

## **East Kintyre Windfarm Trust Annual Report 2018**

Following the elections in Spring 2018 for community councils, East Kintyre Community Council now has 6 elected members and 1 co-opted member. These members, along with 3 independent trustees, currently make up East Kintyre Windfarm Trust (EKWFT).

In the financial year ending 31 March 2018, EKWFT received £80,854 in grant payments. This was £27,000 more than anticipated due to 2 Beinn an Tuirc II payments being made in the one year, rather than the second payment being made in the 2018/19 financial year. Due to an administrative oversight, no Tangy II payment was made in 2017/18 and it is likely that 2 payments will now be made in the current year.

During the financial year, 24 grants totalling £45,563 were made to local organisations and groups. A further £16,948 for 3 projects was approved, although payments were not made during the year.

A number of grants were made to Carradale Community Trust (CCT), which acts as an umbrella charity for a range of local projects including Carradale Harbour Enterprises Ltd (CHEL) which is a wholly owned subsidiary of CCT. Grants were made for the purchase of a storage shed, information boards and equipment to be used at local fundraising events including Harbour Day and the Great Carradale Canter. A grant was also made to equip a group of first responders that was established in the village.

Once again, grant funding was made available to support the village halls in Peninver and Carradale. The most significant award of over £15,000 was made to Carradale Village Hall to help towards overdue roof repairs.

To help support the elderly in the community grants were made to Shopper Aide and Carradale Surgery Patient Group to assist with patient transport.

Facilities for young people also featured in grants awarded, with £20,000 being made available to Carradale Activity Play Park to assist with a project to replace all the equipment in the local play park, much of which had been condemned by council insurance inspectors. When the project is complete it will provide an excellent recreational facility for both local children and those visiting on holiday. A grant was also made to help towards the cost of swimming lessons for primary school children.

A number of local clubs benefitted from financial assistance for activities including; drama, football, angling and sheepdog trials. Contributions have also been made to the now re-opened and fully refurbished Campbeltown Picture House, which is well frequented by and very popular with residents of East Kintyre.

As grant funding has increased, trustees of EKWFT have sought to support larger projects which are more likely to provide longer term benefits to the community. As significant costs can be involved in such projects, It was decided to establish a Development Fund to be used solely for such initiatives. £50,000 was placed in a separate deposit account for this purpose and gathers a very small amount of interest.

A 10% retention fund, for use by future generations, is held in 2 bank term deposit accounts, which earn interest at a reasonable but still small level. At the end of the financial year the fund totalled £42,415.

Wherever possible, trustees look for evidence of match funding from applicants, although a degree of flexibility is often needed where other sources of finance have proved difficult to obtain.

NOTE - This report should be read in conjunction with the attached audited accounts.

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