



## Tannach Wind Farm Trust



The Wind Farm Trust model allows Tannach and District Community Council and Foundation Scotland to work in partnership to allow funds from different sources, pledged for the benefit of the Tannach and District community, to be managed in an efficient way. The current Donors are:

1. Gresham House Asset Management, owner of the Wathegar 1 Wind Farm
2. Gresham House Asset Management, owner of the Wathegar 2 Wind Farm
3. RWE, owner of the Bilbster Wind Farm

### History of Awards

The **Bilbster Community Fund** launched in 2011 and has been administered by the Tanach and District Community Council and then passed to Foundation Scotland when the CC went into abeyance in 2019.

The **Wathegar 1 Fund** launched in 2014 and has awarded 37 grants, distributing over £163,000.

The **Wathegar 2 Fund** launched in 2019 and has awarded four community grants, distributing over £16,000.

The **Tannach and District Education & Training Fund** launched in 2020 with eight individuals receiving awards so far, funded through the Wathegar 2 Community Benefit Fund.

### How to Apply

Guidelines for applicants are available online for **community groups** at:

<https://www.foundationscotland.org.uk/programmes/tannach-and-district/>

and for **individuals** at:

<https://www.foundationscotland.org.uk/programmes/tannach-and-district-education-and-training-bursary/>

There are two rounds per year with deadlines of **30th June** and **31st December**.

The application form can be completed online or downloaded as a word document.

For help please contact Eilidh Coll or contact Caithness Voluntary Group for advice on fundraising.

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## Community Fund Awards

Any constituted community group delivering a project which will benefit the residents of Tannach and District is welcome to apply to the Fund. Six projects received an award this year:

- 1. Wick Model Yacht Club** £1,070 to and install kissing gates in three locations around Sarclet Loch which will make accessing the Loch easier for members.
- 2. Bilbster and Thuster Hall** £20,758 to fit insulation and larch cladding to the exterior of the hall and new fire doors which will improve the halls security, appearance and energy efficiency.
- 3. Bilbster and Thuster Hall** £1,680 to fund an upgrade of the exterior cladding to Marley Cedral to enable the Building Warrant to be pursued.
- 4. Reiss and Killimster Park Group** £18,000 to contribute towards installing new accessible equipment to benefit children with additional support needs.
- 5. Venture North** £1,983 to contribute to the purchase of mobile kitchen equipment and storage to use at the 'Taste North' annual food festival and other local events.
- 6. Thrumster Game Fair** £7,500 to contribute to the cost of the 2020 Game Fair.

Tannach and District Wind Farm Trust financial transactions (01/11/19 - 31/10/20)	Bilbster (Year 10)	Wathegar 1 (Year 7)	Wathegar 2 (Year 2)	TOTAL
<b>OPENING BALANCE</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£58,722.30</b>	<b>£31,704.88</b>	<b>£90,427.18</b>
<b>FUND INCOME:</b>				
Developer Donation	£0.00	£34,691.26	£41,575.82	£76,267.08
Donation forwarded by CC	£2,940.61	£0.00	£0.00	£2,940.61
Interest	£0.00	£86.83	£0.00	£86.83
Grant returned	£0.00	£0.00	£15.85	£15.85
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>£2,940.61</b>	<b>£34,778.09</b>	<b>£41,591.67</b>	<b>£79,310.37</b>
<b>FUND EXPENSES:</b>				
Community Group Awards	£1,070.40	£42,421.08	£7,500.00	£50,991.48
Educational Awards	£0.00	£0.00	£21,899.00	£21,899.00
Foundation Scotland fee	£294.06	£2,012.09	£0.00	£2,306.15
Fund Expenses: Hall Hire	£0.00	£0.00	£200.00	£200.00
Fund Expenses: Marketing	£0.00	£46.00	£0.00	£46.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>£1,364.46</b>	<b>£44,479.17</b>	<b>£29,599.00</b>	<b>£75,396.63</b>
<b>CLOSING BALANCE</b>	<b>£1,576.15</b>	<b>£49,021.22</b>	<b>£43,697.55</b>	<b>£94,294.92</b>

## Education and Training Awards

First time applicants can apply for up to £1,500, a second time applicant can apply for up to £1,000 and going forward a person will be able to apply for up to £300 for future courses. Multi-year courses such as HND's or Degrees are also eligible and will be subject to the same caps.

Eight individuals were awarded an educational grant this year helping to cover the costs of education and training including course fees, accommodation, subsistence and equipment.

The courses these individuals have selected are:

- 1. BMChB Bachelor of Medicine.**
- 2. MEng Chemical Engineering.**
- 3. MBChB Medicine.**
- 4. BA Honours Degree Accountancy and Finance.**
- 5. BA Hons Media.**
- 6. BSc Adult Nursing**
- 7. Diploma - CIM (Chartered Institute of Marketing) accredited level 4.**
- 8. MA Honours Degree History and Politics.**