

# **WEST KINTYRE COMMUNITY COUNCIL WINDFARM TRUST ANNUAL REPORT 2017**

Since the last AGM report to the umbrella trust we have continued to support many regular applications such as supporting village halls, Largieside annual ploughing match, help with students undertaking the Duke of Edinburgh awards and extracurricular geography trips etc to help with the development of skills and knowledge of our young people.

Major funding requests this year has seen the Trust support the installation of 6 publicly available AED defibrillators throughout the area. These are installed in the villages of Whitehouse, Clachan, Tayinloan, Muasdale, Glenbarr and Bellochantuy and are available 24/7 should the need arise. All have been registered with the ambulance service. Although it is hoped they may never need to be used were the need to arise they would help to save lives whilst awaiting the arrival of the emergency services. 6 community notice boards have also been installed throughout the area to assist with communication of events etc for all who wish to use them.

The fund has continued to support the development of the local charity set up to offer holiday and respite care to injured servicemen and their families. With regards to this charity funding has been given towards the cost of the installation of stair lift enabling those not able to use stairs to access the upstairs facilities within the house.

£1500 was given to a local cancer charity to assist with the costs of running a large ceilidh fund raiser for this excellent charity that assists local people and their families who may be suffering from this terrible disease.

After school swimming and kayaking lessons have been funded for children attending our primary schools and a new gardening project for pupils at Tarbert Academy has also received funding.

All village and church halls who received funding for the installation of solar panels or energy efficiency measures last year have reported they are all benefiting greatly from these installations.

We are currently seeking applications for the next round of awards.