.82	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£21,740.22	£4,981.78	£0.00	£0.00	
Grants Awarded													
Arbuthnott Community Association		£1,475.00											£1,475.00
Arbuthnott Community Council		£1,012.58											£1,012.58
Catterline Community Church		£2,000.00											
Catterline SWI		£671.88											£671.88
Friends of the Grassic Gibbon Centre		£2,763.97											£2,763.97
Kinneff & Catterline Parish Hall		£750.00											£750.00
Kinneff Old Church Preservation Trust		£3,000.00											£3,000.00
St Philips Episcopal Church		£3,545.00											£3,545.00
Admin Fee to KDP									£1,976.38				
													£0.00
Sub Totals	£0.00	£15,218.43	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£1,976.38	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	
Balance C/F	£34,453.20	£19,234.77	£19,234.77	£19,234.77	£20,251.59	£20,251.59	£20,251.59	£20,251.59	£40,015.43	£44,997.21	£44,997.21	£44,997.21	

Appendix 3 – Examples of some of the successful projects from 2022

