

# **Sandy Knowe Community Development Plan**

## **Outline**

The following Community Development Plan (CDP) details the plans of the local community surrounding the proposed Sandy Knowe Wind Farm for the associated Community Benefit Fund.

As proposed, Sandy Knowe Wind Farm Community Benefit Fund would be up to £450,000 per annum, or up to £11.25 million over the anticipated 25 year operational life of the wind farm, representing a substantial investment opportunity for the communities of Kirkconnel and Kelloholm and Sanquhar.

## **Aims**

The aim of the plan is to set out the vision of the local community for the Community Benefit Fund over the 25 year operational life of Sandy Knowe should it be consented, and present in detail the plan and anticipated outcomes for the first five years of the development.

The CDP then details how the local priorities identified and their anticipated outcomes fit in with both Dumfries and Galloway Council's regional outcomes – as identified in the Single Outcome Agreement 2013-2016, as well as the Scottish Government's National Outcomes.

## **Methodology**

This plan was created for the communities of Kirkconnel and Kelloholm and Sanquhar, by the communities of Kirkconnel and Kelloholm and Sanquhar, and reflects not only the community capacity to absorb these funds, but to make a lasting change and improve the quality of life for people living in and around this area.

A number of local studies and research fed into the creation of this plan including;

- Docherty Consulting Ltd's Sandy Knowe Resident's Postal Survey (Feb 2012), carried out on behalf of Burcote Wind Ltd
- Local priorities raised by the Sandy Knowe Community Liaison Group (CLG)
- Feedback from the Sandy Knowe Windfarm Public Exhibitions – March 2012 and September 2012
- Dumfries and Galloway Council's Single Outcome Agreement, 2013-2016
- Building Healthy Communities; Vision for Upper Nithsdale, 2009
- Building Healthy Communities; Upper Nithsdale Happiness and Confidence Community Participatory Appraisal, 2008

## **Specific Issues**

In DGC's 2013-2016 Single Outcome agreement, Upper Nithsdale is recognised as an area of 'relative deprivation'. This identifies with the feedback collected by Burcote Wind Limited throughout the consultation process for Sandy Knowe, with the local community identifying greater skills provision and career advice, as well as making the areas of Kirkconnel and Kelloholm and Sanquhar more appealing to live, visit, work and do business as critical priorities in the regeneration and development of their communities.

## **Next Steps**

Burcote Wind is committed to continue to support the community in the development of their Community Development Plan. The next step in the process is to look at appointing a local Community Company, who would work with Foundation Scotland to ensure the appropriate planning, implementation, audit and governance of the Longburn Community Benefit Fund should Longburn Wind Farm gain planning consent.

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**Table 1:** Local Community Priorities

Project	Cost per Year	Estimated Timescales	Year(s) of Development	Total Estimated Cost	Anticipated Outcomes
<b>Skills and Enterprise</b>					
<b>Bursaries</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>£29,000 per year will provide 4 bursaries per year throughout the life of the wind farm</li> </ul>	£29,000	25 years	1-25	£725,000	Young people in the community are encouraged to realise their potential and achieve their goals.
<b>Apprenticeships</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>£45,000 per year will fund 4 apprenticeships. If each apprenticeship is 4 years long, this will help 24 individuals</li> </ul>	£45,000	25 years	1-25	£1,125,000	Young people in the community are encouraged to realise their potential and achieve their goals.
<b>Small business grants</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>£20,000 per year will allow 25 local business the support to develop and diversify – businesses based in Kirkconnel and Kelloholm or Sanquhar</li> <li>A mini-grant programme of £5,000 per year will allow existing small businesses to access training opportunities/take on modern apprentices</li> </ul>	£25,000	25 years	1-25	£625,000	We will help our community to achieve sustainable growth and change
<b>Rural Skills Scheme</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In partnership with Buccleuch Estates – forestry, farming and game keeping skills delivered through Sanquhar Academy</li> <li>Another option to consider is expansion of existing scheme to involve Sanquhar Academy. DGC currently in discussion with Queensferry initiative to do so.</li> </ul>	£45,000	25 years	1-25	£1,125,000	Young people in the community are encouraged to realise their potential and achieve their goals.
<b>Outreach education centre</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Once established, could also provide longer term support for school leavers e.g. career advice / interview preparation</li> <li>Would an increased quality of transport to existing centres be more cost effective? Subsidies to cover transport and equipment costs for students via e-learning / Open courses</li> </ul>	Yr1 & 2 £45,000 Yrs 3-25 £30,000	25 years	1-25	£780,000	Greater provision of skills throughout the community, better opportunities for people of all ages.
<b>Young drivers project</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Help covering the costs of learning to</li> </ul>	£18,500	25 years	1-25	£462,500	Young people in the community are encouraged to realise their

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drive as well as promoting safe driving					potential and achieve their goals.
Ring fenced places at University of West of Scotland (UWS)	£45,000	8 years	3-10	£360,000	Young people in the community are encouraged to realise their potential and achieve their goals.
Support for school pupils <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Specifically those in S5/6 with career advice and interview preparation</li> </ul>	£45,000	13 years	13-25	£585,000	Young people in the community are encouraged to realise their potential and achieve their goals.
<b>Economic Sustainability</b>					
Development of local tourism <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Part time development worker, local promotion, web content, local events</li> </ul>	£20,000	23 years	3-25	£460,000	We will help our community to achieve sustainable growth and change
Improved public transport specifically between Kirkconnel and Kelloholm and Sanquhar and Dumfries	£22,500	25 years	1-25	£562,500	An improved local infrastructure will help to encourage economic growth and development
Community broadband satellite – 1 satellite for Kirkconnel and Kelloholm and 1 for Sanquhar at a cost of £20,000 per satellite	£40,000	1 year	1	£40,000	An improved local infrastructure will help to encourage economic growth and development
Town and village facelift scheme	Yrs 1&2, 11&12 £45,000 Yrs 3-10 £90,000	13 years	1-12	£900,000	We will make our community a more attractive place to live and visit
Re-development of the abandoned quarry	£40,000	1 year	2	£40,000	
Support for Kirkconnel Heritage Centre and A' the Airts in Sanquhar / Support Crawick Artland Trust – alternated between each year	£10,000	23 years	3-25	£230,000	We will make our community a more attractive place to live and visit
Legacy Fund <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>£22,500 (5%) will create a legacy fund of over £1million for use after the wind farm has been decommissioned</li> </ul>	£22,500	25 years and beyond	1-25	£562,500	We will help our community to achieve sustainable growth and change
<b>Social Wellbeing</b>					
Affordable housing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Shared equity scheme to help first time buyers and young families possibly</li> </ul>	£22,500	25 years	1-25	£562,500	We will help our community to achieve sustainable growth and change

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<b>through DGSCHT?</b>					
Sheltered housing	£90,000	8 years	18-25	£720,000	An increased quality of life within the community
Support for elderly <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Including lunch club, hobby classes – possibly look at match funding in order to create a day centre</li> </ul>	£20,000	23 years	3-25	£460,000	An increased quality of life within the community
Support for local sports development <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Extra-curricular activities for primary and secondary schools, support for existing voluntary coaches and organisers, training for parents to become coaches and get involved</li> </ul>	£20,000	25 years	1-25	£500,000	An increased quality of life within the community
Grant towards 3G Sports pitch at Sanquhar Academy	£90,000	2 years	11 & 12	£180,000	We will help our community to achieve sustainable growth and change
Play equipment / redevelop play parks in Kirkconnel and Kelloholm and Sanquhar	£45,000	2 years	1 & 2	£90,000	We will make our community a more attractive place to live and visit
<b>Environment and Energy</b>					
Alternative energies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Grants to help those in local community make home alternations to save energy e.g. solar panels</li> </ul>	£10,000	23 years	3-25	£230,000	We will become a more environmentally sustainable community
<b>Ad Hoc</b>					
Support for Kello Rovers Football Club	£45,000	2 years	1 & 2	£90,000	We will help our community to achieve sustainable growth and change
Grant to Sanquhar Castle	£90,000	5 years	13-17	£450,000	We will make our community a more attractive place to live and visit
Ad Hoc grants for local groups <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>£10,000 per year that local community groups can apply for</li> </ul>	£10,000	25 years	1-25	£250,000	We will help our community to achieve sustainable growth and change
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>£12,115,000<sup>1</sup></b>	

<sup>1</sup> Local projects identified as key priorities total more than the Sandy Knowe Community Benefit Fund. This is based upon match funding being sought for some projects.



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**Anticipated Outcomes**

**Table 3** demonstrates the local priority anticipated outcomes as identified by the local community, and how they tie in with both Dumfries and Galloway Council’s Regional Outcomes, as described in the Single Outcome Agreement 2013-2016, as well as the Scottish Government’s National Priorities.

SOA Priorities National Outcomes	We will prepare our young people for adulthood and employment	We will care for older and vulnerable people	We will support and stimulate our local economy	Local Priority <i>Anticipated Outcomes</i> , years 1-5
We realise our full economic potential with more and better employment opportunities for our people				Greater provision of skills throughout the community, better opportunities for people of all ages.
We are better educated, more skilled and more successful, renowned for our research and innovation				Young people in the community are encouraged to realise their potential and achieve their goals.
Our young people are successful learners, confident individuals, effective contributors and responsible citizens				An improved local infrastructure that will encourage tourism and business – boosting our local economy
We have improved the life chances for children, young people and families at risk				We will help our community to achieve sustainable growth and change
We live in well designed, sustainable places where we are able to access the amenities and services we need				An increased quality of life within the community
We have strong resilient and supportive communities where people take responsibility for their own actions and how they affect others				We will make our community a more attractive place to live and visit
We value and enjoy our built and natural environment and protect it and enhance it for future generations				We will become a more environmentally sustainable community
Our people are able to maintain their independence as they get older and are able to access appropriate services when they need it				
Our public services are high quality, continually improving, efficient and responsive to local people’s needs.				

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**Table 4** depicts how the local priority anticipated outcomes in turn fit in with the strategic objectives that have been identified as Burcote Wind as priorities in the Community Engagement Manifesto.

Burcote Wind Strategic Objectives	Skills and Enterprise	Economic Sustainability	Social Wellbeing	Environment and Energy	Ad Hoc
Local Priority <b>Anticipated Outcomes</b> years 1-5					
Greater provision of skills throughout the community, better opportunities for people of all ages	■	■	■		
Young people in the community are encouraged to realise their potential and achieve their goals.	■	■	■		
We will help our community to achieve sustainable growth and change	■	■	■	■	■
An improved local infrastructure that will encourage tourism and business – boosting our local economy	■	■	■	■	
An increased quality of life within the community	■	■	■		■
We will make our community a more attractive place to live and visit	■	■	■		■
We will become a more environmentally sustainable community				■	