

## **Beck Burn Wind Farm, Community Fund**

EDF Energy Renewables have now built the 9 wind turbines Beck Burn Wind Farm. They are working with the local community to develop the management arrangements for the £155,000 per annum community fund which will become effective upon final commissioning of the windfarm. Cumbria Community Foundation will be providing ongoing administration of the Community Fund who is now working with the Community Panel, with a representative from each of the areas of benefit within the 5km radius.

Those eligible are

Within 5k radius

Kirkandrews on Esk, **Arthuret**, Westlinton, Rockcliffe, and in Scotland, Springfield and Gretna Green, Gretna and Rigg, Kirkpatrick and District, and Canonbie and District.

The fund duration is 20 years or until the wind farm ceases to operate. This equates to £3.1m over its lifetime. As well those eligible within the 5k radius there are Parishes/ Community Councils in a wider area (10km) who may apply. These must demonstrate their projects will benefit the people within the 5km area.

### **WHAT CAN THE FUND SUPPORT?**

Community based projects and/or community lead, involving energy renewables. Education and training.

The fund will not support services that Local Authorities are responsible for e.g. Street cleaning, lighting, maintenance to roads and footpaths.

EDF are keen to support Education and Training in Renewables and the wider energy industry. 20% of the Community Pot will be ring fenced to be spent on this priority - £31,050 per annum.

The 8 parish/community councils in the 5km radius will each receive £5,000 per annum to administer for small community grants under £1,000. For more information on accessing this please contact your local parish/community council.

## Hallburn Wind Farm

We are still awaiting confirmation for REG of the starting date to build the wind farm at Hallburn. The latest update is work will not start until October/November 2017. The parish council have requested a meeting to discuss the proposed arrangements to transport the wind turbines to the site as they will travel through the centre of Longtown.

## Longtown Partnership Group

This Partnership meet every 4-6 weeks

Arthuret Parish Council, Cumbria County Council, Carlisle City Council, Riverside Housing, Police, Longtown Primary School, Community Centre Management Committee Board of Trustees and other interested parties are involved.

- Working together to deliver activities, facilities & services to benefit the community.
- Share knowledge and information
- Enhance services available for young people
- Pool resources with the aim to make joint funding applications to benefit the community.

The Partnership are currently hoping to establish a Walking Football Group, if you are interested in being involved or having a taster session please register your interest with Longtown Community Centre on 01228 791876

Walking Football is the perfect re-introduction to playing football for people aged 50 years and over. No age limit - No sprinting - Just Walking  
Also the opportunities to get fitter, improve your health, have fun, learn new skills and socialize.

We are also holding free sports sessions on the parish playing fields (old Lochinvar School site) behind the Children's Centre. These are being run by ABC Coaching on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February during Half Term, a further 2 will be held on 13<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> April.

Junior session (4-7 year olds) 10.30am-12.30pm

Senior session (8-15 year olds) 1.00pm - 3.00pm

For more information on these FREE sessions contact  
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