



West Kintyre Community Council Windfarm Trust

Annual Report April 1st, 2022 – March 31st 2023

This annual report for the AGM of the Umbrella Trust covers the period of April 1st 2022 to March 31st 2023 and is the first report covering a fully operational year for those groups receiving funding help since all restrictions concerning activities during the years of the pandemic were lifted. However, Community Halls and groups were initially cautious with regards to becoming fully operational but do now appear to be operating normally.

During the period covered by this report we received a total income of £66,487.24 which is broken down as follows: -

- two payments from Beinn an Tuirc of £30,576.13 and £20,687.03 which includes the late second payment due from 2021-22
- £10655.18 from Deucheran,
- £1,500.00 from Tangy 1
- £3,068.90 from Scottish and Southern – Tangy 2

As shown on the audited accounts accompanying this report grants of £47,277.12 have been paid out during this period, plus £200.72 expenses which were for the cost of the newspaper adverts. However, a further £26,000.00 was granted to Clachan village Hall towards the costs of the development of the new hall but to date £25,643.41 of this grant is yet to be claimed due to the workload of the specialist workers to undertake the work due to it being a listed building. We have therefore given them an extension of time to submit invoices to us for this outstanding sum.

Grants allocated were again wide and varied as shown in the accounts and include funding for such things as funding towards the Kintyre Way, Marie Semple Local cancer care fund, ploughing matches, swimming lessons for primary age children and an outdoor centre in the grounds of Clachan Primary School which is open for the whole community to use throughout the year outside of school hours.

This years education project saw our primary school children learn about food production from source to table and included children visiting local producers such as farms and a local dairy to and cheese factory to name a few plus they grew their own vegetables in the school garden and learnt how to prepare and cook them. This programme proved highly successful with the pupils soon understanding that not all foodstuffs start life in a freezer or need to go in a microwave to cook plus by buying and producing locally less delivery miles are needed which helps towards the reduction of our carbon footprint.

I reported last year that we had at last been able to set up a project team to progress the long term “legacy” project of the installation of toilets and showers at Westport Beach. However, after 18 months of hard work by the project team which included agreement by all parties on the final design and finishes, sadly, the landowner withdrew his offer of a “peppercorn” or indeed any lease for the land required for the facility even though we had agreed at his request to include permission for a tent only campsite to be developed and run by the landowner in our planning application. Therefore, the 70k set aside for this project is not currently required.

We continue to manage the toilets at Tayinloan ferry terminal which we took over the running of some years ago from the Council to avoid their closure. However, these are now getting so old they are becoming difficult to keep clean and hygienic plus do not have any facilities for babies or those with a disability. We have now lodged a community asset transfer request to the Council with a view to buying the building outright demolishing it and rebuilding a modern facility that will be easier to maintain and a long term asset to the not only the community but to the many who visit the area and our wonderful beaches. Therefore, the 70k set aside for Westport will now be reserved for this project. We continue to hope that some time in the future the landowner at Westport can be persuaded to change his mind and thus allow us to re-visit that project.

We are also currently considering lodging a Community Asset Transfer request to the Council for the car park at Tayinloan to develop the area further for the benefit of all users.

Finally, it is good to see to applications coming forward since the pandemic and the ability we now have to start work in earnest in developing the projects contained within the local community development plan drawn up in consultation with the whole community.

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