

November 2021

Fund report



Carscreugh Wind Farm

Year 7, 1 October 2020 to 30 September 2021



Overview

The Carscreugh Renewable Energy Park Ltd. (CREPL) Community Fund provides awards to support charitable activities that enhance quality of life for residents, contribute to vibrant, healthy, successful and sustainable communities, promote community spirit and encourage community activity.

It was established in 2014 to separately benefit the Wigtownshire community council areas of Cree Valley, Kirkcowan, Stoneykirk, Port William & District, Old Luce, and New Luce in Dumfries & Galloway.

New Luce, Kirkcowan, Stoneykirk, Port William and District, and Cree Valley receive an equal share of 30% of the Fund's annual value, amounting to 6% each. Old Luce receives 70% of the Fund's annual value.

In 2020 to 2021 a total of £43,428.42 was awarded to the communities. 6% of this equated to £2,605.70 each for New Luce, Kirkcowan, Stoneykirk, Port William & District, and Cree Valley paid as direct grants to each Community Council once a forward plan for proposed use of the funds was received.

The annual expenditure and planning cycle requires a report on use of funds in the previous year to be submitted in September, alongside a forward plan for the coming year. These are received at varying times during the year but form the basis of this annual report to the wind farm owner and which comprises a financial summary and description of awards. Updates on activity in these communities forms Part 1 of this report.



The allocation for Old Luce was £30,399.92. This is distributed through Old Luce Community Fund with decisions made by a Panel of local representatives, supported by Foundation Scotland. This Fund is administered under a separate agreement with Old Luce Community Council. Updates on this are provided in Part 2 of this report.

PART 1 CREPL Community Fund

Carscreugh Wind Farm Community Fund Statement Period: 01 October 2014 to 30 September 2021 Fund Statement

Opening Balance **£0.00**

Income

Year 1 - Carscreugh Renewable Energy Park Ltd	31/10/2014	£39,397.50
Year 2 - Carscreugh Renewable Energy Park Ltd	02/12/2015	£37,449.36
Year 3 - Carscreugh Renewable Energy Park Ltd	30/12/2016	£40,473.07
Year 3 - Interest Receipt	15/03/2017	£22.11
Year 4 - Carscreugh Renewable Energy Park Ltd	31/01/2018	£41,888.32
Year 4 - Interest Receipt	20/03/2018	£11.34
Year 5 - Carscreugh Renewable Energy Park Ltd	31/12/2018	£43,303.58
Year 5 - Interest Receipt	19/02/2019	£10.76
Year 6 - Carscreugh Renewable Energy Park Ltd	31/10/2019	£44,488.16
Year 7 - Carscreugh Renewable Energy Park Ltd	31/07/2020	£44,949.57
Year 8 - Carscreugh Renewable Energy Park Ltd	02/08/2021	£46,441.74
Total		£338,435.51

Expenditure

Grants released in period	£70,140.10
Grants awarded up to 30.09.2021 still be paid*	£12,873.40
Grants allocated for 2021/2022 period**	£13,448.00
Sub Total	£96,461.50

Fund Expenses

Year 1 - Foundation Scotland Fee	31/10/2014	£1,147.50
Year 2 - Foundation Scotland Fee	02/12/2015	£1,301.33
Year 3 - Foundation Scotland Fee	30/12/2016	£1,406.40
Year 4 - Foundation Scotland Fee	31/01/2018	£1,455.58
Year 5 - Foundation Scotland Fee	31/12/2018	£1,504.76
Year 6 - Foundation Scotland Fee	31/10/2019	£1,546.00
Year 7 - Foundation Scotland Fee	31/07/2020	£1,561.95
Year 8 - Foundation Scotland Fee	02/08/2021	£1,613.81
Sub Total		£11,537.33

Total transfer to Old Luce Community Fund **Sub Total** **£230,436.26**

See Fund Statement in Part 2 of this report

Total funds available as at 30/09/2021 **£0.42**

*£12,873.40 awarded but still to be released: £2,508 - Kirkcowan CDT (2018); £2,577 - Cree Valley CC (2019); £2,577 - Kirkcowan CDT (2019); £2,605.70 - Cree Valley CC (2020); £2,605.70 - Kirkcowan CC (2020).

**The annual payment from Carscreugh was received in August 2021. Grants to communities are awarded in October, so grants were allocated but not yet paid out by end of September reporting period. £13,448 (£2,689.60 x 5 Community Councils) is to be paid out in the 2021/2022 period and will be reported on next year.

PART 1 Fund Distribution - October 2020 to September 2021

Cree Valley

The 2015, 2016 and 2017 grants were all paid to Cree Valley Community Council together in 2018 totalling £7,076.00. Of this £6,732.86 was spent and reported on with £343.00 carried forward. The Community Council's 2018 grant was paid out in October 2020 once all the conditions of the grant were met. Despite multiple emails and phone calls about this grant, the completion report has not been received and no update on the spending of these funds has been given.

Once the Completion report for the 2018 grant has been received, the 2019 grant is ready to be paid to the Community Council. When all conditions have been met, the 2020 grant will also be paid. Money that is allocated to Cree Valley, but not yet paid out due to a lack of required documents, currently sits at £5,182.70.

Kirkcowan

Funds for Kirkcowan Community were distributed through Kirkcowan Community Development Trust (Kirkcowan CDDT) from 2015 until this year. Kirkcowan CDDT completed its grants in 2015 and 2016. It has pledged to spend its 2017 (£2,426) and 2018 grant (£2,508) on greenspace projects in the Jenna Morrow Woods that has been purchased by the community of Kirkcowan. There are on-going delays in the 2018 and 2019 grants being paid out to Kirkcowan CDDT as a completion report for the 2017 grant and signed annual accounts are required to be submitted before these can be released.

In the meantime, throughout 2021, discussions with representatives from Kirkcowan CDDT and Kirkcowan Community Council resulted in an agreement from both parties that Carscreugh funds, from 2020 onwards, would be paid to Kirkcowan Community Council. The Community Council, who the original agreement was held with, had requested in 2015 that the Development Trust took over administration of these funds. They would now prefer direct access to funds for projects in the community. The Community Council have now re-signed the Memorandum of Understanding with FS, the 2020 grant of £2,605.70 has been allocated to them, and Foundation Scotland is working with the Chair to progress the grant. Once a forward plan has been received, the 2020 grant will be paid. Details of this grant will be outlined in next year's report.

Whilst there have been notable delays in funds from Carscreugh reaching Kirkcowan community, the work with Kirkcowan CDDT and the Community Council this year has been positive, opening conversations between the two organisations and looking at the best way of moving forward. It is anticipated that, once the Community Council becomes familiar with the funding process, they will ensure that CREPL funds are spent each year.

New Luce - £2,605.70

New Luce C.C reported on the distribution of their 2020-2021 grant, as follows:

£1,378.82 Utilities for village shop and hall

£903.25 Broadband and telephone for shop and hall

£108.80 Plants and compost for gardening group

With a small balance carried forward from their 2019-2020 grant, New Luce Community Council spent £2,390.87 and have £218.60 left to carry forward to their 2021 grant.



Every year New Luce uses part of its funds for the renovation and running costs of the Village Shop and post office, that was closed for three years before re-opening in 2014. To date £12,091 from CREPL has been invested - paying for a new floor and contributing to annual costs of utilities, broadband and telephone. The shop is a centre point of the village and a service to the community, and during Covid-19

restrictions staff collected shopping for residents and delivered it free to people's houses.

Port William - £2,605.70

Port William and District C.C reported on the distributed their grant as follows:

£278 Picnic Bench for King's Green Park play area

£200 Gardeners Group Planters for the village

£500 Community Association - 70th Anniversary Gala Carnival Queen Event

£350 Village Christmas Trees contribution

£700 Maxwell Hall- Draft proofing curtains

£300 Maxwell Hall- Sound proofing/ lighting

They spent £2,328 and have £277.70 to carry forward for village improvements.



Stoneykirk - £2,605.70

Stoneykirk C.C distributed their grant as follows:

£277.66 Flower boxes, compost, and flowers for 3 villages

£93.59 Compost and flowers for beds in Sandhead

£246 Calibration and pads for defibrillators x 5

£400 Friendship Garden 5 tons of soil

£400 Sandhead Welfare Christmas meal+ £400 Stoneykirk Welfare Christmas meal

£400 Ardwell Kirk+ £400 Stoneykirk Parish

Stoneykirk spent £2,617.25 and with a small balance from the previous year, they have £13.73 left to carry forward.

PART 2 Old Luce Community Fund (Carscreugh)

Old Luce Community Fund (Carscreugh Renewable Energy) Statement Period: 01 September 2014 to 30 September 2021 Fund Statement

Opening Balance		£0.00
Income		
Year 1 - Old Luce Community Fund	31/10/2014	£26,775.00
Year 2 - Old Luce Community Fund	02/12/2015	£26,913.03
Year 3 - Old Luce Community Fund	30/12/2016	£27,346.67
Year 4 - Old Luce Community Fund	31/01/2018	£28,302.92
Year 5 - Old Luce Community Fund	31/12/2018	£29,259.17
Year 5 - Interest Receipt	19/02/2019	£46.45
Year 6 - Old Luce Community Fund	31/10/2019	£30,060.00
Year 7 - Old Luce Community Fund	31/07/2020	£30,399.92
Year 8 - Old Luce Community Fund	25/08/2021	£31,379.55
	Sub Total	£230,482.71*
Expenditure		
Grants released in period		£159,173.24
Grants to be released**		£24,195.26
	Sub Total	£183,368.50
Fund Expenses		
Year 2 - Contribution towards FS fee	30/09/2015	£2,473.00
Year 2 - Share of OLCF admin costs	07/10/2015	£187.50
Year 3 - Contribution towards FS fee	30/09/2016	£2,191.75
Year 4 - Share of OLCF admin costs	30/03/2018	£396.00
Year 4 - Contribution towards FS fee	30/09/2017	£2,188.55
Year 5 - Contribution towards FS fee	31/03/2019	£3,359.55
Year 6 - Contribution towards FS fee	05/12/2019	£1,638.00
Year 6 - Share of OLCF admin costs	03/12/2019	£84.00
Year 7 - Share of OLCF admin costs	15/01/2021	£90.33
Year 7 - Contribution towards FS fee	15/03/2021	£1,839.00
	Sub Total	£14,447.68
Endowment Contribution		
OLCF Endowment Contribution	19/10/2016	£4,750.00
	Sub Total	£4,750.00
Total funds available as at 30/09/2021		£27,916.53

*The total transfer to Old Luce Fund as outlined in Part 1 Fund statement £230,436.26 plus interest of £46.45

**£24,195.26 still to be released: £835.26 still to be paid from £10,000 grant for Depratros Site feasibility study by Old Luce Development Trust; £860 to be paid for the final instalment of a 3-year award for Luce Valley News; £22,500 in two allocations (£12,500 and £10,000) to be paid in Oct 2021 and April 2022 to support the work of Old Luce Development Trust for three years.

PART 2 Fund Distribution - October 2020 to September 2021

Between 1 October 2020 and 30 September 2021, Old Luce Community Fund (Carscreugh) paid £48,884.24 to support four projects all run by the Old Luce Development Trust. Details of these projects are outlined below:



Old Luce Development Trust: Glenluce Public Hall - £15,483.50

In August 2020 £15,483.50 was paid from Old Luce Carscreugh Funds to support the costs of operating and maintaining Glenluce Public Hall for a two-year period. The Hall is an asset that Glenluce community wish to see continue to stay open through the management of OLDLT. Out-with Covid restrictions, community events including chair-based exercise class and family movie nights, groups such as the SWI and Young Farmers Group, and services including the vital Post Office, run at the Hall.

An initial grant of £30,967 was reduced to £23,224.75 as less money was needed for the hall during closures in 2020. A payment of £15,483.50 from Carscreugh Funds paid for the hall keeper, internal maintenance and upkeep, water rates, refuse charge, electricity, oil, PAT testing, cleaning and consumables for the toilets and hall in 2020 and 2021. A final payment was made from another Old Luce Fund in October 2021 that will cover these costs until April 2022. These funds support a vital community facility, that will increase access to leisure activities and services provided in the village.

Old Luce Development Trust: Lorry Park legal fees - £4,376

In October 2020, Dumfries and Galloway Council agreed to transfer ownership of two plots of Council owned land - Woodside Industrial Estate and the Lorry Park, North Street to OLDLT. The Lorry Park and Woodside Estate are two separate assets within the

village of Glenluce that the Trust will purchase together as plans for the development of each are linked. Community consultation was carried out in June 2019, through two public information sessions, with the vast majority of those taking part supporting the Trust's objective of gaining ownership of both these sites.

In May 2021 £4,376 was paid to OLD T to complete the legal process of obtaining and transferring the ownership of the Lorry Park and Woodside Industrial Estate to Old Luce Development Trust. Ownership of the sites, particularly the Industrial Estate, will provide the Trust with an annual income expected to result in a surplus of £6,000 per year. This surplus will provide the Trust with an income that can be used to reduce reliance on grant funding or contribute to unrestricted reserves.

Old Luce Development Trust: Development Officer - £27,700

January 2021 saw the final payment of a three-year grant to OLD T to pay salary costs for their Development Officer. The employment of a Development Officer has proved fundamental in driving forward the business of the Trust. The role, of 30 hours per week, involves managing the many projects that the Trust has started up over the past few years, as well as the day to day running of the hall and public toilets and PR tasks including press releases and updates on social media platforms.

This final payment was released after the submission of a satisfactory report on the work of the Development Officer in the previous year.

Old Luce Development Trust: Daprato's Site - £1,324.74

In August 2021 a payment was made to OLD T towards the cost of a feasibility study and planning work for the potential purchase and subsequent re-development of a derelict site in Glenluce, known as the Daprato's corner site, that had been a gap site since DePrato's chip shop burned down around 1990.



The grant of £10,000 has now nearly all been paid with allocations from 2018 to 2021. This will have a long-term impact in the village, as it has supported the creation of a pleasant community space that will benefit the well-being of residents and improve the attractiveness of the village.

Old Luce Development Trust will complete the finishing touches, including seating, planting and a

noticeboard, over the winter ready for an official opening in spring 2022.

Old Luce Development Trust: Strategic Grant Funding

In April 2021, a large multiyear grant was awarded to Old Luce development Trust (OLDT) to support their work for three years, starting on 1 October 2021. OLDT is the sole community anchor organisation for Old Luce communities and, as is evident above, is the main applicant to the Fund. This grant recognises this status and will help OLDT to deliver projects that align with the Old Luce Research Report priorities and / or other community consultation.

It was agreed that a grant of £230,000 will be allocated to the Trust each year for three years, paid in six monthly instalments. Each year OLDT will provide a forward plan with details of the following year's activity and what the funds are expected to be spent on, and an update report at six months to release the next payment of funds.

This block grant arrangement enables Old Luce Community Fund to take a capacity building approach to investing in OLDT. It is creating more of a partnership with an organisation that has shown itself capable of managing many large-scale operations and a successful track record of delivering projects. This shift towards a strategic grant will allow OLDT to focus the direction of their activities without the administrative burden and time constraints of submitting a variety of application forms and individual monitoring reports at differing times and will support OLDT to truly become an agent for transformative change in the community.

Old Luce (Carscreugh) Funds will be contributing to this large multi-year grant. Once all the conditions for their first payment have been met an allocation of £12,500 is due to be paid from Carscreugh to OLDT. A further £10,000 is allocated from Carscreugh funds in April 2022, on receipt of a satisfactory progress report. These payments will be reported on in next year's annual report.

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