



St John's Hill Wind Farm Community Fund

REPORT
2020/2021

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

As a result of Covid-19, the fund did not operate in 2020 and instead the funds for 2020 and 2021 were allocated in 2021. The total fund for the combined period was £37,658.68. This was made up of the 2020 annual award of £15,636.40, the 2021 award of £16,027.79, plus £5,994.48 which had been unpaid in the previous year.

The fund opened for applications on 1 January 2021 for a three-month period, closing on 31 March 2021.

Applications were distributed to the Decision-Making Panel members for consideration prior to the panel meeting on 22nd April 2021. Applications which met criteria of the fund were broken down into the two geographic areas. 7 applications were received, 4 from Arbuthnott and 3 from Catterline, Kinneff and Dunnottar with a total requested £20,195.38.

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 7 groups received an award, with £19,989.38 worth of funding agreed. £17,669.29 was carried forward to 2022. See appendix 1 and 2 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:

Friends of the Grassic Gibbon Centre - £4288.95 – Road signs
Arbuthnott Community Council - £2610.00 – Defibrillator
Friends of the Grassic Gibbon Centre - £1698.36 - Exhibition & archive update
Arbuthnott Bervie Kinneff Church - £2420.00 – Extension close out activities
Kinneff Old Church Preservation Trust - £5000.00 – Repairs/renovations of the East Wall
Catterline School Parent Group - £3455.09 – Playground games / outdoor spaces
Catterline Coastal Rowing Club - £516.98 – Gazebo & feather flag

Points for Future Consideration

The administration of the St Johns Hill Wind Farm Community Fund for 2020/2021 was reviewed by the decision-making panel.

The fund successfully attracted a good number of applicants, which overall met with the Terms and Conditions as laid out. Communication with community groups and projects worked well and the timing of press releases was appropriate. Applications were sent to panel members electronically which was more efficient and environmentally friendly. Because of Covid-19 it was necessary to conduct the panel meeting virtually. This worked well but it was agreed to revert to face to face meetings once restrictions had been lifted. It was agreed that there would not be a presentation ceremony. All payments were made electronically instead of sending cheques.

Conclusions

As the chairperson for the panel meetings rotates between the two Community Councils, it was agreed that each year the chairperson for the panel meeting would be nominated by the relevant Community Council prior to the meeting.

No other changes were required.

Financial Report

The 2020 Financial Account for St John's Hill Wind Farm Community Fund can be seen in Appendix 3.

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 2020/21

Applicant	Amount Requested	Awarded
Arbuthnott		
Friends of the Grassic Gibbon Centre	£4,288.95	£4,288.95
Arbuthnott Community Council	£2,816.00	£2,610.00
Friends of the Grassic Gibbon Centre	£1,698.36	£1,698.36
Arbuthnott Bervie Kinneff Church	£2,420.00	£2,420.00
Catterline, Kinneff & Dunnottar		
Kinneff Old Church Preservation Trust	£5,000.00	£5,000.00
Catterline School Parent Group	£3,455.09	£3,455.09
Catterline Coastal Rowing Club	£516.98	£516.98
Total	£20,195.38	£19,989.38

Appendix 2: Breakdown of Funds per Community Council Area

St John's Hill Windfarm Community Fund Applications 2020-21

Community Council	Applicant	Project	Funds requested	Notes/Decision	2020-21	Underspend 2019	Total Available 2020-21
Arbuthnott					£15,832.09	£9,628.38	£25,460.47
SJH2020-001	Friends of the Grassic Gibbon Centre	New Road Signs - Phase 1	£4,288.95		£4,288.95		
SJH2020-003	Arbuthnott Community Council	Defibrillator	£2,816.00	Award was based on firm quotation for fitting.	£2,610.00		
SJH2020-004	Friends of the Grassic Gibbon Centre	Exhibition & Archive Update	£1,698.36		£1,698.36		
SJH2020-006	Arbuthnott Bervie Kinneff (Church of Scotland)	Arbuthnott Church Extension- close-out activities	£2,420.00		£2,420.00		
		Sub-total	£11,223.31		£11,017.31		£14,443.16
Catterline, Kinneff & Dunnottar					£15,832.10	-£3,633.89	£12,198.21
SJH2020-002	Kinneff Old Church Preservation Trust	Repairs & renovations of the East wall	£5,000.00		£5,000.00		
SJH2020-005	Catterline School Parent Group	Playground games rejuvenation & improvement of outdoor learning spaces	£3,455.09		£3,455.09		
SJH2020-007	Catterline Coastal Rowing Club	Branded gazebo & feather flag	£516.98		£516.98		
		Sub-total	£8,972.07		£8,972.07		£3,226.14
TOTAL AVAILABLE 2020-21	£37,658.68	TOTAL FUNDS REQUESTED	£20,195.38		£19,989.38		
				C/F to 2022	£17,669.30		
				Arbuthnott CC			£14,443.16
				Catterline, Kinneff Dunnottar CC			£3,226.14

Appendix 3 – Annual Accounts

Please note that as the fund did not close until 31st March 2021, the grants were not allocated until May 2021 therefor the payments will show in next years accounts.

Account 18082164 - St Johns Hill Windfarm Community Fund
1st April 2020 - 31st March 2021

	Apr-20	May-20	Jun-20	Jul-20	Aug-20	Sep-20	Oct-20	Nov-20	Dec-20	Jan-21	Feb-21	Mar-21	Total
Income													
In Bank	£21,276.83												
Annual Payment											£16,027.79		£16,027.79
Returned unspent grants									£354.06				£354.06
Sub-total	£21,276.83	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£354.06	£0.00	£16,027.79	£0.00	
Grants Awarded													
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Sub Totals	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	
Balance C/F	£21,276.83	£21,276.83	£21,276.83	£21,276.83	£21,276.83	£21,276.83	£21,276.83	£21,276.83	£21,630.89	£21,630.89	£37,658.68	£37,658.68	