

East Kintyre Windfarm Trust Annual Report 2019

East Kintyre Community Council is currently made up of 6 elected members and 1 co-opted member. These members, along with 3 independent trustees, currently make up East Kintyre Windfarm Trust.

In the financial year ending 31 March 2019, EKWFT received £32,886 in grant payments from Argyll & Bute Council. This was approximately £27,000 less than usual due to 2 Beinn an Tuirc II payments having been received in the previous financial year. The total also included 2 payments from Tangy 2, totalling almost £6,000, one of which was carried over from the previous year.

During the financial year 25 grants totalling £44,720 were approved for local organisations and groups. A further £9,800 was agreed for 2 projects, although the payments were not cleared within the reporting period. A total of £56,036 in grants was paid out during the year, which included £20,779 for repairs to Carradale Village Hall roof that had been agreed in the previous financial year.

As well as the tranche meetings in May and November, EKWFT held an extraordinary meeting in January 2019 to consider an application to help fund a temporary community shop in Carradale. A grant of £7810 was made to help fund the project with just under half of it made as a loan to be repaid from the profits of the shop, which is being run by volunteers.

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, which is a wholly owned subsidiary of CCT. Grants made included planning fees for a community composting scheme, valuation of shop premises, the refurbishment of the local heritage centre and purchase of new outdoor furniture. The temporary shop project also comes under CCT.

Carradale Village Hall also benefitted from grants for the purchase of new chairs and lights and Peninver Village Hall received an award to cover the cost of insurance and new window blinds.

Sports clubs that benefitted from grants included Carradale Amateur Football Club, Campbeltown Tennis Club and Carradale Golf Club. Young people also benefited from grants made to Carradale Primary School for swimming lessons, to Carradale Activity Play Park for the completion of the new play park and to Carradale Scouts to help them establish a group in East Kintyre. A grant was also made to Carradale Music Festival, which is organised and well attended by many young people in the local and wider community.

Other clubs, societies and charities to benefit from grants included Carradale Camera Club (new projector for community use), Peninver Players (drama production costs), Saddell Abbey Trust (maintenance works), Carradale Surgery Patient Group (Patient Transport) and Campbeltown Picture House (new audio equipment).

Grants were also made to The Kintyre Way and Kintyre & Gigha Marketing to help promote tourism in Kintyre.

As grant funding has increased, trustees of EKWFT have sought to support larger projects which are more likely to deliver long term benefits to the community. A development fund, to help finance such community projects, was established in 2016 and currently has a balance of almost £56,000. Trustees have recently agreed in principle to help fund a feasibility study for a community hub in Carradale from these funds and, if this is successful, will consider making a significant grant from the fund towards the total project costs.

Each year, 10% of all community benefit funds received are transferred into a retention fund (2 bank term deposit accounts) for use by future generations. At 31 March 2019 it had a balance of £51,408.

Wherever possible, trustees look for evidence of match funding from applicants, although a degree of flexibility is often necessary as it becomes increasingly difficult for them to obtain such funding.

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

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East Kintyre Windfarm Trust