

**Report for
The Argyll and Bute Windfarm Trust
By
Inveraray Community Council
(Prepared by Janet Riddoch Treasurer)**

Fri 21st September 2018 for meeting on Tues 2nd October 2018

It was first mooted unofficially at our February Community Council Meeting that something needed to be done about a section of pathway that carries the main body of pedestrian traffic from the housing scheme in Inveraray to the shops, including parents and carers taking children to and from school. The path is in a bit of no man's land, with the council not owing it and thereby not able to improve it, and the owner of the land, Argyll Estate not under any obligation to carry out works but agreeable to someone else taking on the burden. Meanwhile people in mobility scooters, wheelchairs, and with pushchairs struggle to use the path.

After various quotes were obtained, it was decided at the March Inveraray Community Council meeting that Windfarm money should be used to fund the project as it would benefit a very large group of the Inveraray Community. We invited Jolyon Grittens Access Manager from Argyll and Bute Council, to discuss what options were available. Subsequent feedback from the Community was 99% positive. After putting an application into the Inveraray Clachan Flats Windfarm Trust it was decided to try and raise some of the money as well.

Various fundraising activities ensued and then we received news that the Trust would be in receipt of an additional £3,416.16 from the "tree element" of the fund. We then took the decision to use some of that funding to ensure we had enough in order to get the works done. Presently we are looking at just over the two thousand pound mark, but once we have some other fund raising money come in, this may lower.

The date has now been set for 24th September to have the works carried out.

It was decided at the September Inveraray Community Council meeting to concentrate all efforts on the Avenue Project. It was agreed that we would discuss the remaining monies in the Windfarm account including the annual amount of over five thousand pounds, and launch applications from the community in October, with a view to discussing applications at the November meeting and issuing cheques forthwith.

Due to the lateness of the above dispersal of windfarm money, another report will be issued once it has been distributed, rather than waiting till next year, if that is agreeable to the Argyll and Bute Windfarm Trust.

Paperwork issued along with this report includes:

Spreadsheet of Accounts & Breakdown of Avenue Project Costs

Minute of March Community Council Meeting & Quote from D & K Lafferty & Company

March Application Clachan Flats Inveraray Windfarm Trust

Facebook postings

Minutes of Sept Community Council Meeting

September Application Clachan Flats Inveraray Windfarm Trust