Welcome to the latest edition of the ScottishPower Renewables South Ayrshire newsletter. As the UK’s leading onshore wind developer, with windfarms in South Ayrshire, we are keen to be good neighbours and maximise the local benefits that we create for those living in areas surrounding our windfarms.

ScottishPower Renewables is proud to have voluntarily contributed more than £24,100,000 in community benefit funding to those living near to our windfarms across the UK. To date, we have contributed £4,869,000 in South Ayrshire alone, enabling local communities to determine how best to spend these funds within their communities in order to deliver the greatest local benefit.

Kilgallioch Windfarm community benefit fund open for applications

The £30,000,000 Kilgallioch Windfarm community benefit fund is now open to applications. Kilgallioch Community Benefit Company Ltd, which has been set up by local representatives to distribute funds to community initiatives across Wigtownshire and south Carrick was officially launched in February 2018. The launch, held in Stranraer, was attended by more than 60 community representatives who were keen to hear how their community can get involved.

Neale McQuistin, Chair of the Kilgallioch Community Benefit Company Ltd, said, “We are really pleased to be launching the fund and to have the opportunity to award funding to projects delivering a range of benefits that have the potential to make a positive impact for local residents and communities as a whole. I would encourage groups and organisations to visit www.kilgallioch.co.uk to find out more and apply online’.

The first round of successful applications are expected to be announced in June. Kilgallioch Windfarm was one of eight projects built in a two year £650,000,000 investment plan by ScottishPower Renewables. The 96 turbine windfarm is able to generate up to 239MW and is capable of supplying the electricity needs of more than 237,000 homes per year.

Did you know?

Last year ScottishPower Renewables celebrated reaching 2GW of wind power capacity in the UK. Paul Wheelhouse, Scottish Government Minister for Business, Innovation and Energy visited Whitelee Windfarm to join the celebrations for reaching this milestone.

Did you know?

Our Ecology Team won the In Practice Award at the Chartered Institute of Ecology and Environmental Management (CIEEM) 2017 for their article ‘An Innovative Approach to Landscape-Scale Peatland Restoration’ in the Institute’s quarterly magazine, which details the results of many years of research at our windfarms to develop innovative and effective peatland restoration techniques.

Did you know?

ScottishPower’s customers, suppliers and employees have helped raise over £15,000,000 for Cancer Research UK since we began our partnership with them in 2012. This has been achieved through employee fundraising and sponsorship of Race for Life, High 5 campaign and Stand Up To Cancer.
Glen App Windfarm becomes operational

Construction was completed at ScottishPower Renewables 22MW Glen App Windfarm, located 6km south of Ballantrae, South Ayrshire in September 2017. The community benefit for the Glen App Windfarm is being distributed between, Ballantrae Community Council in South Ayrshire and Cairnryan Community Council and Kirkcolm Community Council’s in Dumfries and Galloway. The first community benefit contribution was made available in late 2017.

Over the operational life of Glen App Windfarm, ScottishPower Renewables will contribute over £2,700,000 with more than £1,375,000 going towards community initiatives within South Ayrshire.

Health and Safety matters

At ScottishPower Renewables Health and Safety is always our priority and we encourage you to stay healthy and safe in your community too. ScottishPower has recently become the first company in Scotland to sign up to the Scottish Government’s Daily Mile challenge. ScottishPower is encouraging employees to walk at least one mile every day to reduce the risk of coronary heart disease, stroke and high cholesterol and we encourage you to join in!

South Ayrshire at a glance

- £4,869,340 community benefit funding invested in South Ayrshire by ScottishPower Renewables
- Five operational windfarms
- 228,548* equivalent homes powered per year
- 1 windfarm site currently in detailed feasibility
- 12 community council areas eligible to receive community benefit funds

*Based on BEIS’s capacity factor for onshore wind in Scotland (35.2% for windfarms commissioned in or after 2017/2018 and 25.9% for those commissioned in or before 2016/2017) and Ofgem’s typical annual GB domestic electricity consumption of 3.1MWh.

We hope that you found our newsletter interesting and as always we welcome your feedback. Please let us know if you would prefer to receive your newsletter electronically. Your local Community Liaison Team Gillian Arnot and Ruth Semple.