

APPOINTMENT TO CLACHAN FLATS WIND FARM TRUST

1. SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is for Members to consider the appointment of a local Member to the Clachan Flats Wind Farm Trust.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 Members are asked to agree the appointment of one of the elected Members for Ward 6, Cowal, to the newly formed Clachan Flats Wind Farm Trust.

3. DETAIL

3.1 Members will recall that one of the conditions attached to the planning consent granted for the Clachan Flats Wind Farm (application number 02/00953/DET) was the creation of Community Trusts to administer the funds payable to local communities by the power company. In the case of this particular wind farm the fund payable by the power company is split 5:4 between the Bute and Cowal and Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands areas.

3.2 Members will further recall that in November 2007, the Bute and Cowal Area Committee agreed that payments of such funds should be made to local Community Trusts to undertake the role of receiving requests for financial assistance from local groups and determining these in accordance with agreed criteria, with such Community Trusts reporting annually to the Area Committee on their expenditure.

3.3 Members further agreed that where Community Trusts are established this will be along the lines of the Cruach Mhor Trust, as an independent Trust at arms length from the Council, and that the question of which Councillors would serve on that Trust be determined by the Area Committee.

- 3.4 The Clachan Flats Wind Farm Trust is now being put in place. The make up of the Trust will comprise:
- 1 Representative from Scottish Power Renewables;
 - 1 Elected Member for Ward 6 (Cowal) of Argyll and Bute Council;
 - 2 Representatives from Cairndow Community Council ; and
 - 1 Locally elected member of the community who is not an employee of Scottish Power Renewables or the Council.
- 3.5 Members are therefore asked to agree the nomination of one of the Elected Members for Ward 6, Cowal, to serve on the Clachan Flats Wind Farm Trust, such appointment to be for the remaining term of office of that elected Member for the Cowal Ward, ie until the next local government election date.

4. IMPLICATIONS

Policy:	This is in keeping with the Council's commitment to work in partnership with other agencies and organisations within the Bute and Cowal area.
Financial	The Council will incur costs for Members participating in the these meetings
Personnel:	None
Equal Opportunities:	None

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