

# WEST KINTYRE COMMUNITY FUND

## Annual Report of Funding 2024-2025

April 2025

**Annual report:** The convener welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked everyone for their hard work and support during the past year. The bursary scheme continues to enable those who wish to continue their education by studying for either a degree, further educational college course or apprenticeships with their currently being eight students supported with a £1000 per annum bursary for the duration of their studies. Grants were given to various local groups and three new small business grants have been supported.

Negotiations between Foundation Scotland and Octopus Energy regarding the payment of community benefit funds from the Cour wind farm into the Community Fund for disbursement by the trustees have concluded. The funds, including overdue amounts since development began, have now been paid into the community fund.

The community asset transfer of the old toilets at Tayinloan car park is now concluded between us and the Council with the legal agreements currently in the process of being drawn up. The next stage will be to appoint an architect and go to planning for the demolition and redevelopment of the current facilities which will be suitable for all abilities and available for all who wish the facilities. Currently we have 100k set aside towards the cost of this development.

We are currently in the preliminary stages of looking at the development of a cycle “pump track” on the recreational fields which will if successful will not only be the first of its kind in Argyll and become a great community asset and long-term legacy project for the area. Current estimates for this project are in the region of circa 280k. Consultants have been appointed, the design is prepared, and elevation surveys are being conducted for the submission of the planning application to the council.

The development of new five year Community Development is currently underway with a questionnaire on the on priorities for this plan having been delivered to every household covered by the West Kintyre Community Council with a prepaid response envelope via our obtaining a FREEPOST licence for this purpose, the closing date for such responses is 31<sup>st</sup> April 2025.

**Treasurer's Report:** The treasurer presented the audited accounts for the year 2023-2024. All trustees reviewed and approved these accounts.

## **Income and Expenditure for year April 1st 2024 – March 31<sup>st</sup> 2025**

### **Income:**

**Lussa Community Wind** (Bat 3) £85,761.14: **Freasdail** Energy Ltd £40,378.17:

**Foundation Scotland** (Octopus Energy from Cour Windfarm) £69,346.66 (which includes a back payment for previous year) Total income of £195,485.97.

### **Expenditure:**

A total of £87,388.19 was spent on grant funding requests which includes 8 bursaries of £1000 p.a each. £50,054.80 in new project grants including the installation of new flooring at Whitehouse Village Hall, New goal posts for Tayinloan recreational grounds football pitch, and the development of a new shooting range in West Kintyre, electrical works at Whitehouse village hall. Three new business start-up grants were awarded totalling £26,342.28 were awarded for a new outdoor activity business of “walking with Alpacas”, another to help those suffering with mental health issues called “”Art Therapy Argyll” and the final one being that of the start-up of a Pilates and exercise business that will travel throughout the area between various venues such as the village halls offering exercise and movement classes to the local community, £2,991.11 was spent on auditors fees for auditing accounts or submission to OSCR, advertising costs and the cost of a FREEPOST licence for return of the Community Development Plan questionnaires.

Margaret Pratt

Director/Chair WKCF