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Welcome to the Summer 2023 edition of the South Kyle Wind Farm newsletter

With construction of the wind farm almost complete, this issue focusses on the South Kyle Community Benefit Fund – the major cash injection that will be generated by the wind farm for local communities.

Carsphairn, Dalmellington, New Cumnock and Patna will share at least £1.2million every year for the operational life of the wind farm. And with the money index linked to account for inflation, this means a significant funding pot.

Read on to find how this money will benefit your local communities.

Also in this issue, find out about the plans to celebrate the completion of the construction programme.



South Kyle construction nears completion

The fiftieth and final wind turbine has now been installed at South Kyle Wind Farm marking a major milestone towards the completion of South Kyle Wind Farm.

Vattenfall's largest onshore development in the UK – and the largest onshore wind farm under construction across the country – South Kyle will have a generating capacity of 240MW, enough to power approximately 190,000 homes annually.

On site, energisation, testing, and commissioning is now well underway, with South Kyle Wind Farm scheduled to be completed in the next few months.

Paul Nickless, Vattenfall's Project Director for South Kyle, said:

"My sincere thanks go to the local, communities suppliers, partners and colleagues who have worked tirelessly to achieve this major milestone. It signals the construction project entering its final testing and commissioning phase. Perhaps most importantly, South Kyle will take us one step closer to achieving our goals of net zero and achieving a fossil fuel free future."



South Kyle Wind Farm Community Benefit Fund

A new fund for your area

When construction of South Kyle Wind Farm kicked off in the summer of 2020, work also commenced on setting up the wind farm's community benefit fund.

At the outset, we knew three things:



The Fund would be for the communities of **Carsphairn, Dalmellington, New Cumnock and Patna;**



it would be worth **£5000** per megawatt of installed capacity of the wind farm (working out at c£38million over 25 years index linked);



and that it would **become available** once the wind farm had been fully constructed and commissioned.

Everything else – such as how the Fund would work, who could apply, what it could be used for, who would run it – were all to be determined.

The South Kyle Wind Farm Community Benefit Fund has been designed for and by the local communities. Research, surveys, workshops, and extensive discussions have all fed into the three year process of designing the Fund structure and answering the big question of how it can be set up to deliver real change and benefit to local communities.

This innovative, collaborative approach has produced a Community Fund with different components, some joint funds and some separate each designed to meet specific needs identified through community feedback.

How the Fund will make a difference

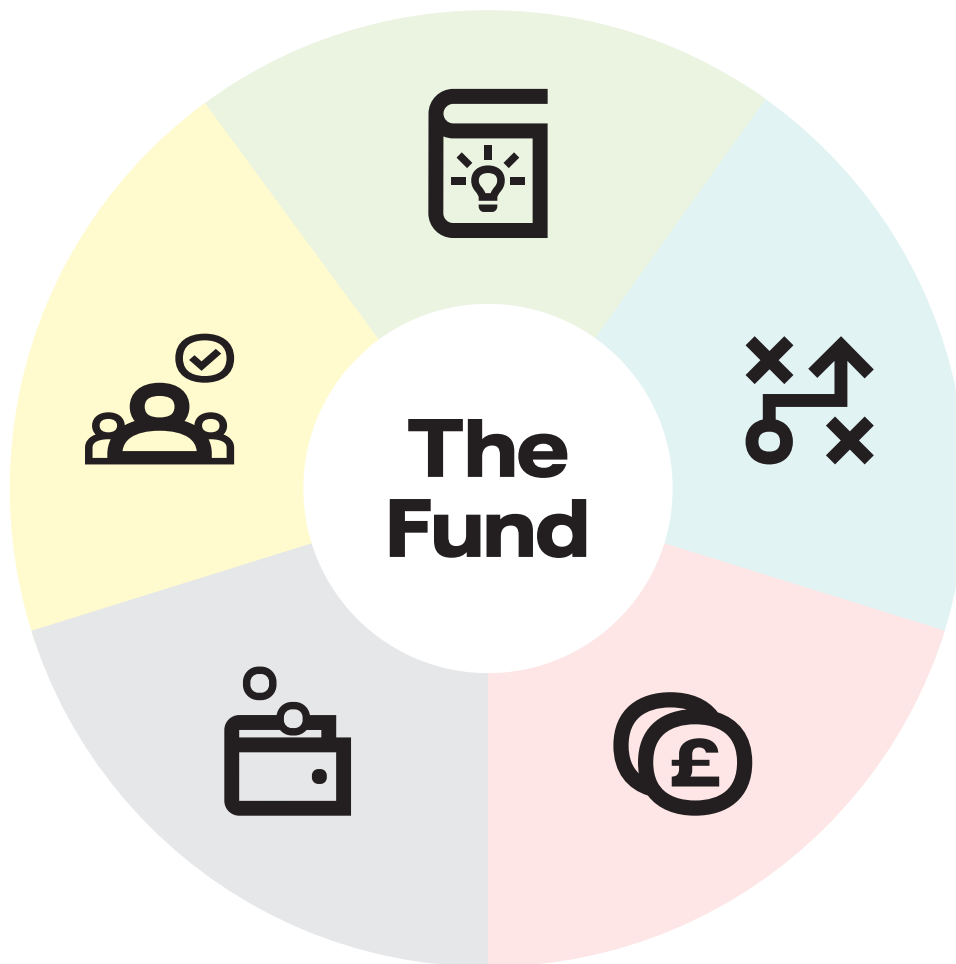
Once the first tranche of funding arrives, each community will immediately receive around £125,000 to open its own local fund which community groups can apply to. Each community will also have an Education & Training fund to help individuals access

opportunities to better equip them with skills to enter or retain employment. Both pots will be administered by Dalmellington Parish Trust, Carsphairn Renewable Energy Fund Limited, and New Cumnock Development Trust within their respective communities. Foundation Scotland will provide support to Patna with these funds.

In addition, each community will use some of this money towards paying for the skills and expertise they need to help progress community ambitions and plans.

By far the largest portion of the South Kyle Wind Farm Fund will be allocated to major flagship projects that can affect real change. Funding will be allocated in rotation over a four year cycle when those funds are needed. Rather than split the cash four ways every year, the full allocation will go to one or two projects per annum, with each community taking turns to be the recipient. The first two of these will be the new inclusive Bike Track in Dalmellington and the redevelopment of the Castle Hotel in New Cumnock.

Umbrella and strategic support will also be provided by Foundation Scotland and the Fund Advisory Group, made up of local community representatives.



Education & Training Schemes

Each community will also have a dedicated annual fund of £15,000 to improve skills, knowledge and employment prospects. Anyone over the age of 16 will be eligible to apply for support towards further education or training opportunities where they cannot access support from other places (including the local council). These funds will also be administered by the local organisations running the Community Funds. Each organisation will be publicising further information about these funds in the late summer other than CREFL which will use the funding from South Kyle to boost its existing Education & Training Fund.

Flagship Change Projects

A significant proportion of the Fund will be directed towards **key strategic projects in each community.** These projects cost more and will deliver on multiple outcomes for the local community and/ or the wider area. This strand of funding will rotate around the different communities, enabling projects and community organisations at different stages of development to be supported at the right time and hopefully accelerating impact.

Local funds for community

Each community will have a community fund which local groups can **apply to for help with the costs of activity or services they provide for the benefit of the local community.** These £50,000 per year funds will be administered by the Dalmellington Parish Development Trust for Dalmellington, CREFL for Carsphairn, Foundation Scotland for Patna and New Cumnock Development Trust for New Cumnock. Each organisation will be publicising further information about these funds.

Paid support for each community

For communities to progress plans and projects, **paid staff can make a real difference.** The dedicated efforts of volunteers are critical to driving forward community activity but volunteers do not always have the time, skills or experience necessary to take forward ideas and plans. So this element will enable each community to have £60,000 each year towards paid or contracted support. It will be up to each community to decide how this budget is best utilised.

Understanding and building our community wealth

This component is like a small research budget. It will enable research or studies to be commissioned to enable a better understanding of some of the barriers and opportunities to **create more wealth building opportunities in the communities.**



South Kyle Community Benefit Fund Working Group

Your Communities

The Community Benefit Fund has been shaped by local feedback, and designed by representatives of the four communities. Thank you to everyone who has participated, and especially to the members of the South Kyle Community Benefit Fund Working Group for their input and time throughout the process.

New Cumnock Development Trust



“Working with Foundation Scotland and Vattenfall has been really positive. It has been an example of the storming, norming model as representatives from four communities coming from different starting points working with windfarm developers made sure that the share of the fund coming to their community was fair.

We’ve shared our various experience, knowledge and practice at all stages and have, with guidance and support from Rachel and Suzy, agreed a way that ensures an even split of the fund which will be distributed in a way that meets the needs of each community and the stage they’re at. We’ve also been able to future proof the fund to allow flexibility moving forward should we need it and also to support emerging needs.

Carol and Berry from Vattenfall have also been very involved providing regular updates on the South Kyle development, taking back any queries we have or providing clarification there and then where they can.

As we move forward from a working group to an advisory group we will be able to continue to build on the positive relationships we’ve made in order to get the best for our own communities and strengthen the connections between us.”

Susan Kerr, New Cumnock Development Trust

Carsphairn Community Council



"Carsphairn Community Council has been pleased to be involved in working with Foundation Scotland to deliver the community benefit being distributed to the four communities from the South Kyle Wind Farm fund. Despite Carsphairn being a considerably smaller community than the other three and also being of a more rural nature, we have found common ground and have enjoyed working with three of our neighbouring communities, led ably by Rachel and Suzy of Foundation Scotland.

"This way of working is new to us but will hopefully facilitate further cross border collaborations in the future. We are delighted that the fund should assist in realising a number of major projects we have been keen to undertake for many years to support the sustainability of Carsphairn community which hitherto have presented huge challenges."

Liz Holmes, Carsphairn Community Council



Dalmellington Parish Development Trust

"Under the guidance of Rachel and Suzy from Foundation Scotland, representatives from the four benefitting communities have worked together to construct our community benefit fund. The fund is designed to be flexible, wide reaching, fair and transparent. We believe that this fund will be a game changer for our communities. Exciting times ahead."

Rae Smith, Dalmellington Parish Development Trust



Patna Community Council

"It's been good to work alongside neighbours from the other three communities benefiting from the South Kyle Fund. But helpful also to have a body like Foundation Scotland which is independent and neutral but experienced and knowledgeable about lots of different types of community benefit arrangements. We can't wait for the first money to arrive so we can start using it!"

Michael Crosby, Patna Community Council

To read more about the background on the South Kyle community benefit fund go to:
www.vattenfall.co.uk/southkyle

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Family Fun Day

**Saturday 24th June, @ Doon Academy,
Dalmellington, 11am to 3pm - all welcome**



**Doon Academy
Dalmellington**



**Free entry and
refreshments**



**Face-painting · Bouncy
Castle · Stalls-Bubble
Football · Climbing Tower**



**Crafts · Assaults Course
Inflatables · Indoor
Soft Play**



**PLUS free shuttle bus
tours from the Fun Day to
South Kyle Wind Farm***

For more information please visit www.vattenfall.co.uk/southkyle

*Please note spaces will be limited and health and safety restrictions will apply. Sturdy covered footwear essential (no sandals or high heels), and all under 16s must be accompanied by an adult. For further information on bus tours visit www.vattenfall.co.uk/southkyle and check social media.

Celebrate with us

With the construction of South Kyle Wind Farm nearing completion, Vattenfall invites residents of Carsphairn, Dalmellington, Patna and New Cumnock to celebrate with us at **Dalmellington's Doon Academy Campus for a Family Fun Day on Saturday 24th June (11am - 3pm).**

Bouncy castles, bubble football and a climbing tower will be amongst the attractions along with food and refreshments, local stalls and live music including performances from Dalmellington Band.

Plus, free 'preview' coach tours from the fun day to the wind farm will be operating throughout the day - an opportunity to see the wind farm up close before it becomes fully operational.

Entry to the Fun Day is free, as are all activities, some refreshments and the coach tours. These will depart from, and return to, Doon Academy Campus only and passengers will be required to adhere to health and safety regulations at all times. To avoid disappointment please wear sturdy, covered footwear (no sandals or heels please), bring warm clothing (it's windy on the wind farm!) and please note all under 16s must be accompanied by an adult.

Keep an eye on www.vattenfall.co.uk/southkyle and our social media for further details.

