

## RWE Rosehall Wind Farm Community Fund



Year 10, 1 August 2021 to 31 July 2022



### Year 10 Overview

- The fund received £77,488 during the year from RWE Renewables for award making.
- Six applications for support were received and three awards made, totalling £15,309.
- Two awards were multi-year awards to contribute towards staffing costs in community organisations.
- A total of £85,000 was paid out in multi-year award commitments from previous years.
- 78 awards have been made totalling £736,879 since the fund launch in 2012.

- Since the launch of the fund, 94% of the funding available for grant making has been allocated.

### Fund Background

The Rosehall Wind Farm Community Fund is provided by RWE Renewables, owner of the 24.7 MW Rosehall Wind Farm, 2.5 km north-east of Rosehall in Sutherland in the north of Scotland.

The fund was launched in August 2012. Annual donations to the fund are £2,500 per MW of installed capacity. Payments are index linked to when the wind farm started exporting electricity and will be made over the 25 years the wind farm is likely to be operational. In Year 10, the annual donation to the fund for award making was £77,488.

The fund supports community activity and development by supporting the charitable activities of constituted, not-for-profit groups

working to benefit residents of three community council areas: Ardgay & District, Creich and Lairg (collectively, the fund area).

Requests to support a wide range of costs and activities can be considered, for example: equipment costs; running costs; events; staff or sessional workers costs; consultations; feasibility studies; refurbishments and other costs.

The SSE & RWE Community Funds Panel makes recommendations on awards from both RWE Rosehall Wind Farm Community Fund and the two SSE Funds that operate in the same area - the Achany Community Fund and the Kyle of Sutherland Apprenticeship Scheme. The panel has 12 volunteer representatives serving on it, made up of two community councillors and two further community representatives from each of the three community council areas.

## Financial Overview

In Year 10, RWE Renewables donated £77,487.68 to the fund. The donation for award making is split equally between the three communities, so each was allocated £25,829. A summary of the Rosehall Wind Farm Community Fund finances for Year 10 is provided below.

*Table 1: Financial statement 1 August 2021 to 31 July 2022*

	Parent Fund t	Ardgay & District	Creich	Lairg	Balance in grant making funds
<b>OPENING BALANCE (1 Aug 2021)</b>	£137.62	£12,560.27	£12,844.80	£568.94	<b>£25,974.01</b>
<b>INCOME:</b>					
Year 10: Donation RWE Renewables	£77,637.68	£25,829.23	£25,829.22	£25,829.23	£77,487.68
Year 10: Foundation Scotland Costs	£7,763.76				
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£85,401.44</b>	<b>£38,389.50</b>	<b>£38,674.02</b>	<b>£26,398.17</b>	<b>£103,461.69</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE:</b>					
Total Grants Awarded this year (Sub Funds by Community Council Area)		£3,683.36	£5,035.36	£2,331.36	£11,050.08
Total Grants paid out awarded in previous years		£28,333.34	£28,333.34	£28,333.34	£85,000.02
Total Transfers Out (Parent Fund)	£77,487.68				
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<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>£77,537.68</b>	<b>£30,350.03</b>	<b>£31,702.03</b>	<b>£28,998.03</b>	<b>£91,050.09</b>
<b>Pending Payments (multi year awards)</b>		£1,419.75	£1,419.75	£1,419.75	<b>£4,259.25</b>
<b>CLOSING AVAILABLE BALANCE (31 Jul 2022)</b>	<b>£237.62</b>	<b>£6,619.72</b>	<b>£5,552.24</b>	<b>-£4,019.61</b>	<b>£8,152.35</b>

The total amount paid out in grants represents 106% of the donation to the fund in Year 10, which was made possible by utilising some of the balance brought forward from Year 9. The available balance carried forward into Year 11 (£8,390) represents 10% of the Year 10 donation. The negative balance in the Lairg sub fund reflects the historically higher volume of applications from Lairg and District which is not as well served as Ardgay and Creich by alternative community funds from other windfarm developments administered directly through community councils.

## Year 10 Grant-making

There were six applications received to the fund, three of which were awarded, two were ineligible and one was withdrawn. A summary of awards made is below.

*Table 2: Rosehall Fund Awards made 1 August 2021 to 31 July 2022*

Organisation	Project	Total Awarded	Amount allocated for Year 10 activity
<b>Kyle of Sutherland Hub</b>	To contribute to the costs of a full-time general assistant.	£3,000.00	£3,000.00
<b>Criech Croick and Kincardine Day Care Association</b>	To fund a domestic cleaner for two years.	£8,315.25	£4,056.50
<b>Lairg and District Learning Centre</b>	To Fund Contribution to the Manager's Salary.	£3,994.08	£3,994.08
<b>Total</b>		<b>£15,309.33</b>	<b>£11,050.08</b>

## Payments of Awards Made in Previous Years

In addition to new awards made in year 10, payments from the fund were also made for strategic multiyear grants awarded in year 9.

A summary of Year 10 payments of multi-year grants awarded in prior years is below.

*Table 3: Rosehall Fund payments of previous strategic multi year awards in Year 10*

Organisation	Project	Total Awarded	Amount paid during Year 10 (incl. allocations from year 9 not paid due to lockdown)
<b>Kyle of Sutherland Development Trust</b>	To make a strategic investment in the Kyle of Sutherland Development Trust allowing the group to carry out activities as designed by the staff, boards and volunteers over the next four years.	£80,000	£20,000.01
<b>LDLC</b>	Managers salary	£15,000	£10,000
<b>Lairg and District Community Initiatives</b>	To make a strategic investment in Lairg District Community Initiatives allowing the group to carry out activities as designed	£40,000	£20,000.01

	by the staff, boards, and volunteers over the next four years.		
<b>Kyle of Sutherland Hub</b>	To contribute to the Hub Managers post over a period of two years.	£20,000	£10,000
<b>Creich Croick and Kincardine District Day Care Association</b>	To contribute to two Activity Coordinators at 25 hours per week who will work at the centre organising stimulating activities for older people in the community.	£25,000	£25,000
<b>Total</b>		<b>£165,000</b>	<b>£85,000.02</b>

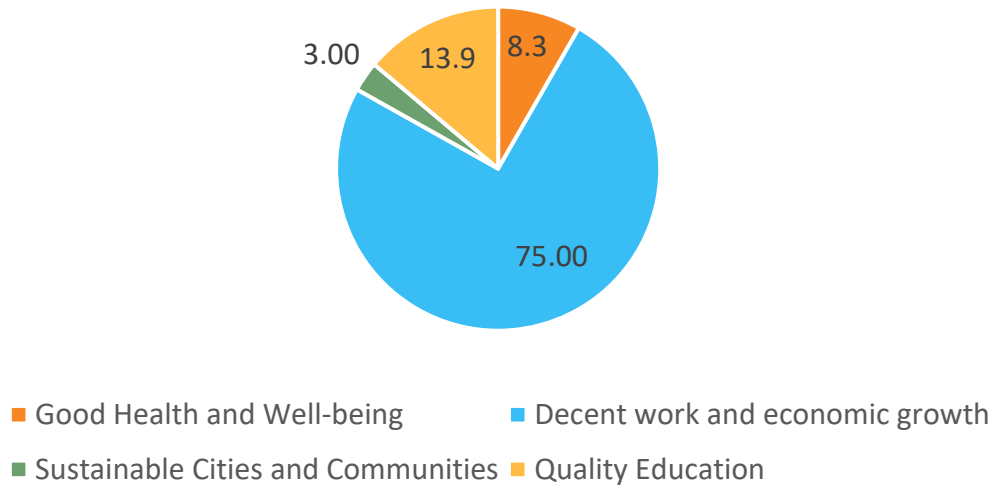
## Awards by Sustainable Development Goals

Foundation Scotland uses the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) to help assess the impact of awards made for each fund. The 17 SDGs were adopted by the United Nations in 2015 in the universal call to end poverty, protect the planet, and ensure that by 2030 all people enjoy peace and prosperity. The SDGs are integrated; they recognise that action in one area will affect

outcomes in others, and that development must balance social, economic, and environmental sustainability.

Since 2021 each award from the fund has been assigned a primary SDG to which the purpose of the award fits most closely, although awards will often deliver across several SDGs. A summary of the awards and payments made in year 10 is given below.

Year 10 Awards by SDG Amount awarded (£K)



## Case Studies of Funded Projects

### Creich, Croick and Kincardine Day care Association (AKA The Bradbury Centre)



In June 2022 The Bradbury Centre were

awarded £8,315 towards the costs of a cleaner for two years up to June 2024. The centre provides day care services for the local community as a community health and wellbeing hub, delivering flexible and community-based services, promoting community cohesion, social integration, healthy living, lifelong learning, and reducing service user isolation and dependency on statutory services. The centre is open four days per week. It provides a lunch club, activity programme, exercise programme, transport to and from the Centre, a laundry service and information point for services for older people plus support to attend appointments.

It was not practical to have members of care staff carrying out the cleaning when clients and members were present and contracted working hours weren't sufficient to allow thorough cleaning to be carried out after clients and members had left the premises. High standards of cleanliness and hygiene are



essential in premises supporting elderly and often vulnerable people, especially since the pandemic, which has further increased the need for a paid cleaner to remain as part of the core staff team.

### Kyle of Sutherland Hub (KoSH)



**Messy play at the Hub!**

In February 2022 KSoH received £3,000 towards core running costs including staff

salaries for one year to February 2023. KoSH is a social enterprise providing a range of services to the communities of Creich, Lairg, and Ardgay. KoSH provides the community with an inclusive year-round program of activity alongside an income generating social enterprise comprising a soft play area, gym, café, and second-hand sales point. As well as being a project designed to meet community needs, it is also an attraction for visitors. Income generating activity stopped during the pandemic. The soft play, gym facilities, sales point and café were closed for a long period of time and were only able to reopen in an ad hoc way at the end of 2020 and throughout 2021.

The work of KoSH was well established and prior to Covid-19 it was both thriving and sustainable. The award towards core costs including staff costs is helping KoSH to recover from the financial difficulties of the pandemic and return to being a sustainable and popular anchor organisation for the communities it serves. KSoH continues to meet the fund's overall aims of helping to build a vibrant local economy, supporting, and encouraging thriving communities, and making the area a more attractive place to live work and visit.

## Community Panel

The SSE & RWE Community Funds Panel is governed by Terms of Reference agreed between the Community Council and Foundation Scotland and which are reviewed from time to time. All panel members receive an induction to the fund, their role, and Foundation Scotland's grant making processes. Together, panel members bring a range of experience and knowledge with backgrounds including education, agriculture, health and social care and many other sectors.

13 volunteer representatives serve on the Panel, comprising of two community councillors and two elected community representatives from each of the three community council areas.

During Year 10 Panel members were:

Ardgay & District Community Council area:

- Rob Pope – *Community Council representative*
- Silvia Muras – *Community Council representative*
- David Hannah
- Marion Turner
- Rebecca Dunphy (Joined 2022)

Creich Community Council area:

- Pete Campbell – *Community Council representative*
- John White – *Community Council representative*
- Caroline Munro
- Sarah Forest

Lairg Community Council area:

- Andrew Mackay – *Community Council representative*
- Jackie Young – *Community Council representative*
- Steven McLean
- Robert Johnstone

## Conclusion

Year 10 has been a fairly quiet year for the fund in terms of new awards, however the overall spend when multi year awards are taken into account remains strong, at around 90% of funding provided by RWE for grant making in the year.

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