



CAIRNRYAN COMMUNITY FUND

UPDATE
WINTER 2022

Welcome to the first Cairnryan Community Fund newsletter. We hope you find it interesting.

Cairnryan receives funding from two windfarms - Glen App, which is owned by ScottishPower Renewables; and North Rhins, which is owned by Schroders Greencoat. In 2018 the Community Council formed the Cairnryan Community Fund which pooled these two sources of money into one Fund, with a combined set of rules and application processes, to make it easier to distribute and access. Together these two funds are worth around £30,700 per year - the exact sum paid out each year depends on the Retail Price Index. During the pandemic, the Fund accrued and currently there is a balance of over £100,000 which can go towards making some great projects happen in the village.

The Community Fund can be used to support all sorts of community-led activity in Cairnryan, such as running costs for local groups, sessional worker costs, community consultations, maintenance of community facilities and more. The Fund also supports bursaries for education and training - you can read more about this overleaf.

An Advisory Panel decides on grant awards from the fund. This Panel is made up of people who live in the area. You can read more about the Panel and how you can join it in this newsletter. Foundation Scotland is a grant-making charity with a local team, and it supports the Panel and does the grant management and fund administration.

To read more about the fund, go to www.foundationscotland.org.uk/cairnryan. Contact details are also at the back of this newsletter.



SPOTLIGHT ON.....



Cairnryan in Bloom

Purpose of Award:

To contribute to the cost of purchasing planting and maintenance of flowering plant displays in the village.

Award: £3,500

Since April 2015, Cairnryan in Bloom volunteers have worked to improve the appearance of the village by planting bulbs and flowering plants and maintaining the planters along the village road and outside the hall. In 2019 Cairnryan in Bloom built 12 new planters to replace old ones and increased the number of in the village. They also bought a motorised water bowser to help the volunteers to water the planters in dry weather. The group has five regular volunteers from the village who maintain the planters and plan the displays each year. In 2021 the Fund made a three year grant award to cover the cost of materials and plants, so that the group could plan ahead. The attractive planters show pride in the community, for residents, visitors, and ferry traffic. The grant will support the work of the group and help to improve the environment of Cairnryan.

CAIRNRYAN EDUCATION & TRAINING FUND

The Fund Panel was delighted to launch the new Education & Training Fund in 2022.

Did you know that this Fund is not just for school leavers but for anyone in the Fund area of benefit who is looking for support with the costs of accessing training or education opportunities? If you're not sure this is you - get in touch.

The fund has been created to help support access to opportunity and improved livelihoods. This new fund feels more relevant than ever as we all face increasing living costs.

Grants are available for short courses and multi year courses, up to a maximum of three years and £3,000. Travel, subsistence and childcare costs can be supported. Terms and conditions apply and applicants will be asked to report back on how they used the grant and what difference it made. For more information go to <https://tinyurl.com/cairnryanETF>

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FUND FOR INDIVIDUALS

EDUCATION AND TRAINING BURSARY FUND
AVAILABLE NOW - APPLY ANY TIME

THE COMMUNITY FUND PANEL



The Cairnryan Community Fund Advisory Panel decides on grant awards from the fund. This panel is a separate thing from the Community Council. It's made up of people who live in the area and includes spaces for at least two members of the Community Council and up to ten other members of the community. Current members are Tracy Davidson, Jamie Dalrymple-Hamilton, Andrew Cumming, Mary McCormack, Chloe Cairnie, Kenneth Cairnie, Tina Bulmer, Hansa Gajjar, Nick Scott and Ben Wallace. Thanks are due to former members Ross Hay, Gillian Hay, Stephen Edwards, Celia Coyle and Amy Fraser who put in time and effort when the Fund was set up.

During the pandemic there were lots of challenges for all of us - and the Fund Panel, like many things, was affected by health issues and the challenge of moving to meeting online, which meant projects like the Community Action Plan went on ice. However the Panel is very much back to business, as you can see from all the activity in this newsletter **and looking for new members!**

If you are interested and have time to attend three or four meetings a year in the Hall, **please get in touch**. You don't need any special skills or experience, just love for the area and an interest in how community benefit money can be used to best benefit everyone who lives there.

CAIRNRYAN COMMUNITY ENERGY GRANT



The Fund Panel has opted to make £300 available to all eligible households in Cairnryan this winter, to help offset the rising cost of energy bills. This is a one-off grant being made this year in the light of the current cost of living crisis. Here's the guidance:

- The grant is for domestic main residences only - commercial premises, second homes and commercial holiday lets are not eligible to apply
- The residence must be within the Cairnryan Community Council boundaries
- Only one application is allowed per household
- Proof of residency will be required, using a Council Tax notice in the name of the applicant
- A bank statement matching the name on the Council Tax notice is needed to make payment
- Applications can be made any time from the 21st November to the 31st March 2023.

How do I apply?

The easiest way to apply is to email your application with a copy of your Council Tax notice and Bank Statement to grants@foundationscotland.org.uk - you can find all the info and the one page form at www.foundationscotland.org.uk/cairnryan. If you're not online, don't worry - you can use the tear out form at the back of this newsletter and come along to the Cairnryan Community Christmas Cuppa on **Saturday 10th December** (keep reading for more information on this) - Suzy from Foundation Scotland will be there - don't forget to bring your Council Tax notice and matching bank statement with you!

CAIRNRYAN COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN

If you haven't already heard, the Fund Panel commissioned a Cairnryan Community Action Plan from Creetown Initiative in early 2022. The aim of creating a plan was to gather up everyone's aspirations for the village, and to do this in a way that made sure that everyone who wanted to have a say, got an opportunity to provide their views on what they think is important to help make Cairnryan the best possible place to live.

There are around 100 households in Cairnryan. Creetown Initiative distributed a survey to all identified households, which had a 31% return rate; they also held a drop in event in the Hall, attended by 16 people; and had informal one to one conversations with nine representatives from the Community Council and the Fund Panel. The consultation helped identify the top priority projects, which the Community Action Plan summarises as:



The Community Action Plan helped identify that there are groups within the community already who could between them tackle some of these priorities - groups such as the Community Council, the Cairnryan Hall, Welfare and Facilities Group and Cairnryan in Bloom. It also identified that there are some projects that the community couldn't tackle directly themselves, such as the issues with speeding or the Council-owned public toilet, but that the Community Council might be able to lobby the statutory authorities on these issues, using the evidence gathered from the community consultation. Finally it identified that for some projects, specialised professional advice might be needed, and for that, external paid support could be required.

The Plan also helped highlight where the Community Fund might be able to provide grant support using the c.£30,000 year received into the Fund - and which of the bigger and more ambitious projects will need additional funds from other sources to get them complete.

You can read the full report at www.foundationscotland.org.uk/cairnryan or pick up a hard copy at the Community Cuppa on the 10th December.

CAIRNRYAN CHRISTMAS CUPPA



Cairnryan Fund Panel would like to invite YOU to come along to a Cairnryan Community Christmas Cuppa on **Saturday 10th December** in the village hall from 10-12.

Come along and get a cup of tea, a free bacon roll or cake, have a blether with your neighbours or maybe meet some new ones - there's lots of new faces in the village since the pandemic.

This is also an opportunity to pick up your copy of the newly published Community Action Plan, and, if you are not online, there is a copy of the form on the back page of this newsletter and **bring along proof of identity along to register for the Cairnryan Household Energy Grants Scheme** - Suzy from Foundation Scotland will be there to help get you sorted out. See the article on p3 to check what you need to bring.

SPOTLIGHT ON.....



The Cairnryan Hall, Welfare & Facilities Group (or Cairnryan Group for short) is a membership group for residents which has recently been formed as a not for profit company, with a view to being able to help deliver on community priority projects and some of the key projects in the Community Action Plan.

As you may have spotted from its webpage <http://cairnryangroup.co.uk/group.html>, the group has been repairing the Village noticeboard and doing some maintenance on the coastal path. Another priority for the group is taking on a Management Agreement from Dumfries and Galloway Council so that the community can run Cairnryan Hall, with the aim of seeing more community social activity taking place inside.

The group's Chair, Nick Scott, says the group warmly welcomes new members and volunteers – to become a member you simply need to be over 16 and a resident. You can also ask for any notices you want posted on the group's web page, which will act like a virtual village noticeboard.

Get in touch by emailing membership@cairnryangroup.co.uk or send your ideas for activities that could take place in the Hall by emailing ideas@cairnryangroup.co.uk



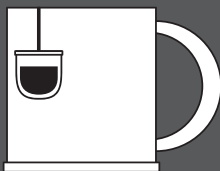
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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY....

Cairnryan Community Fund has four deadlines a year below. For small grants of £500 or less you can contact the Community Council.

Cairnryan Christmas Cuppa



Sat 10th December
Cairnryan Community Hall

Community Fund & Education & Training Fund Application Deadlines



12th December 2022
13th March 2023
12th June 2023
11th September 2023

Cairnryan Community Council Meetings



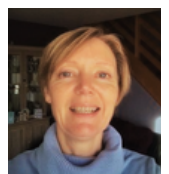
Second Wednesday of
every other month in the
Hall at 7pm - all welcome

ABOUT FOUNDATION SCOTLAND

The Fund is administered by Foundation Scotland, an independent grant making charity with local presence, which has a longstanding track record in supporting communities to manage and distribute community benefit funds.

Foundation Scotland has a South of Scotland team and was contracted in by Cairnryan Community Council to provide Fund administration - this means running the awards processes, supporting the Fund Panel decision making about how to distribute the Fund and doing the required reporting to the wind farm owners.

If you contact Foundation Scotland, you may come across Suzy (top) or her colleague Alison (bottom) from the grants@ admin team. Suzy is based in the Stewartry, while Alison is in Wigtownshire.



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COMMUNITY ENERGY GRANT APPLICATION

This application form is for the £300 community energy grant available in 2022-2023 to every eligible household within the Cairnryan Community Council boundary.



1. HOW TO SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION

Email: If you would like to apply by email (this is quickest) you can get a copy of this form at www.foundationscotland.org.uk/cairnryan and email it in with the documents listed below as attachments

In person: You can also bring this form along with your documents to the Community Cuppa on the 10th December and Foundation Scotland will take copies and process your application.

By post: If you need to send by mail, please post this form with your attachments to Foundation Scotland, Cairnryan Community Energy Grants, c/o The Melting Pot 15 Calton Road, Edinburgh EH8 8DL. Please note that there can be delays when sending applications by post.

2. THINGS TO SEND WITH YOUR FORM

Payments will be made by BACS. Your application can't be processed without these documents. Please tick that you have attached or enclosed:

- A copy of this year's Council Tax Notice in the same name as below
- A copy of bank statement (this can have all the financial info crossed out, it's not needed) showing your sort code, account number and your address - from the last three months

3. YOUR CONTACT DETAILS

FULL NAME

ADDRESS

POSTCODE

EMAIL ADDRESS

PHONE NUMBER

4. DECLARATION

I understand that this grant is for the purpose of helping my household with increased energy costs in 2022-2023. I understand that only one application per household can be made, that my household must be within the Cairnryan Community Council boundaries, and that commercial premises and second homes/holiday lets are not eligible to apply.

Signed

Date.....





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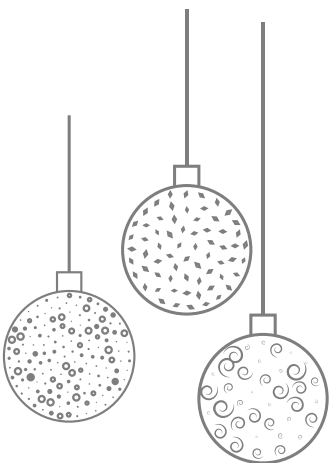
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GET IN TOUCH

Feedback is welcome - you can contact the Community Council or Foundation Scotland with your views at any time.

- Foundation Scotland grants@foundationscotland.org.uk or **01557 814 927**
- The Cairnyan Community Council details are here:
<https://info.dumgal.gov.uk/CommunityCouncils/Home/Detail/14>
- You can find the Fund online at www.foundationscotland.org.uk/cairnryan

AND FINALLY....



Don't forget to come along to the community cuppa!
Saturday 10th December in the Village Hall -
10am till 12pm

Free refreshments, cake or bacon butties.

Bring your paperwork if you want to make your Energy Grant application offline (all the details inside and the form on the inside back page)



With thanks to the Fund donors ScottishPower Renewables and Schrodgers Greencoat