



**Hill of Towie Wind Farm
Community Benefit Fund**

**Annual Report
Rounds 15 & 16**



COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUND

Nineteen applications were received for rounds 15 and 16.

The round 15 Panel meeting was held on 20th November 2019. Ten applications were considered and all were awarded in full, however due to COVID one application was withdrawn as the project could not go ahead.

Nine applications were received for round 16. At the Panel meeting on 14th April 2020, Eight were awarded a full grant and one was declined.

SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS

Round 15

Mulben Picnic Committee	£7,920.00
Keith 50+ Group	£500.00
Drummuir & Botriphnie Community Trust	£17,428.38
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Keith Community Council	£2,163.14
Keith in Flower	£3,700.00
Boharm Public Hall	£1,866.99
Keith Golf Club	£3,750.00
The Loft Youth Project	£6,012.51
Total	<u>£44,585.02</u>

Round 16

The Deveron, Bogie & Isla Rivers Charitable Trust	£3,960.00
Keith Allotment Association	£3,075.08
Botriphnie Parent Council	£700.00
The Loft Youth Project	£15,000.00
Drummuir 21	£1,200.00
Newmill Parent Council	£1,866.90
Boharm Public Hall	£2,220.00
Keith & District Sports Trust	£5,000.00
Total	<u>£33,021.98</u>

Round 15

Mulben Picnic Committee was awarded £ 7920.00 for the Playing Field Building Demolition

Mulben Picnic Committee was awarded the grant to enable them to demolish the old pavilion which was an eye sore and dangerous due to its poor state and clear the area of ground it stood on.

Keith 50+ Group was awarded £500.00 for the Health & Fitness of Keith 50+ Group

Keith 50+ Group received their grant so that they could fund various exercise instructors and hold sessions at their group to encourage good health and fitness within the all the members.

Drummuir & Botriphnie Community Trust was awarded £ 17,428.38 for the Car Park Resurfacing

Drummuir & Botriphnie Community Trust was awarded the grant so that they could resurface the Hall's car park. The upkeep will now be minimal as the previous hardcore surface always required weed control and the improved drainage will help with the surface pooling and run-off. As you can see from the before and after photos below the car park has greatly improved the aesthetics of the Hall and benefits Hall users and the local and wider communities.

Before



After



Drummuir & Botriphnie Community Trust was awarded £900.00 for Drummuir in Bloom

Drummuir & Botriphnie Community Trust received the grant to purchase new planters, compost and plants for the floral displays in and around the Village of Drummuir, in the Summer of 2020. The plants were purchased from Loch Park Centre in Drummuir which is a specialist day centre for adults with learning disabilities. It is great to see the community working together in partnership and keeping it local.

Keith Community Council was awarded £2163.14 for Keith Christmas Lights

Keith Community Council was awarded the grant to be able to replace the Christmas lights wires, plugs, and various other materials required for the lights to be ready in time for Christmas 2019. As you can see from some of the photos below the brilliant team of volunteers completed the project and gave Keith a show of lights to be proud of.



Keith in Flower was awarded £3,700.00 for Keeping Keith in Flower

Keith in Flower was awarded the grant to purchase a special tiered planter and plants to make Keith look more presentable and not just for the locals. Keith is situated on the main A96 road and there are hundreds of people pass through it daily. All the volunteers made a great job planting and attending to them throughout the summer.



Boharm Public Hall was awarded £1,866.99 for Defibrillator Purchase and Installation

Boharm Public Hall was awarded the grant so that a defibrillator could be purchased and installed. Being in the rural area this defibrillator is an essential piece of equipment.

The Hall continues to this day to run training sessions for anyone in the local area who wishes to learn how to use it.



Keith Golf Club was awarded £3,750.00 for a Rough Cutting Mower

Keith Golf Club was awarded the grant to be able to purchase a rough cutting mower which fits onto the back of a tractor. Previously the Golf Club were hiring a contractor to do the work. Now the Golf Club can save that money and put it to a better use as well as being able to use the mower when ever they want instead of relying on the contractor's time schedule.

The Loft Youth Project was awarded £ 6012.51 for The Loft Youth Project

The Loft Youth Project received their awarded grant for staff hours so that they could carry on working with the young people of Keith. The Loft Youth Project is a charity and relies on funding for all its work. The Loft Youth Project was very grateful for this funding as without it staff would have had to be paid off and the young people of Keith would have lost a service they rely on.



Round 16

The Deveron, Bogie & Isla Rivers Charitable Trust was awarded £3,960.00 for Save the Isla Salmon Project

The Deveron, Bogie & Isla Rivers Charitable Trust received the award so that an audit of Crooksmill Burn (in various locations points of the burn) could be carried out to see the changes from when the audit was last done in 2012. See the below pictures for just one example of how it is changed over time.



Railway bridge in 2012 with active gravel bar



Railway bridge in 2020 with bar now covered with fine sediments, vegetated and stable.

Keith Allotment Association was awarded £3,075.08 for the Renew of the Allotment Paths

Keith Allotment Association were delighted to receive their award for the renewal of their paths. The old paths were in desperate need of renewing to make it safe for everyone who uses it. As you can see by this photo the path is now looking great and a non-slip hazard like before.

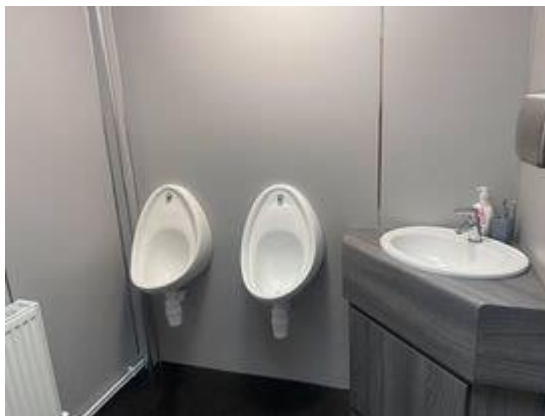


Boriphnie Parent Council was awarded £700.00 for an iPad Charging Station

Boriphnie Parent Council was awarded the grant so that the iPads could not only be locked away securely but they would also charge up at the same time. Botriphnie Primary is a small rural school which makes fund raising difficult and the Parent Council really appreciate the funding and support from the fund they have received over the years.

The Loft Youth Project was awarded £15,000.00 for The Loft Youth Project Toilets

The Loft Youth Project was awarded the grant so that the toilets could be stripped back and renewed, as you can see from the below photos the new toilets make a huge difference and are a lot easier to maintain.



Drummuir 21 was awarded £1,200.00 for St Fumac Statue Shelter

Following on from the purchase of a renewed Statue of St Fumac, Drummuir 21 committee felt a shelter to house it in would be fitting.



Priscilla Gordon-Duff (Chairman of Drummuir 21 SC030342) said *“Thank you for funding this second shelter which is adding to the amenity and sense of place at this once busy railway station.”*

Botriphnie Primary School pupils stand beside the statue of St Fumac following the celebration of the Saint’s Fair Day in May 2021.

Newmill Parent Council was awarded £1,866.90 for iPad's for Pupils

Newmill Parent Council received the award to go towards the purchase of iPads for the pupils. Being a smaller school resources are not always available and new technology was greatly needed for the school.

Boharm Public Hall was awarded £2,220.00 Landscaping Around Car Park

Boharm Public Hall was awarded the grant so that landscaping around the car park could take place. The Hall committee are grateful to the fund, not just for this award but for all the other awards they have received too.

Keith & District Sports Trust was awarded £5,000.00 an Automower



Keith & District Sports Trust was awarded the grant for an automower to cut the grass at the park to make things easier for the volunteers. The Trust is very grateful to the fund for being awarded.



FUND GOVERNANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

Governance of the fund is overseen by a local volunteer Decision Making according to the fund aims and objective. All complete and eligible applications are assessed by Panel members and discussed at Decision Making meetings.

The fund is administered by REAP, a local environmental charity. REAP staff can assist with the application process and clarify any questions on the application form. All applications are screened for completeness, and advice is given to applicants where necessary. Application forms and guidance notes are always available on the website and hard copies are available on request.

Grants awarded are published on the REAP website, along with reports from successful applicants.

The fund is advertised in local venues, online and on social media.

ACCOUNTS

The annual grant fund of £95,060.68 for 2020 was received from RES in June 2020.

A total of 17 grants totalling £77,607.00 were awarded in rounds 15 and 16. Demand on the fund continues to remain high each year.