

WEST KINTYRE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

WIND FARM TRUST

ANNUAL REPORT 2019

Since the last report to the Umbrella Trust AGM there has been two allocation meetings held in October 2018 and April 2019 with the next scheduled to take place in October 2019. We continue to many regular events and activities such as the Kintyre Way Ultra, local ploughing matches, village halls and other local clubs and groups such as the four local Scottish Women's Institute groups in the area.

Some of the larger grants include:

- £1600 to Shopper-Aide a local charity that collects and delivers repeat prescriptions in the area for those not able to carry out this task themselves plus offers a befriending and social activities service to residents in the area.
- £1500 to the Kintyre and Gigha Marketing Group to help with the redesign of their website.
- £2800 to West Kintyre Community Council for the replacement of out of date batteries and pads in the 6 defibrillators dispersed throughout the area
- £1500 to the Killean and Parish Church group for the purchase of a digital hymnal. Due to the loss of several local people able to play the church organ this purchase will allow music to be played at all services held within the churches
- £12000 to the "Turn Tayinloan Around Project" an exciting project linked to the West Kintyre Community Action Plan which identified the need for a playpark in the West Kintyre Area. The only suitable area in the west is that of the playing fields at Tayinloan. A local group has taken up the challenge to fund raise and develop part of the playing fields with state of art play and adventure equipment ranging from infant's swings for the very young to zip wires for older age groups. The cost of the equipment including insurance and maintenance is £58000 of which much fund raising has been done by the young people themselves. To date £52000 has been raised. At its last meeting the wind farm trust agreed it would "top up" the final amount needed if the final sum had not been reached by October of this year. This will enable the equipment to be installed over the winter months and be available for both residents and visitors to the area by the spring of 2020. It is hoped to further develop the playing fields over the next few years to that of an excellent outdoor sporting facility area able to host a variety of outdoor events and sports activities.
- Clachan Village Hall £4800 – due to the hall's deteriorating state the villagers have set up a redevelopment fund to raise funds for its replacement, to help with this project the wind farm trust has given £1000 for a conditions survey of the hall and £3800 revenue costs for two large fund raising events.
- £2500 to the McCorkindale School of Dancing, Campbeltown to help with the costs of their attendance at the American Highland Dance Championships held in Las Vegas in July of this year. This small school of dancing was the only group from Scotland invited to attend these prestigious championships and returned home having won several trophies.
- £9000 for the purchase and erection of a much-needed bus shelter at Glenbarr.

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- £7830 to Rhunaharine Primary School to help with the costs of the pupils researching the ruins of Old Largie Castle and the heritage of the area, which will culminate in the children re-enacting life, costumes, music and customs of the castle and setting up a display of their findings in Campbeltown Museum. This extracurricular project is taking place with the guidance and help of the staff of Kilmartin Museum.

This list is not exhaustive but gives a flavour of the variety projects and groups the trust helps throughout the area.

We continue to operate the toilets at Tayinloan ferry terminal. We have over the past few years funded a port-a-loo at the car park of Westport beach – our “jewel in the crown” beach for both visitors and residents alike. As this is a less than ideal solution for toilet facilities in the area we were party to a 3 month survey of beach users. The results of this survey showed that due to the extensive use of the beach and water by both residents and visitors for wind surfing and water sports there was a majority view of a need for toilet and possibly shower facilities at the site. The panel members of the trust have agreed to set aside 50k for up to 2 years whilst a feasibility study is undertaken, and to develop facilities at this site if the results of the study show it is possible.

All applicants to the fund are now informed of SPR’s review of community benefit funding and the new compliance “rules” with regards to spend.

Our next meeting is scheduled to take place Monday 21st October with adverts for applications being placed in the papers and notice boards within the next three weeks.

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