

WANLOCKHEAD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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Twentyshilling Hill Wind Farm Community Benefit Fund

Background to Twentyshilling Hill

The Twentyshilling Hill Wind Farm is a 37.8 MW renewable energy project owned by Twentyshilling Limited, located approximately 4.8 km south of Sanquhar. In 2022, a legally binding agreement was established between Twentyshilling Limited and several local organisations, including Carronbridge Community Council, Durisdeer Village Committee, Keir Community Council, Kirkconnel & Kelloholm Community Council, Nith Valley Leaf Trust, Penpont Community Council, Royal Burgh of Sanquhar and District Community Council, Thornhill Community Council, and **Wanlockhead Community Council**. This agreement governs the distribution of the project's community benefit fund.

Purpose of the Fund

The Twentyshilling Hill Wind Farm Community Benefit Fund is dedicated to supporting charitable initiatives that primarily benefit the communities within the defined area. The Fund is intended to support a wide range of projects, including but not limited to:

- Capital or revenue funding for the purchase of land, buildings, or other community assets.
- Funding for positions or operational costs within organisations.
- Project activities that advance community-led development in alignment with local community plans and priorities.

In addition to supporting community priorities, recipients of the Fund are encouraged to adhere to the following best practices whenever possible:

- Collaboration: Work in partnership with other local groups.
- Local Procurement: Source goods and services from local suppliers.
- Environmental Consideration: Minimise the environmental impact of their projects.
- Funding Optimisation: Seek additional match funding to maximise the impact of their projects.

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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.
- The lead contact may be approached by the Twentyshilling Hill funders for project feedback.
- 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 Twentyshilling Hill Community Benefit Fund 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 to secretary.wanlockhead.cc@gmail.com no later than two weeks prior to the next scheduled meeting.