

Rosehall Community Fund 2019/20 (Year 8) Newsletter (1 Aug 2019 – 31 Jul 2020)

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RWE, owner the Rosehall Wind Farm, makes an annual donation to for the three Community Council (CC) areas of Council areas of Ardgay & District; Creich; and Lairg within Central Sutherland which together, make up the E.ON Rosehall Fund Area. The Fund is held and administered by Foundation Scotland who receive and process applications. Decisions on awards are made by the Achany and Rosehall Funds Panel. The Panel is made up of 12 local people, six of whom are nominated by the Community Councils and six are self-nominated and elected from the wider community.

Since the Rosehall Community Benefit Fund launched in 2012 the Fund has awarded 70 grants, distributing over £500,000 to community groups in the area.

How to apply to the Fund

Information is online at <https://www.foundationscotland.org.uk/programmes/eon-rosehall/>. There are two rounds per year with deadlines of **30th April** and **31st October**. For grants of over £25,000 please contact Eilidh Coll using the details below before submitting a form.

How to join the Panel

Each community representative can remain on the Panel for up to three years. Vacancies are advertised in the Kyle Chronicle and on the Rosehall Fund facebook page. Please contact Eilidh Coll if you are interested in joining and have not seen these advertisements.

Year 8 Financial Statement

	General Account	Ardgay & District	Creich	Lairg	TOTAL
OPENING BALANCE (1 Aug 2019)	£117.62	£0.65	£285.21	£1,809.32	£2,212.80
INCOME:					
Year 8: donation E.ON Climate & Renewables		£24,653.37	£24,653.37	£24,653.37	£73,960.11
Transfer from area budgets	£300.00				£300.00
TOTAL INCOME	£300.00	£24,653.37	£24,653.37	£24,653.37	£74,260.11
EXPENDITURE:					
Transfer from area budgets for admin expenses		£100.00	£100.00	£100.00	£300.00
Multi-year awards allocated in prev. years		£6,425.33	£6,425.33	£17,625.34	£30,476.00
Year 8 grants allocated		£11,272.36	£11,272.36	£11,272.36	£33,817.08
Panel meetings: Hall Hire	£30.00				£30.00
Marketing: Kyle Chronicle	£150.00				£150.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	£180.00	£17,797.69	£17,797.69	£28,997.70	£64,773.08
CLOSING BALANCE (31 Jul 2020)	£237.62	£6,856.33	£7,140.89	-£2,535.01	£11,699.83

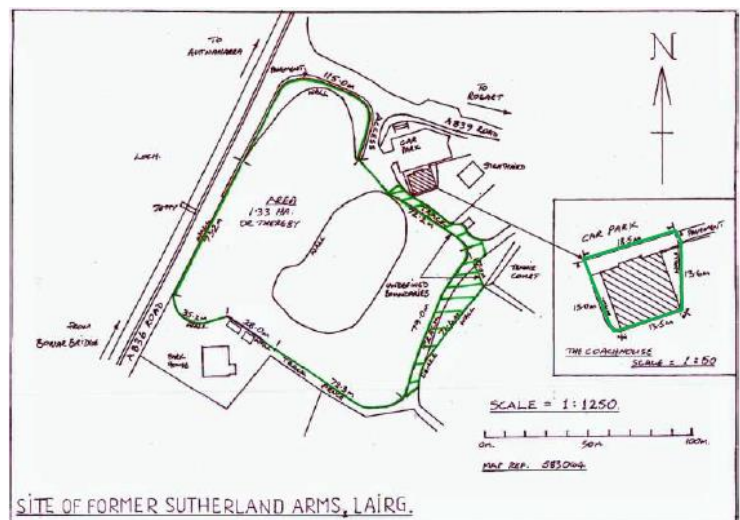
Fund Activity During Year 8

This year there were four applications received to the Fund, three of which were awarded. All three were to support the cost of existing staff positions or to recruit staff to new positions.

1. The **Kyle of Sutherland Hub** was awarded **£9,000** to contribute to the costs of a Physical Activity Co-ordinator/Instructor to deliver a programme of support for all ages and abilities. This will see the creation of a new post for the area. Although the recruitment for this new post has been on hold due to covid-19, once in post, the new recruit will deliver a programme of support for people of all ages and abilities to maximise gym useage.
2. The **Creich Croick and Kincardine District Day Care Association** was awarded **£9,817.08** to employ a cleaner for 10 hours per week at the Bradbury centre for a two year period. The responsibility of the daily cleaning of the Centre had previously been shared amongst existing staff. However, the Centre had recently extended including a larger dayroom, new toilets and more office space. This expansion means that a dedicated domestic cleaner was now needed as a high standard of cleanliness and hygiene are essential in premises supporting elderly and often vulnerable people.
3. The **Lairg and District Learning Centre** was awarded **£15,000** to contribute towards the salary of the Manager for two years from July 2020. This post has been supported through the Fund on previous occasions as the Manager's role is essential to the ongoing success of the Learning Centre. Over the last three years, the Centre has grown in user numbers, has widened the range of classes offered and is able to facilitate training in a larger number of outreach locations.

Feedback on previous Funded Projects

In 2018 **Lairg and District Community Initiatives (LDCI)** was awarded £6,300 to contract the Highland Small Communities Housing Trust to carry out a cost evaluation, creation of bespoke community housing strategy and facilitation of co-operative working with suitable partners to ensure best practice delivery of the Care of Wellbeing Centre. Focussing on the site of the former Sutherland Arms Hotel in Lairg, LDCI was keen to complete a cost evaluation and investigate proposals to create a provision of housing for older people. Although this element of the feasibility work is complete the project is ongoing and it is hoped that by 2021 housing may be available for use.



Contacting Foundation Scotland

Eilidh Coll, based in Caithness, is happy to help with any queries.

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