

The Glenkens & District Trust

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Report from meetings of Trustees on 19, 27 and 28 May 2020

May has been a busy month for The Glenkens & District Trust. Meetings of Trustees were held by Zoom on the evenings of 19, 27 and 28 May to make decisions on the second round of applications to the Blackcraig Wind Farm Community Fund. As usual we were supported at these by Foundation Scotland.

The first meeting was to get us all in a position to ensure efficient decision making on the applications the following week. We confirmed Conflicts of Interest and the process to be followed to address them. We also considered how best to make the meetings effective as they were to be held by Zoom. Trustees agreed to provide Foundation Scotland with any points of clarification/questions on the assessments in advance of the decision-making meetings and to indicate their preliminary views so that we were able to make swift progress on the evening.

An update was also provided on the awards made from the Emergency COVID Fund. In particular that each Community Council in the Main Fund Area had been awarded £500 to cover COVID related items in their area. Glenkens Community & Arts Trust and Dalry Community Council had also been awarded monies to cover additional costs associated with the Glenkens Gazette to enable an interim edition to be prepared and to use Royal Mail facilities for distribution.

At the meetings on the 27 and 28 May Trustees reviewed a total of 19 assessments. In line with our usual process a representative of Foundation Scotland had called each applicant to discuss their application and to clarify any queries. An assessment on each application was prepared and circulated to Trustees well in advance of the meeting and this formed the basis for decision-making in line with our Fund Strategy. After extensive discussions the decisions set out in the attached schedule were made.

As shown, £95,831 out of the available funds of around £113,000 was awarded for 11 applications. One award was deferred for further consideration. The remaining balance will be available for the next round later in the year

Applicants have been informed of the decisions and provided with feedback.

Trustees welcomed the efforts made by applicants to submit the applications and provide the necessary information, particularly as we all went into lock down shortly before the deadline for applications.

In addition to these new awards, two awards made in the first round of funding were granted extensions of time for completion, Auld Alliance Twinning Association and GCAT Watson Birds.

Work continues to finalise the Community Action Plan, but progress has been hampered by the current crisis.

After a process involving a committee of Trustees we have appointed Turcan Connell, a firm of solicitors, to support us to review our legal structure to enable us to open membership to individuals in our community in an effective way. Blackcraig Wind Farm (Scotland) Ltd have agreed to pay the fees associated with this.

Account Name	Amount Awarded	Project Description - Summary
Balmaclellan Village Hall	£6,200.00	To fund essential repairs to the roof of Balmaclellan Village Hall
Balmaclellan Village Hall	£3,993.60	To install new entrance doors and a lobby on Balmaclellan Village Hall, thereby improving the appearance, security, accessibility and heat efficiency.
Corsock Village Hall	-	To purchase and install Morelock vehicle-activated speed signs on the A712.
Crossmichael Primary School Parent Council	£10,000.00	To create an outdoor shelter in the grounds of Crossmichael Primary School, for multi-purpose use by the community.
Dunscore Gala	£1,750.00	To purchase barriers, microphones and pet agility equipment to be used at the annual gala event in August each year.
Friends of Dalry School	-	To install a log cabin for Dalry Early Learning Centre to improve the outdoor facilities.
Glenkens Community and Arts Trust (GCAT)	Deferred £4,657.00 reserved pending decision	To install 2 free-to-use EV chargers, powered by the solar PV panels on the Glenkens Men's Shed in Balmaclellan.
Glenkens Community and Arts Trust (GCAT)	£16,380.00	To fit external wall cladding and install energy-efficient heaters in the Glenkens Men's Shed.
Glenkens Community and Arts Trust (GCAT)	£2,332.50	To contribute to the Ken Words literary project and support new initiatives that aim to stimulate imaginative engagement with the landscape and encourage participation in writing as a social, confidence and communication skills building tool.
Glenkens Scouts	-	To fund significant repairs to the scout hall floor and roof drainage system.
Kirkpatrick Durham Recreation Association	£25,000.00	To re-roof and refurbish the historical building adjacent to the Bothy to provide storage and shelter space.

Knockvennie Community Hall	£3,281.24	To contribute to the costs of refurbishing the hall to make it more energy efficient, sustainable and an appealing destination for recreational use, especially for the playing of snooker.
Let's Get Sporty CIC		- To provide regular sports coaching for children and to support employment opportunities and training for young adults.
Local Initiatives in New Galloway (LING)		- To contribute to the costs of employing a part-time project worker and general running costs of the Town Hall Project for one year to increase the capacity of the organisation.
New Galloway Community Enterprises		- To improve the facilities in New Galloway Community Park, including creating an accessible surfaced path, installing 5 accessible benches, a basketball hoop, basket swing, lighting and goals; and purchasing an outdoor speaker system.
New Galloway Community Enterprises	£6,000.00	To contribute to the costs of Glenkens Food Month in September 2020, which is a programme of educational and social food-related events.
Spalding Bowling Club	£7,188.00	To purchase equipment to maintain the bowling green including a rotorake, scarifying reel, thatch control reel and a verticutter to increase access to sport and leisure activities, improve physical health and reduce isolation.
Speddoch Community Association	£13,000.00	To improve the accessibility and safety of the hall by laying tarmac around the building and building a wall.
Stewartry Rugby Football Club		- To extend the gym to provide a separate space for further gym activity and classes.

Grand Totals (19 records)