

CAIRNRYAN COMMUNITY FUND

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Welcome to this second Cairnryan Community Fund newsletter. This edition provides some news from groups in the village, updates on the Community Action Plan, and information on the Fund and how it can be used. Thanks to the Fund donors, ScottishPower Renewables and Schroders Greencoat. We hope you find this newsletter interesting.

The Cairnryan Community Fund Panel



CORONATION COMMUNITY FUN

The Community Council has used a micro-grant to finance a community get together to celebrate the coronation of King Charles III on **May 6th**. Micro-grants are small grants of up to £250 for individuals and £500 for groups doing things that benefit the Cairnryan community, that can be accessed quickly and directly from the Community Council. For more information on micro-grants, contact the Community Council via their new website, cairnryan.info

This micro-grant has been used to put on a free event, with all residents and their guests are welcome. The fun will start at 10am and finish at 7pm. A live screening of the coronation will be shown in the Hall - bring a plate of snacks to share with your group and your own drinks - free barbecue food will be provided, with games for the children and music - the get together will be out on the playing fields next to the Hall if it's nice, and inside the Hall if wet.

You can see the event flyer on the Community Council's Facebook page, on the cairnryan.info website and in the village noticeboards.



CAIRNRYAN COMMUNITY FUND GRANT FOR CHANGES AT THE HALL

Did you know that the village hall is now community managed? After a period spent negotiating with Dumfries and Galloway Council, the recently established Cairnryan Hall, Welfare and Facilities Group, which is run by local volunteers and chaired by Nick Scott, has now signed a two year management agreement for the Hall.

The Cairnryan Community Fund panel awarded the Group a grant of £10,000 in January to support them with meeting the running costs of the Hall, while the Group develops plans for Hall-based social and recreational activities that will bring wider benefits to the Cairnryan community. In addition the Community Fund panel supported a further grant of £2,000 in April to enable the Group to install a public access defibrillator on the outside of the Village Hall.

The Group held a successful Open Day at the Hall on the 29th April showcasing groups from Cairnryan and surrounding areas, including Cairnryan in Bloom, Cairnryan Ladies, an Incredible Edible Seed Swap, cancer and arthritis support groups and some local businesses, with community members dropping into say hello and have a cup of tea.

Anyone who wants to book the Hall or has ideas for activities can get in touch on admin@cairnryangroup.co.uk to get a booking form. Read more at cairnryangroup.co.uk

NEW WEBSITE FOR THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

A resident of the village, Marc Houghton, has recently volunteered to set up a new website on behalf of Cairnryan Community Council called 'Cairnryan Connected' which is a forum for people to share and access news about what's going on in Cairnryan.

This new website can be found at cairnryan.info and any community member can register to post on the website. If you are not registered you can still read the news items. As well as a forum for the Community Council, there are different threads for all the groups and activities in the area, including the Thistle Heights bar, Cairnryan Group, the Fund and Cairnryan in Bloom.

Marc says '*As a newer member of the Cairnryan community I've been really delighted to get involved and set this website up. Hopefully it will help enable an interactive flow of communication for everything village related in one place - all thoughts and feedback are welcome. You can contact me via the website or on marc@cairnryan.info*'

CAIRNRYAN CONNECTED

Keeping Cairnryan Community Council and the local community informed

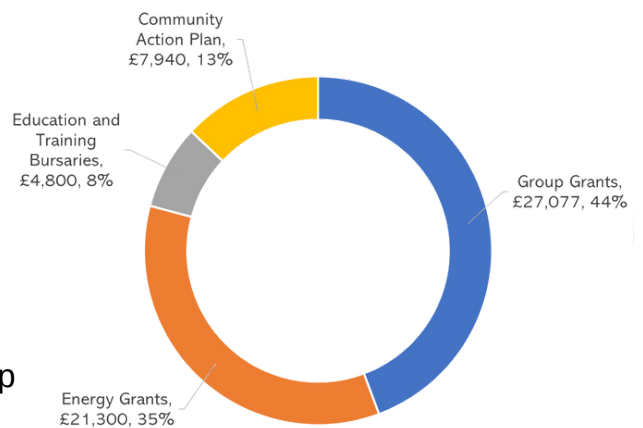


CAIRNRYAN COMMUNITY FUND UPDATE

Cairnryan receives funding from two windfarms - Glen App, which is owned by ScottishPower Renewables; and North Rhins, which is owned by Schroders Greencoat. Together these two funds are worth around £30,700 per year - the exact sum paid out each year depends on the Retail Price Index. The Community Council set up the Cairnryan Community Fund with these two income streams. You can read more about the Fund at www.foundationscotland.org.uk/cairnryan

A Panel of local people decides on grant awards from the fund. The Panel and the day to day running of the fund is supported by a charity brought in by the Community Council, which is called Foundation Scotland, which specialises in grant management and fund administration and works with windfarm developers and communities all over Scotland.

The Fund started operating in 2018. So far £61,117 has been distributed to groups, individuals and households, along with the Community Action Plan commission. The Fund also has running costs - hall hire, printing, postage and Foundation Scotland which together average £3,600 a year.



Recent **group grants** include £10,000 for new group Cairnryan Welfare, Hall and Facilities Group which was to fund the running costs of Cairnryan village hall and £2,000 to the Group to install a public access defibrillator on the A77 facing wall of the Hall.

The **Community Energy Grants scheme** which launched in November last year was very popular with 71 households accessing a grant over the winter of 2022. No official statistics are held on the number of empty or second homes in the Community Council area, but uptake was estimated to be 80% of eligible households. This scheme is now closed and will be reviewed.

New is also spreading about the **Education & Training grants** which launched at the start of 2022, and to date five people in Cairnryan have been given grants to help out with the cost of accessing education, training or employment opportunities.

There is currently just over £100,000 available for making great things happen in Cairnryan.

Cairnryan Education & Training Grants	Cairnryan Community Fund Deadlines	Cairnryan Community Council Meetings
		
Apply any time	12th June 2023 11th September 2023 11th December 2023	2nd Wednesday of every other month - check cairnryan.info for dates

COMMUNITY COUNCIL ELECTIONS

A Community Council is a voluntary organisation set up by statute by the Local Authority and run by local residents to act on behalf of its area. As the most local tier of elected representation, Community Councils play an important role in local democracy. They bring local people together to help make things happen, and advise, petition, influence and advocate lots of causes on behalf of the local community.

Since the end of the pandemic, Cairnryan Community Council has had a new lease of life and for the first time in a number of years, there are more people interested in becoming a Community Councillor than there are spaces on the Community Council. Chair Andy Cumming says: ***'This is great news because it shows people really care about Cairnryan and want to get involved. Please come and vote for your new Community Councillors'***.

There will be an election taking place on **Wednesday 3rd May**, with polling open for residents at the village hall from 3pm to 7pm.

CAIRNRYAN COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN

By now, everybody should have received a leaflet through their door summarising the main findings from the Cairnryan Community Action Plan which was published in December last year. You may be wondering what's happening now? Lots of things are happening already! Here's an update on what the community said, and how the projects are getting on.

Complete



Take control of the hall



Improve coastal path accessibility



Slowing down traffic



Defibrillators



Stranraer cycle path extension to Cairnryan



Shop

Cairnryan in Bloom cleared the coastal path in winter 2022. The Hall went into community management by the Cairnryan Hall Welfare and Facilities Group on the 1st April.



Increase hall usage



Wildlife interpretation boards



Public toilet improvement



Celebrate local heritage

The defibrillators have been funded and are expected to be installed soon. The Cairnryan Group had an open day for the Hall in late April to kick usage off. The A77 Action Group is coming to the next Cairnryan Community Council meeting. Cairnryan in Bloom is talking to the local Countryside Development Officers about wildlife interpretation Boards.



Cafe

The next full Community Council meeting after the elections will include discussing the implementation of the Action Plan, including how the items on the 'To Do' list might be taken forward. Come along if you want to get involved in any of the projects.

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