

# Wanlockhead Community Council

## SSE CLYDE (DUMFRIES & GALLOWAY) COMMUNITY FUND FACTSHEET

### What is it and who is it for?

This charitable fund is provided by SSE/ the owner of the Clyde Wind Farm, to benefit local communities in Dumfries and Galloway. These are the 12 community council areas of Carronbridge, Closeburn, Durisdeer, Johnstone, Kirkconnel and Kelloholm, Kirkmichael, Kirkpatrick Juxta (Beattock), Moffat & District, Royal Burgh of Sanquhar & District, Thornhill, Wamphray and **Wanlockhead**.

### What can the Fund be used for?

The purpose of the Fund is to support activities that will:

- enhance quality of life and promote people's well-being.
- promote community spirit and bring people together.
- foster vibrant, sustainable communities.

It will do this by making grants to support the costs of relevant projects, services, and facilities. These could include — but are not limited to - running costs for local groups, staff or sessional worker costs, consultations and feasibility studies, events and festivals, the cost of purchasing equipment, maintenance, or refurbishment of community facilities etc.

### How is the Fund managed, and who makes decisions about it?

The Fund is held and managed by a charity, Foundation Scotland. Although the Foundation receives and assesses applications, a local advisory panel - made up of community councillors or equivalent from each Community Council area — decides on grant awards from the Fund. A small proportion of the Fund is distributed locally, in the form of 'micro' grants of up to £500 each, through a scheme administered directly by the Community Councils to apply, please contact your Community Council or equivalent local organisation.

### What size of grants are available?

Micro grants, up to £500 for groups and £250 for individuals, are available directly from each Community. Groups or individuals seeking a micro grant should contact their community who will advise on the application process, which is likely to be by letter. Applications for micro grants can be submitted at any time and will normally be considered at each Community Council meeting.

### Who can apply for an award and what are the criteria?

Micro grants from the Community Councils are available to individuals or non-constituted groups, as well as constituted groups, for activity which will benefit the local community. Constituted community groups, not-for-profit organisations and registered charities working to benefit people in one or more of the 12 community council areas can apply for an award from the main fund. Organisations do not need to be registered charities. Each community makes its own recommendations about how its share of the fund will be distributed. It is therefore expected that applications will be able to demonstrate clear benefit to at least one of the 12 fund areas.

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### We cannot fund the following:

Applications from individuals. However, individuals may be able to apply for funding under any micro-grant scheme associated with a fund, or under some education and training funds.

- General fundraising appeals or activities.
- Trips abroad (unless otherwise stated on the fund page).
- Costs already incurred or activities which will take place before we've decided on an application, i.e. retrospective funding.
- The repayment of loans or payment of debts.
- The advancement of religion or politics, including requests to support religious or political groups' core activities. However, religious groups may apply for funding for non-religious activity that will benefit the wider community beyond their own specific congregation and is open to all on a non-denominational basis. For example, a church may apply for funding to upgrade a church hall that is regularly used by other community groups.
- Payments towards areas understood to be the exclusive responsibility of statutory authorities. However, we can provide grants to Parent Teacher Associations/Parent Councils if they are appropriately constituted and occasionally to schools where the activity being delivered is additional to the core curriculum/statutory activity.
- Activities that are likely to bring the fund, Foundation Scotland or the donor into disrepute. For example, we can't fund groups or organisations using hate speech or inciting violence, or those linked to such groups or organisations.
- Activities that conflict with the interests of the funder. For example, where a renewable energy company provides funding, we can't fund any projects or organisations that are anti-windfarm or anti-renewable energy as such activities are likely to be contrary to the interests of the funder or its subsidiaries.
- For place-based funds, we can't support projects which don't benefit the people who live within the defined fund area. Projects that benefit people in the fund area plus others outside that area can be supported on a proportionate basis. Applicants to these funds don't need to be based in the fund area.
- For themed/cause-related funds we can't support projects which don't relate to the priorities stated for the fund.
- Costs directly related to the sale of alcohol, including but not limited to the refurbishment of a bar area.

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### Application Process

- You consent to Wanlockhead Community Council retaining the information provided in the application. Some details may be shared with external partners for the purpose of assessing your application and managing any grant awarded.
- All awarded funds must be used within 12 months of the award letter. Proof of expenditure may be requested at any time.
- Funding must be used solely for the items specified in your application. If any changes arise, please inform Wanlockhead Community Council promptly.
- You may be required to complete an interim or final monitoring form to provide feedback on your project.

### Important Information

Recipients are encouraged to publicly acknowledge the support of Foundation Scotland, SSE, Clyde Wind Farm and Wanlockhead Community Council in their projects to ensure funders receive appropriate recognition.

- Funding must be used exclusively for the items specified in your application. If circumstances prevent this, please notify Wanlockhead Community Council as soon as possible.
- All awarded funds must be utilised within 12 months of the award letter. Proof of expenditure may be requested at any time.
- Upon project completion, applicants must submit all related receipts to Wanlockhead Community Council.

### Submission Deadline:

Applications should be submitted [secretary@wanlockhead.cc](mailto:secretary@wanlockhead.cc) no later than two weeks prior to the next scheduled meeting.