
AUCHTERTOOL NEWS

This issue: Clentrie Wind Farm Community Benefit

Since our last newsletter we've made some real progress on securing the Community Benefit payment from the Clentrie Wind Farm development.

Background

From chatting to the community, we believe most people are aware of the Community Benefit, but for those of you who don't know or have heard a few rumours we thought it was worth outlining where things stand.

When the Clentrie Wind Farm was first proposed, the developer and owner of the installation proposed a Community Benefit to Auchtertool to help ease the impact on the local community.

Many believe this is a condition of Planning but in fact, a payment of this type can't be part of any Planning consideration so until a contract is agreed with Auchtertool it's not legally binding.

The value of the annual payment is based on generation capacity with some market tracking to ensure it provides a fair value. We expect this payment will be in the region of £21,000 per year for the next 25 years.

Managing the funds

We would ideally like to form a separate community group to manage and administer this payment. However, due to a lack of volunteers to form this group and an urgent need to put a legal agreement in place to secure this payment Auchtertool Village Council is currently acting as the legal entity to receive and administer the payments.

A solicitor is in place to ensure the agreement is legally binding and our community is properly represented.

We expect to start receiving payments in the coming weeks so it really is vital that we have as many people as possible involved in the decision making to ensure the community is best represented.

As a community, this is a unique opportunity to access funds of this value to directly invest in improving our local community for current and future generations, so it really is vital we make the best use of them.

That's why we're putting out this urgent appeal to get more people involved in helping to decide how to best spend these funds. Everyone is welcome to get involved, the more people we have involved the better our community will be represented.

Getting involved

The best way to get involved is by joining the Auchtertool Village Council. We currently have three full member places left and have the option to add co-opted members. Co-opted members can be part of the council to fulfil a specific role or support a specific project such as distribution of the Wind Farm funds.

The Council meet the first Monday of every month for around two hours. We can be flexible on our meeting times if you want to get involved but can't make a Monday.

Everyone has different commitments and we appreciate not everyone will be able to make a full commitment.

If you're interested in joining or just want to know a little more about it you can get in touch in a few ways:

- Complete the attached form and pop it in the letterbox at:
3 The Maltings, Auchtertool or 1 Moray Court, Auchtertool
- Visit www.auchtertoolcommunity.com/Contact and complete the form
- Call Tommy Lochhead, Chairman, on 07736 796 699
- Email Tommy Lochhead, Chairman, t.dcl@btinternet
- Visit our next village meeting at Auchtertool Village Hall at 7:30pm on Monday 12 June

We're happy to let you know what's involved before you decide how much time you can commit.

If you can't get involved at the moment we would still like to hear how you think the funds could be best invested. Please complete the attached form and let us know.

We have a brilliant opportunity to make really positive impact on our community for years to come but we can't do it properly without more of the community getting involved.

Tommy Lochhead,
Chairman, Auchtertool Village Council

Auchtertool Community Benefit

Name

Address

Phone/Email

How would you like to get involved?

Which projects or areas of our community would like to see the Community Benefit funds invested in?

Send us your completed form to either:

1 Moray Court, Auchtertool

3 The Maltings, Auchtertool