

Vattenfall Clashindarroch Community Fund

Fund Summary – Years 1 to 5

This report covers the operation of the Fund from 1 June 2015 to 31 May 2020

Introduction

Clashindarroch Community Fund is provided by Vattenfall AB, the owner of the Clashindarroch wind farm in Aberdeenshire. The Fund supports charitable activity that benefits people living within the community council boundaries for Huntly, Strathbogie, and Tap o' Noth in Aberdeenshire, and Cabrach Community Association (the latter located in Moray).

Annual donations to the Fund from Vattenfall are index linked (Retail Price Index, RPI). The Year Five donation was £206,731.07.

The Fund supports activities that will bring about positive change and strategic impact in the above communities, including those that:

- 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.

Over the first five years, the Fund supported activities across all these priorities through 109 grant awards, totalling £881,329.92.

Grants of over £500 are available as follows: small (up to £5,000), standard, and large (over £25,000) grants. Applications for large grants are subject to a two-stage application process.

In addition, some funding has been ring-fenced for specific types of activity as follows:

- Legacy Grants: starting in Year 1, £85,000 (increasing annually in line with RPI) is set aside each year to support the improvement and enhancement of community buildings.
- School Transport Grants: £7,000 is set aside each year to fund primary schools' transport costs for swimming lessons.
- Volunteer Development Bursaries: £4,000 for bursaries of up to £500 to support volunteers in gaining the skills needed to help increase participation in grassroots sports and physical activity, cultural activity and the arts or other recreational activity.
- COVID-19 Emergency Grants: an initial £20,000 to support provision of help to vulnerable people in difficulty because of the COVID 19 virus pandemic; and to support community organisations suffering adverse impacts and (uninsured) losses as a result of the pandemic that put their services at risk.

Clashindarroch Community Fund is administered by grant-making charity Foundation Scotland, under contract to Vattenfall. An Advisory Panel of those who live, work or volunteer in the four communities makes decisions on how the Fund is spent and advises on Fund strategy. More information on the Panel is provided on page 7.

Financial Statement

Statement Period: 1 June 2015 to 31 May 2020

Opening Balance	£0.00
Income	
Vattenfall – 2015-2016 Payment	£185,00.00
Interest to 31/12/2015	£94.45
Vattenfall – 2016-2017 Payment	£187,359.00
Interest to 31/12/2016	£182.87
Vattenfall – 2017-2018 Payment	£194,221.41
Interest to 31/12/2017	£171.10
Vattenfall – 2018-2019 Payment	£200,654.95
Interest to 31/12/2018	£245.75
Vattenfall – 2019-2020 Payment	£206,731.07
Interest to 31/12/2019	£363.15
Sub Total	£975,023.75
Expenditure	
Grants released	£677,943.56
Grants awarded but still to be released	£203,386.36
Grants returned	(£15,000.00)
Sub Total	£866,329.92
Fund Expenses	
Venue hire for Panel meetings	£541.00
Panel member travel expenses	£13.50
Fund review expenses	£127.99
Sub Total	£682.49
Total funds available as at 31/05/2020	£108,011.34

Summary of Award-making 2015 – 2020

109 awards were made over the first five years of the Fund. These supported projects that impact on many different aspects of community life, from the improvement of village halls to a sensory garden and improvements to outdoor areas at schools, and from local events and bands to support services for vulnerable people. A full list of awards is provided in Annex 1.

16 applications were rejected giving a conversion rate from application to award of 87%.

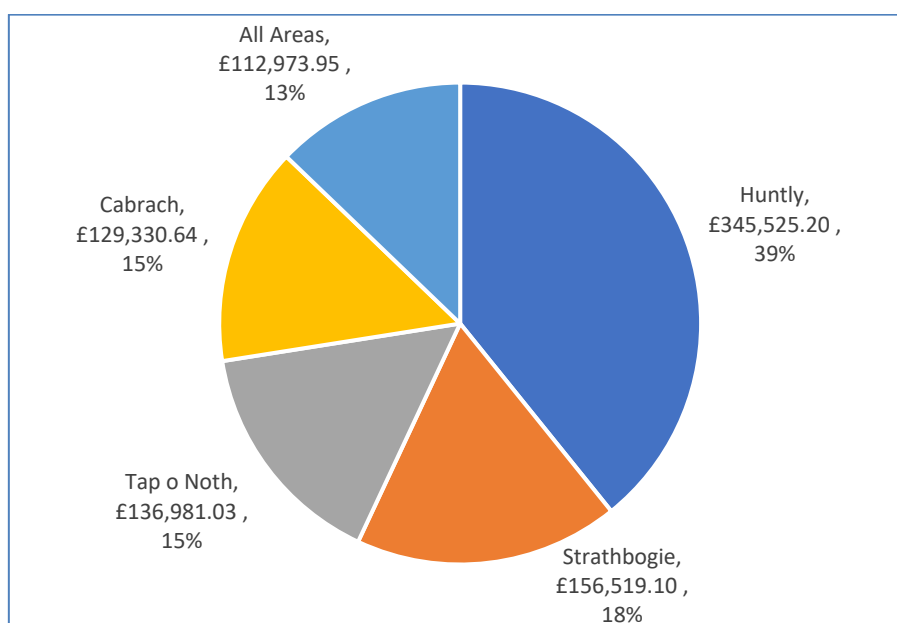
Awards by Fund Priority

The number of awards and amount of funding disbursed in relation to each Fund priority, plus matched funding leveraged, are set out in the table below. Note that some awards contribute to more than one Fund priority. These have been allocated to the single priority that they are most closely aligned to.

Priority	Total funds distributed	No. of Awards	% total funds distributed	Leverage of other funds (%)
Contemporary culture, events and recreational activity	£121,156.80	39	13.7%	28.6%
Improve community services and facilities	£528,616.40	34	60.0%	27.0%%
Promote rural regeneration	£179,698.32	26	20.4%	94.3%
Cultural, historic and archaeological heritage	£22,457.00	4	2.6%	38.6%
Preserve and enhance the natural environment for residents and visitors	£29,401.40	6	3.3%	76.8%
Total	£881,329.92	109	100%	83.6%

Geographical Distribution of Awards

The distribution of awards across the Fund area by project location is shown below. Note that many awards made to groups based in Huntly were for projects benefitting people within and outside of Huntly.



Making a Difference

The following case studies of projects supported by the Fund demonstrate the range of impacts it is bringing about.

Scott Hall, Fergue, near Huntly

Three grants, totalling £72,798.80, were awarded during 2017-2018 to carry out repairs to Scott Hall. The total project cost was £86,584.89; the balance was raised by the Scott Hall committee from its reserves, its own fund-raising, and the labour of volunteers.

In 2016, Scott Hall Committee discovered a problem with dry rot in the roof, and decided it was imperative that work was carried out as soon as possible in order to ensure that the hall was not allowed to deteriorate any further. Without external grant assistance, the Scott Hall committee was not in a position to carry out the repairs from its own resources.



The work of most immediate importance involved replacement of selected windows, repairs to a gable area, repointing, joinery repairs and internal/external decoration. An award of £23,458 was made towards this from Clashindarroch Community Fund.

A local contractor who provided a quotation for the work pointed out at the time that the dry rot costings were all provisional and could only be properly assessed when the walls had been fully stripped back. Once work was underway, the contractor discovered that the dry rot was much more extensive than had been originally thought. The Committee also discovered an additional problem with the roof which appeared to have been the cause of the ingress of water and then the dry rot. As the priority was to deal with the cause of the rot and to eradicate the rot as quickly as possible, permission was given for Scott Hall to use part of the previous grant allocated for joinery work, masonry work, window repairs, and decoration in order to deal with the dry rot problem. This left Scott Hall with a significant amount of work still to be carried out in order to return the hall into a usable condition.

The Panel awarded a further grant at its meeting in March 2018 of £21,000 against then budgeted costs of £28,785.60, with the Hall Committee being required to either fund-raise to pay for some of the work, or carry out the painting to the main hall and kitchen themselves. As work gradually progressed, it became clear that the work was proving to be more expensive than originally budgeted for. A third grant was made in December 2018, of £28,340, to allow the work to be completed.



The project met the Fund priority: "Improve community services and facilities", and fulfilled one of the priorities set during the Clashindarroch Conversation (the community engagement process carried out in 2014 prior to the commencement of the Fund) in improving the village halls in the Fund area of benefit.

The Scott Hall Committee reported that the major difference made by the grants was that it had given them 'huge peace of mind that the major dry rot has been fixed.' The awards have secured a community asset for many years to come, in an area with otherwise very limited facilities

Networks of Wellbeing. Huntly

Networks of Wellbeing (NoW) aims to promote mental health resilience by delivering a combination of individual mental health support and community-based activities. A grant of £17,327, payable across two years, was awarded in October 2017 to fund room hire, staff and support costs to set up a one-to-one counselling service for members of the community in need. The total project cost was budgeted at £22,200, and the balance was raised by NoW from its own reserves and additional fund-raising.



NoW had run a small-scale counselling service for adults as a pilot project since January 2017, using a qualified volunteer who originally came to NoW on student placement from the University of Aberdeen. During this pilot project, 19 clients registered with the service. The University was impressed by NoW's approach to mental health and agreed to send two students on an annual basis to assist the running of a structured counselling project.

At that time, there was only very limited access to counselling for residents within the Fund area, through some medical surgeries, and those wishing to access counselling services therefore needed to travel to Aberdeen. The pilot project, however, demonstrated a need for a community-wide counselling service based within the Fund area. A local charity, Car Aid Rhynie, agreed that its service would be available to enable people from outside Huntly to access the service, meaning it would be accessible to people from around that area. Local GPs would sign-post patients to the new service operated by NoW.

NoW did not wish to levy a charge on those accessing the counselling service, and did not do so for the pilot, since the service covered an area where there are pockets of both rural and urban poverty. This was consistent with NoW's principle that all its services are provided free at the point of delivery.

NoW estimated that 100 people would benefit directly from this service over a two-year period; but the reality was that over 200 people took advantage of the service.

The project met the Fund priority of 'improving local services'. In the eyes of the Clashindarroch Community Fund Panel, it had been so successful that a further grant to NoW was approved in October 2019 with £25,000 being awarded over two years. The grant is to employ a lead counsellor to provide counselling support for young people aged 11-18 over two years, and contribute to venue, phone and printing costs.

North East Scotland Biodiversity Partnership

A grant of £5,055 was awarded in April 2018 to North East Scotland Biodiversity Partnership (BP) to fund staff and equipment costs to engage with three local schools or youth groups helping young people to observe and record local wildlife. The total project cost was £6,055 and BP obtained the balance of funds from Aberdeenshire Council.



BP is a non-profit partnership amongst Scottish Natural Heritage, Aberdeenshire Council, Aberdeen City Council, Moray Council, the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, Forestry Commission Scotland, Scottish Environmental Protection Agency, North-East Scotland Biological Records Centre, and the James Hutton Institute.

BP has promoted the use of camera traps within schools to allow children to discover and value local wildlife; and pioneered pond-dipping sessions with local schools and youth groups to learn more about the wildlife in, and the health of, local ponds. As part of Scotland's Year of Young People, in 2018 BP sought to work with three schools or youth groups in the Fund Area to incorporate the process of wildlife recording and submitting records into existing outdoor learning initiatives, or to help such schools/groups initiate new outdoor learning activities.

BP spent six sessions at Largue Primary School providing an introduction to pollinators, biological recording and the regional Biological Records Centre, camera trapping and moth traps. It also delivered four sessions at the Gordon Schools to two S2 classes, covering wildlife recording and camera trapping. Lastly, BP worked with Bin Rangers Club to run two longer sessions for young people and their families to learn how to use camera traps and other methods to record wildlife in the area, allowing future monitoring.



The project was promoted at a stand at the monthly Huntly farmers market. Each group was supplied with a wildlife recording resource box including traps, identification guides and other equipment such as bug viewing pots, which will allow for continued use for many years to come. A total of 84 children and young people benefited, plus 25 family and community members who learned about the project at an open session at Largue Primary School. This was a pilot project which helped BP to determine the effectiveness of the resources and activities for different age groups in a range of settings and to engage young people in wildlife recording. The wildlife records acquired during the project and going forward will make a real contribution to the

region's knowledge and have helped show the young people involved the value of their observations.

The project met the Fund priority of preserving and enhancing the natural environment for residents and visitors.

Clashindarroch Community Fund Panel

A Community Panel makes recommendations on awards from the Fund, advises on overall Fund strategy, and promotes the Fund locally. The Panel is governed by a Terms of Reference that has been agreed between community representatives and Foundation Scotland and is reviewed from time to time.

The Panel comprises up to 12 members of the communities that benefit from the Fund. Two representatives are appointed by each of Huntly Community Council, Strathbogie Community Council, Tap O'Noth Community Council, and the Cabrach Community Association. One further representative from each of the four communities is selected through an open and transparent recruitment process.

Each Panel member serves a minimum of one and a maximum of four years, with members retiring on a phased basis to ensure knowledge and expertise are retained. Opportunities to join the Panel are openly advertised when these arise.

Panel members at 31 May 2020 were:

Huntly:	Michael Cowie Tony Gill* Hazel McIntosh*
Strathbogie:	Ian Angus George Wordie* David Rogalski*
Tap o' Noth:	Peter Johnston* Jim Matthew* Lachlan Rhodes
Cabrach:	Margaret Lee* Patti Nelson* Crystal Hill

**Appointed by the Community Council/Association.*

Over the first five years of the Fund, Panel meetings had been well attended and one new representative for each area had been recruited. Community Councils and Cabrach Community Association would each be asked to nominate a new representative following the 2021 Community Council elections, which will be held in May or June 2021.

Fund Review

During September and October 2018, Foundation Scotland consulted communities in the Fund area in order to gain feedback on progress and inform the Fund's future priorities. The consultation consisted of a review workshop and a survey questionnaire (available online and in paper format). The opportunity to take part was promoted through press releases and attendance by Foundation Scotland at Huntly Hairst Festival.

Review Workshop

The review workshop was attended by 15 people from a broad range of local organisations, the majority of which had been in receipt of awards from the Fund. A series of exercises were carried out in order to explore the participants' views on Fund priorities.

The exercises, done both individually and in groups, gave participants brief descriptions of projects from the Clashindarroch Fund Area and from other areas in which Foundation Scotland manage Funds. Participants were asked about the priority they would give to each project if they were responsible for funding decisions.

The projects which were generally given the lower scores by participants tended to be arts projects, cultural events, and those which could be perceived as supporting 'leisure' activities. Projects associated with schools received very mixed responses, with some participants indicating that they saw support for schools to be entirely a local authority responsibility.

Projects which scored well were those where the description indicated that the project was helping people who were most disadvantaged, supporting young people or investing in community assets.

A post-it board was used to record the views of workshop participants on what the Fund should support, and feedback forms, allowing participants to give their views on how the Fund had operated from an awardee perspective.

The post-it board revealed support for the Fund investing in sports facilities, the development of community enterprise and improved signage. However, these topics had not elicited strong support in the early prioritisation exercises outlined above.

Feedback forms completed at the workshop indicated that the majority of Fund awardees were very happy with operation of the Fund. The application process was felt to be straight-forward and support from, and communication with, Foundation Scotland had been good.

Suggestions made included:

- The simplification of applications for small awards
- Giving greater priority for disadvantaged groups
- Giving greater flexibility in supporting groups where a proportion of beneficiaries are outwith the Fund area.

Questionnaire Survey

Response to the survey was poor, with only two returns being submitted in paper form and six online. Given the low number of returns, the responses could not give a reliable indication of wider community views.

However, consistent feedback from all respondents was that:

- The area has great resources and assets to build on. In particular its heritage, environment and community.
- A large number of specific examples of what the Fund should support were mentioned, ranging from sports events, sports facilities, town centre improvements, historic buildings, footpaths/open space, village halls, education and cultural activities.
- Creating a long-term legacy, beyond the life of the wind farm was important.
- There was a high degree of awareness of the Fund and of projects supported by the Fund. Regular articles in the local newspaper (The Huntly Examiner) have been important in achieving this.

Key Messages

The consultation didn't highlight any major concerns about the priorities or operation of the Fund. However, key points emerging were that:

- The process of accessing funding was seen as simple, flexible and well supported from Foundation Scotland, although there may be scope for further

simplifying processes for small grants.

- The consultation workshop showed lower levels of support for awards related to arts, one-off cultural events and recreational activity not targeted at those experiencing disadvantage. These were seen as having lower impact; however, it may be that the project descriptions available to workshop participants were too brief to convey the potential wider

community benefits that may be achieved by these activities. Nonetheless, future assessments of this type of project will have to critically examine how awards can achieve a legacy and reach those experiencing disadvantage.

- There is a high degree of awareness of the Fund and projects it has supported.

Panel Views

At its meeting on 26th October 2020, the Fund Panel conducted a review of the performance of the Fund over the first five years. This was informed by a detailed statistical analysis, prepared by Foundation Scotland and covering trends in application numbers, conversion rates from application to award, annual trends in levels of spend and underspend, geographical spread of awards, spread of awards by programme priority, leverage (matched funding) ratios, use of ring-fenced funds, and fund promotion. This analysis formed the basis for a discussion on how the Fund was performing, potential issues, and whether any changes should be made to how the Fund operates. The Fund Panel also considered the feedback received from the consultation outlined above.

The Panel concluded that the Fund had operated well and was making a high number of awards year on year. These had supported delivery of, or progress towards, significant improvements to local infrastructure, especially in relation to village halls and other community-run buildings.

The Panel considered how the Fund might generate even greater impact and how to ensure a high level of annual expenditure continued. While the Fund was widely promoted already, Panel agreed that sponsored social media posts could increase awareness further, and that promotional materials should emphasise that Foundation Scotland offers pre-application advice.

The ring-fenced funds (Volunteer Development Bursary, School Transport Grants, COVID-19 Emergency Grants and Legacy Grants) were discussed and it was decided that all of these should continue to be available, although demand for the COVID-19 Emergency Grants and Volunteer Development Bursaries would be

reviewed at the Panel's October 2021 meeting. The amount allocated to Volunteer Development Bursaries was reduced from £5000 to £4000, reflecting low utilisation of this fund to date.

The Panel had allocated £20,000 to the COVID-19 Emergency Fund during Year 5 as the pandemic began to pose challenges for many in the four communities. Demand for this had been high, with a total of £14,600 awarded, therefore an additional £10,000 was allocated to this strand.

In relation to the Legacy Grants, this strand of funding had been well used and there are a number of anticipated legacy projects that could become live in 2021 for which the sum being ring-fenced would not be sufficient. The Panel therefore increased this to £120,000 per year from Year 6; and also agreed to prioritise existing projects rather than new projects and to consider awarding further funding to legacy projects as required.

The Panel discussed the Fund Priorities (see page 1) and the results of the Public Consultation carried out in October 2018 (detailed above). They considered that the communities should be consulted further as to any changes required, but due to COVID-19 restrictions it did not seem likely this would be possible for some time. The Panel therefore agreed to retain the five existing priorities and reconsidered them in October 2021.

The Panel also decided to explore potential for investing some of the funds in a community endowment, so as to ideally grow the pot available for grant-making over the long term.

The Panel proposed that a detailed Fund Review should occur every three to five years.

Conclusion

Vattenfall Clashindarroch Community Fund is providing a valuable source of funding supporting many different aspects of life in the four communities. Up to the end of its fifth year of operation, 109 awards had been made, totalling £881,329.92. Over 90% of grants awarded were towards projects meeting the following Fund priorities:

- Increase participation in, and access to, contemporary culture, events and recreational activity
- Improve community services and facilities
- Promote rural regeneration

The priorities of 'preserve and enhance the natural environment for residents and visitors' and 'celebrate the area's cultural, historic and archaeological heritage' received fewer awards. However, since many projects meet multiple priorities, support for these priorities may be greater than these figures suggest.

Funding has reached all the geographic communities within the Fund Area. While Huntly & District based projects had received more than other areas, this is a significant service centre and many projects based there were serving people from other communities in the Fund area.

In late 2018, Foundation Scotland carried out a consultation on the Fund with awardees and other stakeholders, which showed that, broadly speaking, the Fund priorities are relevant and the award process is working well. In October 2020, the Panel carried out a detailed review of the Fund, which also concluded that the Fund is operating well and that no significant changes were required. Further consultation, in particular on the ongoing relevance of the Fund priorities, may be carried out in 2021.

Foundation Scotland will continue to support that Panel in its decision making and to monitor application numbers, working with the Panel to identify any remedial action should these drop off.

Foundation Scotland

Find out more about the Fund at <https://www.foundationscotland.org.uk/programmes/clashindarroch/>

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Annex 1: Awards

Fund Priority: Contemporary culture, events and recreational activity (39 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!"
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.
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.
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.
A376966	Gordon Woodworkers	£5,000.00	£5,178.91	3.5%	To install a new electricity supply in the club's potential new premises.
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.
A377612	Deveron Canoe Club	£1,882.00	£7,640.00	75.4%	To purchase kayaks and other equipment for the club.
A415547	Huntly and District Pipe Band	£9,500.00 (over two years)	£13,500.00	29.6%	To facilitate a 2-year coaching/mentoring programme for the Band's new Pipe Major and Leading Drummer.
A423115	Gartly School Partnership	£1,197.00	£2,197.00	45.5%	To replace the rear stage curtains in Gartly school's hall.

A423840	Drumblade School Parent Council	£3,568.00	£5,000.00	28.6%	To install an outdoor play shelter and install new fencing around the existing greenhouse.
A434543	Strathbogie Riding for the Disabled	£2,835.00 (over three years)	£5,670.00	50.0%	To provide transport for schoolchildren in Huntly and the surrounding areas to attend the group's sessions in Oyne over three years.
A435879	Rhynie Gala	£6,000.00	£7,574.40	20.8%	To purchase a portable stage to be used during the Gala weekend.
A456914	Gartly School Partnership	£540.00	£540.00	0%	To fund coach hire for transport to swimming lessons during 2017-18.
A457027	Huntly and District Development Trust	£5,818.75	£11,637.50	50.0%	To fund the contractor fee for path survey of the agreed route of Phase II of the new walking and cycling path connecting Huntly and Insch.
A471181	The Dee and Don Ceilidh Collective	£1,432.64	£2,530.64	43.4%	To contribute to the cost of the Rhynie Ceilidh Day on 8 September, including workshop tutors, venue hire and other sundry costs.
A477557	Huntly Summer School	£1,002.00	£6,215.58	83.9%	To contribute to the cost of the summer school, including tutor costs and venue hire.
A479963	Music Central	£500.00	£1,085.00	53.9%	To mount a performance of Ronald Center's <i>Dona nobis pacem</i> in Christ Church, Huntly on 11 November 2018.
A481459	Clatt Primary School PTA	£350.00	£350.00	0%	To fund travel to swimming lessons for school pupils.
A484873	Forgue School Parent Council	£560.00	£560.00	0%	To fund travel to swimming lessons for school pupils.
A490746	Huntly Heritage and Bookshop Community	£400.00	£501.00	20.2%	To purchase and install a set of waterproof shelves and seating for the provision of a micro-library for the community.
A490806	Huntly Small-Bore Rifle Club	£7,500.00	£8,600.00	12.8%	To purchase five new lightweight rifles for the club.

A493493	Drumblade School Parent Council	£570.00	£570.00	0%	To fund travel to swimming lessons for school pupils.
A503509	Clatt Primary School PTA	£810.00	£810.00	0%	To fund travel to swimming lessons for school pupils.
A503592	Huntly Cricket Club Juniors	£450.00	£1,000.00	55.0%	To install hand-dryers in the toilets in the clubhouse.
A503785	Cairney School	£450.00	£450.00	0%	To fund travel to swimming lessons for school pupils.
A504271	Tin Hut Sessions	£5,756.22	£6,056.22	5.0%	To purchase new sound and lighting equipment for use in the group's open mic sessions and concerts.
A504538	Largue Primary Parent Council	£540.00	£540.00	0%	To fund travel to swimming lessons for school pupils.
A505657	Huntly Rugby Football Club	£8,145.19	£42,943.26	81.0%	To contribute to the cost of purchasing portable floodlights, rugby posts, and secure storage container to assist with the club's winter training.
A505779	Dee and Don Ceilidh Collective	£900.00	£2,200.00	59.1%	To contribute to the cost of the 2019 Rhynie Ceilidh Day, including workshop tutors, venue hire and other sundry costs.
A505952	Huntly Summer School	£2,000.00	£8,909.00	77.6%	To contribute to the cost of the 2019 summer school session.
A511315	Glass Primary Parent Council	£420.00	£420.00	0%	To fund travel to swimming lessons for school pupils.
A513042	Forgue School Parent Council	£660.00	£660.00	0%	To fund travel to swimming lessons for school pupils.
A519329	Rhynie Primary School	£650.00	£650.00	0%	To fund travel to swimming lessons for school pupils.
A526193	Drumblade School Parent Council	£570.00	£570.00	0%	To fund travel to swimming lessons for school pupils.

A522438	Huntly Cricket Club Juniors	£7,000.00	£8,976.00	22.0%	To replace the cricket ground's artificial wicket.
A531445	Clatt Primary School PTA	£480.00	£480.00	0%	To fund travel to swimming lessons for school pupils.
A538987	Kennethmont School Partnership	£720.00	£720.00	0%	To fund transport for swimming lessons. Six lessons, starting 22 April 2020.
A539425	Huntly Hairst	£2,300.00	£8,800.00	73%	To contribute to the costs of the 2020 Huntly Hairst.

Total awarded to 'Contemporary culture, events and recreational activity': £121,156.80 (13.7% of funds awarded)

Fund Priority: Improve community services and facilities (34 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.

A386530	Huntly Football Club	£9,480.00	£10,000.00	5.2%	To contribute to the preparatory work of building a 3G facility for the community.
A391378	Huntly Small-Bore Rifle Club	£ 9,350.00	£14,000.00	33.2%	To install electronic targets on all five shooting lanes.
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.
A415593	Gordon Rural Action	£24,000.00 (over two years)	£45,045.00	46.7%	To meet the costs and to facilitate the transition by Gordon Rural Action of its General Advice Service to a volunteer-led service.
A427190	Huntly Community Sensory Garden	£1,608.00	£10,000.00	83.9%	To purchase movement-activated message speakers for a sensory garden in Huntly.
A434323	Rannes Hall Management Committee	£47,259.00	£54,759.29	13.7%	To carry out improvements to Rannes Hall, including providing additional storage facilities, accessible toilets, external stonework pointing/repairs, and internal decorating.
A435890	Scott Hall	£23,458.80	£29,458.80	20.4%	To carry out repairs to Scott Hall.
A444647	Clatt Primary School PTA	£3,645.00	£3,645.60	0%	To purchase staging and associated storage shuttle.
A455396	Huntly Cricket Club Juniors	£1,000.00	£1,000.00	0%	To purchase materials to repair the interior or the clubhouse, including plasterboard walls/ceiling, and to replace all internal light fittings.
A455567	Networks of Wellbeing Ltd	£17,327.00 (over two years)	£22,200.00	22.0%	To fund room hire, staff and support costs over two years to set up a one-to-one counselling service for members of the community in need.
A456637	Tap O Noth Community Council	£3,892.80	£7,366.80	47.2%	To purchase three defibrillator cabinets to be sited in Clatt, Kennethmont and Gartly.
A470317	Scott Hall	£21,000.00	£28,785.60	27.0%	To finish major building repairs and vital maintenance begun with grant ref. A435890.

A471362	Glass Community Association	£17,790.74	£31,297.20	43.2%	To contribute to the cost of "Phase 2" development and preparatory works for a new multipurpose community facility in Glass.
A471373	Alexander Scott's Hospital Eventide Home	£22,500.00	£25,295.00	11.0%	To contribute to the cost of a wheelchair-accessible vehicle.
A471446	Huntly ASDitude	£8,971.11	£10,971.11	18.2%	To contribute to the cost of creating an outdoor therapeutic space for the group.
A469504	Huntly Community Sports Trust	£100,000.00	£545,000.00	81.7%	To establish an all-weather astroturf facility in Christie Park.
A490769	Upper Cabrach Church Trust	£10,200.00	£15,000.00	32.0%	To contribute to the installation of toilets at the Church car park, including the preparation of the ground on which they will sit and installation of Caithness slate slabs.
A493703	Largue Primary Parent Council	£1,375.00	£1,970.00	30.2%	To purchase and install a defibrillator and heated cabinet.
A498548	Scott Hall	£28,340.00	£28,340.49	0%	To finish major building repairs and vital maintenance begun with grant ref. A435890 and grant ref. A470317.
A512952	Gartly Community Association	£18,409.00	£18,409.00	0%	To contribute to the renovation and extension of the hall, including seeking planning permission and building warrant.
A513304	Gordon Rural Action	£5,000.00	£8,000.00	37.5%	To contribute to the purchase of a secondhand van for use in the group's deliveries and collections for the group's charity shops.
A513310	Clatt Primary School PTA	£694.39	£694.39	0%	To purchase a storage cupboard, kettle, and various toys/games for Clatt Toddlers.
A523761	Grampian Women's Aid	£8,000.00	£8,000.00	0%	To contribute to a pilot project working in the Huntly and district area facilitating groups for women, children and young people who have experienced domestic abuse.
A524183	Networks of Wellbeing	£25,000.00	£77,400.00	67.7%	To employ a lead counsellor to provide counselling support for young people aged 11-18 over two years, and contribute to venue, phone and printing costs.

A524518	Deveron Projects	£18,500.00	£539,992.00	96.6%	To contribute to the refurbishment of 22-23 The Square, Huntly as part of the 'Huntly Heart' project.
A537046	Friends of Stewarts Hall	£20,830.32	£21,330.32	2.4%	To fund equipment and refurbishment of Stewart Hall.
A537005	Huntly Bowling Club	£5,649.00	£11,298.00	50%	To fund internal refurbishment of the clubhouse.
A553507	Alexander Scott's Hospital Eventide Home	£5,400.00	£5,400.00	0%	To provide equipment to assist with protection from, and the management of, Covid-19.

Total awarded to 'Improve community services and facilities': £528,616.40 (60.0% of funds awarded)

Fund Priority: Promote rural regeneration (26 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
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
A382399	Huntly 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.
A419143	Huntly Community Council	£2,341.99	£2,341.99	0%	To provide a micro-grant scheme for the local community.

A421218	Strathbogie Community Council	£2,341.99	£2,341.99	0%	To provide a micro-grant scheme for the local community.
A421223	Tap O Noth Community Council	£2,341.99	£2,341.99	0%	To provide a micro-grant scheme for the local community.
A421227	Cabrach Community Association	£2,341.99	£2,341.99	0%	To provide a micro-grant scheme for the local community.
A423539	Cabrach Trust	£25,000.00	£31,580.00	20.8%	As a contribution to the general costs of the Trust in order to help it achieve certain outputs and milestones towards the redevelopment of Inverharroch Farm, and the community asset transfer of the Acorn Centre.
A437331	Huntly Floral Fund	£2,000.00	£3,120.00	35.9%	To purchase a trailer which will enable the group to more easily and efficiently water Huntly's floral tubs and planters.
A457654	Cabrach Trust	£25,000.00	£66,202.00	62.2%	To support the cost of preparing a building warrant package for the Distillery and Heritage Centre.
A460218	Huntly Community Council	£2,427.76	£2,427.76	0%	To provide a micro-grant scheme for the local community.
A466376	Cabrach Community Association	£2,427.76	£2,427.76	0%	To provide a micro-grant scheme for the local community.
A466379	Tap O Noth Community Council	£2,427.76	£2,427.76	0%	To provide a micro-grant scheme for the local community.
A466381	Strathbogie Community Council	£2,427.76	£2,427.76	0%	To provide a micro-grant scheme for the local community.
A481414	Cabrach Trust	£50,000.00	£2,938,000.00	98.3%	To contribute to the capital costs of converting Inverharroch Steadings into a visitor centre featuring working historical distillery and heritage centre.
A490325	Strathbogie Community Council	£2,508.19	£2,508.19	0%	To provide a micro-grant scheme for the local community.

A490334	Tap O Noth Community Council	£2,508.19	£2,508.19	0%	To provide a micro-grant scheme for the local community.
A490337	Cabrach Community Association	£2,508.19	£2,508.19	0%	To provide a micro-grant scheme for the local community.
A490345	Huntly Community Council	£2,508.19	£2,508.19	0%	To provide a micro-grant scheme for the local community.
A506483	Huntly Hairst	£4,000.00	£9,000.00	55.6%	To contribute to the cost of organising, co-ordinating and promoting the 2019 Huntly Hairst.
A529930	Huntly Community Council	£2,584.14	£2,584.14	0%	To provide a micro-grant scheme for the local community
A529931	Tap O Noth Community Council	£2,584.14	£2,584.14	0%	To provide a micro-grant scheme for the local community
A529932	Strathbogie Community Council	£2,584.14	£2,584.14	0%	To provide a micro-grant scheme for the local community
A529933	Cabrach Community Association	£2,584.14	£2,584.14	0%	To provide a micro-grant scheme for the local community

Total awarded to 'Promote rural regeneration': £179,698.32 (20.4% of funds awarded)

Fund Priority: Cultural, historic and archaeological heritage (4 awards)

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.
A456317	Huntly Heritage and Bookshop Community	£2,000.00	£2,000.00	0%	To enable volunteers to attend meetings and seminars held by the Independent Book Sellers association.

A471542	Strathbogie Community Council	£7,617.00	£30,221.00	74.8%	To contribute to travel costs and entry fees for those Gordon Highlanders and others attending an event commemorating the liberation of Chievres, Belgium in November 2018.
A539241	North East Scotland Preservation Trust	£3,690.00	£5,000.00	26.2%	To fund surveys and inspections of the Huntly Hotel as part of the renovation plan to enable it to run it as a community enterprise.

Total awarded to 'Cultural, historic and archaeological heritage': £22,457.00 (2.6% of funds awarded)

Fund Priority: Preserve and enhance the natural environment for residents and visitors (6 awards)

Ref.	Applicant Name	Amount Awarded	Project Cost	Leverage (%)	Grant Summary
A444846	Deveron Projects	£5,000.00	£5,539.22	9.7%	To purchase fruit trees, seeds and plants, tools, and other gardening equipment as part of the group's "garden city" project.
A471791	North East Scotland Biodiversity Partnership	£5,055.00	£6,055.00	16.5%	To fund staff and equipment costs to engage with local schools helping young people to observe and record local wildlife.
A471902	Huntly Business Association	£1,500.00	£7,680.00	80.5%	To help fund the "Gull Nesting Eradication Programme."
A512768	Huntly and District Swift Group	£10,000.00	£15,134.00	33.9%	To purchase equipment, including nestboxes and swiftbricks, and webcam/call systems.
A515116	Huntly and District Development Trust	£6,356.00	£90,585.00	93.0%	To contribute to the construction of missing sections of a foot- and cycle-path from Huntly to Greenmyres Farm.
A521728	Tap O'Noth Community Council	£1,490.40	£1,890.40	21.2%	To install four community benches in each of Clatt, Rhynie, Kennethmont and Gartly.

Total awarded to 'Preserve and enhance the natural environment for residents and visitors': £29,401.40 (3.3% of funds awarded)