

Newsletter



Watten Windfarm Trust



The Windfarm Trust model allows Watten Community Council and Foundation Scotland to work in partnership to allow funds from different sources, pledged for the benefit of the Watten 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
4. RWE, owner of the Bad á Cheò Wind Farm

History of Awards

Since the **Bilbster Community Fund** launched in 2011 the Fund has awarded 25 grants, distributing £35,000, initially through the Community Council and then through the Watten Trust.

The **Wathegar 1 Fund** launched in 2014 and has awarded 11 grants, distributing over £27,000.

The **Wathegar 2 Fund** launched in 2019 and has awarded three grants.

The **Bad á Cheò Fund** launched in 2019 and has awarded five educational awards and no community awards as yet.

How to Apply

Full guidelines for applicants are available online at

<https://www.foundationscotland.org.uk/programmes/watten/> and
<https://www.foundationscotland.org.uk/programmes/bad-a-cheo/>

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 Watten is welcome to apply to the Fund. During this reporting period the Panel has considered nine applications from community groups, four of which were awarded.

The four projects were:

- 1. Watten Early Learning Centre** £500 to fund bus trips throughout the year that will help increase the range of educational opportunities available to the 11 children who use the service.
- 2. Watten School Parent Council** £2,691 to fund the purchase of nine Chromebooks to enable home learning for all pupils and reduce resource sharing amongst pupils in light of covid-19.
- 3. Caithness Klics** £1,100 to fund a sessional worker to support and empower the two rural young carers who use the service.
- 4. Reiss and Killimster Park Group** £8,282 to contribute towards installing new accessible equipment at the village play park to benefit children with additional support needs.

Bad á Cheò Education and Training Awards

An educational grant can cover a number of costs linked to study. 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.

The Panel has considered five applications from individuals, all of which were awarded.

- 1. £1,500** to contribute to course fees and travel expenses towards SOMM Diploma in Orthopaedic Medicine Units 1 and 2.
- 2. £1,500** to contribute towards a laptop, travel to college and subsistence whilst studying NC Mechanical Engineering Systems.
- 3. £2,800** to contribute to the cost of studying BA Media and Performance.
- 4. £3,400** to contribute to the costs of travel, equipment and accommodation for MSc Chemistry with Pharmacology.
- 5. £500** to fund subsistence costs for NC Fabrication, Welding & EAL PEO.

Financial transactions (01/11/19 - 31/10/20)	Bilbster (Year 10)	Wathegar 1 (Year 7)	Wathegar 2 (Year 2)	Bad á Cheò (part Yr 1&2)	TOTAL
OPENING BALANCE	£3,974	£44,740	£37,278	£39,975	£125,967
FUND INCOME:					
Developer Donation	£2,684	£13,828	£41,576	£40,390	£98,477
Interest	£0	£65	£0	£30	£95
Grant returned	£0	£0	£0	£1,500	£1,500
TOTAL INCOME	£2,684	£13,893	£41,576	£41,919	£100,072
FUND EXPENSES:					
Awards Made	£3,191	£1,100	£8,282	£9,700	£22,273
Foundation Scotland fee	£268	£802	£0	£0	£1,070
Fund Expenses: Hall Hire	£0	£24	£0	£0	£24
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	£3,459	£1,926	£8,282	£9,700	£23,367
CLOSING BALANCE	£3,199	£56,707	£70,572	£72,194	£202,672