



Vattenfall Clashindarroch Wind Farm Community Fund

Fund report - Year 1

This report covers the operation of the Fund from 1 June 2015 to 30 June 2016

Introduction

The Vattenfall Clashindarroch Wind Farm Community Fund is provided by Vattenfall AB, the owner of the Clashindarroch wind farm in Aberdeenshire. The Year One donation to the Fund from Vattenfall (excluding fees) was £185,000. Donations are index linked (Retail Price Index) and in Year Two will be £187,359.

The area of benefit for the Fund comprises the areas covered by the community councils of Huntly, Strathbogie, and Tap o' Noth, and Cabrach Community Association.

The Fund makes grants of over £500 with no upper grant limit, although applications for over £25,000 have to go through a two stage process before approval.

The Fund provides grants to support charitable activities which will support positive change and

strategic impact in the area of benefit. In particular the Fund will support projects which:

- improve community services and facilities
- increase participation in and access to contemporary culture, events and recreational activity
- preserve and enhance the natural environment for residents and visitors
- promote rural regeneration
- celebrate the area's cultural, historic and archaeological heritage.

The Clashindarroch Community Fund Panel makes decisions on how the Fund is spent, and promotes the Fund locally. The Panel comprises two nominees from each of Huntly, Strathbogie and Tap o' Noth Community Councils, and from Cabrach Community Association, who are joined by a community representative for each area.

Financial Statement

Statement Period: 01 June 2015 to 30 June 2016

Opening Balance			£0.00
Income			
Vattenfall Wind Power – 2015-2016 Payment	17/07/2015	£185,000.00	
Interest to 31/12/2015	31/12/2015	£94.45	
	Sub Total	£185,094.45	
Expenditure			
Grants released in period		£84,379.24	
Grants to be released		£85,839.00	
	Sub Total	£170,218.24	
Fund Expenses			
Venue hire for Panel meeting on 16.6.2015	16/06/2015	£45.00	
Panel member travel expense to Panel meeting on 16.6.2015	16/06/2015	£13.50	
Venue hire for Panel meeting on 27.10.2015	17/11/2015	£30.00	
	Sub Total	£88.50	
Total funds available as at 30/6/2016			£14,787.71

Fund Overview

In the period from 1 June 2015 to 30 June 2016, a total of 29 applications to the Fund were received over three rounds. This gives an average of 9.7 applications per round. One application received has yet to be determined and was continued to the September 2016 Panel meeting. One application was withdrawn before it went to the Panel.

The Panel made 22 awards to 21 organisations to deliver 22 projects. This gives a conversion rate from application to award of 76% over the report period. One award was subsequently withdrawn as the applicant was unsuccessful in obtaining the necessary match funding. In total four applications were rejected; two were rejected because the Panel felt there was not enough local benefit being shown for the area; one was rejected as the structure of the applicant meant it was not eligible; and one was rejected as a sufficient case had not been made for an award, and the applicant was invited to reapply.

The Panel can make multi-year awards and to date £124,468.24 (67% of Fund income) has been awarded from Year 1 of the Fund to projects, £35,375 from Year 2 of the Fund, and £10,375 from Year 3 of the Fund (a total awarded of £170,218.24), while 0.05% (£88.50) has been used for Panel expenses.

For the initial few years, £85,000 of the annual fund payment has been set aside for legacy or capital projects. In Year 1 £40,790.98 was awarded from the legacy part of the Fund, and £83,677.26 from the rest of the Fund.

The average award over the report period was £10,009. The lowest award was £1,500 (made to Aurora Youth Choir) and the highest award was £60,000 (made to Rhynie Community Facilities Development Charitable Trust – this was the award which was subsequently withdrawn). The total value of projects funded for all years to date (all funding sources and excluding the withdrawn award)) was £341,440 giving a leverage ratio of 50.1%; for every £49.90 awarded from the Fund, a further £50.10 was raised from elsewhere.

For Year 1 projects in the Huntly area were awarded 32.5% of all funds awarded, those in the Strathbogie area received 32.1%, those in the Tap o' Noth area received 26.4%, those in the Cabrach area received 7.4%, and those benefitting all four areas received 1.5% of all funds awarded. However, all but 3.5% of the awards made for Huntly were to organisations based in Huntly but also active outside it.

The balance carried forward from 2015-2016 to 2016-17 was £14,787.71.

What Difference is the Fund Making?

The 22 awards made over the first year were used to support a variety of activities as shown in Appendix A. The Fund has supported projects that impact on many different aspects of community life, from the improvement of village halls, to the provision of recreational activities such as woodworking, rugby, canoeing and cycling.

Completion reports are required to be submitted by awardees. Generally awards are for projects that are planned to complete within 12 months of receiving an award. Foundation Scotland allows three months from this completion date for the return of reports, before writing to awardees to chase outstanding reports. At the time of writing (August 2016) only one completion report had been received as yet.

Below are three case studies that demonstrate how the Fund is making a difference.

Case Study 1

Cabrach Community Association was awarded £6,956 towards the cost of painting, fitting curtains, and installing a dishwasher and kitchen shelving in The Acorn community hall (formerly the local primary school). The work has been carried out and contributes towards creating a bright, welcoming atmosphere in the building, which allows the community to hold functions and social activities in The Acorn in relative comfort.

Case Study 2

Cairnie Memorial Hall Committee was awarded £23,740.98 towards the cost of preparing and resurfacing the ground areas at the front and sides of the hall in order to improve the parking facilities. The Committee has spent the last few years refurbishing the interior of the hall and fundraising to pay for that, so hopefully this will be the last piece in the refurbishment jigsaw required, and the Committee will be able to take a well-earned rest when the work is complete.

Case Study 3

Huntly Rugby FC was awarded £25,000 over three years to increase the hours of its rugby development officer, and to extend his contract until January 2019. This award will allow the Club to develop a longer-term, sustainable rugby training and playing schedule for children and young people in the area, which should provide them with an opportunity to transition through the different levels of participation within the sport. It will also give the Club a funding base from which to attract other funding and business sponsorship for its youth programme.

Marketing and Communications

Foundation Scotland, alongside the Fund Panel, has worked to raise the profile of the Fund through a variety of channels during the first year of the Fund, some of which are set out in the table below.

Activity	Date/frequency	Notes/impact
Press release	March 2015	Fund open for applications
Press release	March 2015	Looking for Panel members
Press release	March 2015	Logo competition open
Local newsletter update	March 2015	Distributed by Working Group members and Foundation Scotland locally
Posters promoting the Fund opening	March-April 2015	Distributed in the area by Working Group members
Piece for AB54 community newsletter	April 2015	Fund open for applications
Press release	June 2015	Panel established
Press release (in liaison with Vattenfall)	June 2015	Announcement of Round 1 awards
Posters promoting the Fund deadlines	August 2015	Distributed in the area by Fund Manager & Panel members
Press release	August 2015	Round 2 open for applications
Piece for AB54 community newsletter	August 2015	Round 2 open for applications
Press release	September 2015	Last chance for Round 2 applications
Press release	November 2015	Announcement of Round 2 awards
Piece for Vattenfall newsletter	December 2015	
Press release	January 2016	Year 1 Round 3 open for applications
Piece for AB54 community newsletter	January 2016	Year 1 Round 3 open for applications
Posters promoting the Fund deadlines	January 2016	Distributed in the area by Fund Manager & Panel members
Piece for AB54 community newsletter	April 2016	Year 2 Round 1 open for applications
Posters promoting the Fund deadlines	June 2016	Distributed in the area by Fund Manager & Panel members
Press release	June 2016	Year 2 Round 1 open for applications
Updating of Fund web-site https://www.foundationscotland.org.uk/programmes/clashindarroch/	As required and after each round of grants	

Panel Overview

The Panel has had a full complement of twelve members for all of the year, and attendance at meetings has been excellent.

There has been no change in membership during this period. This has resulted in a well-formed group with growing experience in making what are sometimes difficult decisions.

Provision exists for Panel members to serve for a period between one and four years, and the retirement of members will be staggered.

Panel members at 30 June 2016 were:

Huntly:	Mary Burgerhout*
	Michael Cowie
	Tony Gill*
Strathbogie:	Ian Angus
	George Wordie*
	Bob Yuill*
Tap o' Noth:	Peter Johnston*
	Jim Matthew*
	David Nicholls
Cabrach:	Margaret Lee
	Patti Nelson*
	Peter Thompson*

**Appointed by the Community Council/Association*

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Appendix A: Summary of Awards 2015 – 2016

Fund Priority: Contemporary culture, events and recreational activity (8 awards)

Ref.	Applicant Name	Amount Awarded	Project Cost	Leverage (%)	Grant Summary
A367829	Aurora Youth Choir	£1,500.00	£12,000.00	87.5%	To pay for hall hire and professional lighting/sound for a production of "Oliver!"
A367843	Deveron Arts	£2,000.00	£10,900.00	81.7%	To fund a plaque and supporting structure associated with the group's "White Wood" project promoting peace and sustainability.
A368039	Gordon Woodworkers	£3,600.00	£3,600.00	0%	To purchase renovation materials and install a dust extraction system in the group's newly acquired Huntly premises.
A367823	Huntly Cycling	£4,100.00	£4,100.00	0%	To purchase a "Pump Track" for use at the group's annual Bike Week event and to be made available to other community organisations.
A377612	Deveron Canoe Club	£1,882.00	£7,640.00	75.4%	To purchase kayaks and other equipment for the club.
A376966	Gordon Woodworkers	£5,000.00	£5,178.91	3.5%	To install a new electricity supply in the club's potential new premises.
A376572	Huntly Rugby Football Club	£25,000.00 (over three years)	£42,750.00	41.5%	To fund the Development Officer sessional costs over three years, expanding the activities of the role and extending the tenure of the post through the end of the 2018/19 season.
A377455	Huntly Writers	£4,450.00	£5,250.00	15.2%	To provide working capital to enable the editing, design and printing of three books by group members.

Total awarded to Contemporary culture, events and recreational activity: £47,532.00 (27.9% of funds awarded)

Fund Priority: Improve community services and facilities (8 awards)

Ref.	Applicant Name	Amount Awarded	Project Cost	Leverage (%)	Grant Summary
A367780	Cabrach Community Association	£6,956.06	£6,956.06	0%	To paint, fit curtains, and install a dishwasher and kitchen shelving in the Acorn community hall.
A367790	Glass Community Association	£13,945.00	£14,346.00	2.8%	To prepare detailed drawings, establish accurate build costs, and apply for full planning permission to replace the existing village hall with a new hall.
A367913	Friends of Inch Hospital and Community	£4,380.00	£5,000.00	12.4%	To pay for venue hire and sessional staff costs to set up a range of new activities not currently available in the area with preventative health benefits.
A376843	Cairnie Memorial Hall Committee	£23,740.98	£30,900.86	23.2%	To prepare and resurface the ground areas at the front and sides of the hall in order to improve the current parking facilities.
A377315	Gordon Rural Action	£1,864.20	£27,794.00	93.3%	To purchase AdvicePro case recording software for the group's money advice service.
A377760	Wee Toots	£2,000.00	£2,000.00	0%	To fund insurance, equipment, and accountancy costs to enable to smooth running of the group.
A395880	Clatt Village Hall Committee	£ 17,050.00	£18,550.00	8.1%	To resurface the carpark and renew the surface drains of Clatt Village Hall.
A391378	Huntly Small-Bore Rifle Club	£ 9,350.00	£14,000.00	33.2%	To install electronic targets on all five shooting lanes.

Total awarded to Improve community services and facilities: £79,286.24 (46.6 % of funds awarded)

Fund Priority: Promote rural regeneration (5 awards)

Ref.	Applicant Name	Amount Awarded	Project Cost	Leverage (%)	Grant Summary
A380134	Cabrach Community Association	£2,312.50	£2,312.50	0%	To provide a micro-grant scheme for the local community

A382399	Huntly Community Council	£2,312.50	£2,312.50	0%	To provide a micro-grant scheme for the local community
A382379	Strathbogie Community Council	£2,312.50	£2,312.50	0%	To provide a micro-grant scheme for the local community
A382397	Tap O'Noth Community Council	£2,312.50	£2,312.50	0%	To provide a micro-grant scheme for the local community
A394444	Huntly and District Development Trust	£25,000.00	£101,575.00	75.4%	To contribute to the costs of carrying out the work to fulfil the objectives of the Trust in Huntly and District during 2016-17. This award was an interest free repayable grant.

Total awarded to Promote rural regeneration: £34,250.00 (20.1% of funds awarded)

Fund Priority: Cultural, historic and archaeological heritage (1 award)

Ref.	Applicant Name	Amount Awarded	Project Cost	Leverage (%)	Grant Summary
A377527	Rhynie Woman	£9,150.00	£19,650.00	53.4%	To create a digital archive for Rhynie that can be explored within the landscape.

Total awarded to Cultural, historic and archaeological heritage: £9,150.00 (5.4% of funds awarded)

Fund Priority: Preserve and enhance the natural environment for residents and visitors (0 awards)

Please note that some projects fulfil more than one Fund priority. These have been allocated to the single priority which the project best helps fulfil.

Grand Totals

Amount Awarded	Project Costs	Leverage (%)
£170,218.24	£341,440.83	50.1%

