

Annual Report

Annandale and Nithsdale Community Benefit Company

Year 4

This report covers activity from 1st April 2018 to 31st March 2019, the fourth year since the company was established.



Introduction

Annandale and Nithsdale Community Benefit Company (ANCBC) is funded by ScottishPower Renewables community benefit fund for Harestanes windfarm in Dumfries and Galloway. The fund supports projects located within or directly benefiting one or more of 42 community council areas in Annandale and Nithsdale.

ANCBC is a company limited by guarantee with a voluntary Board of twelve directors elected from the membership. Members are nominated by each of the community councils within the area of benefit.

ANCBC receives an annual donation from ScottishPower Renewables of c. £320,000. The Fund is split between open grant making and Local Grants to Community Councils.

Each established Community Council in the area of benefit is eligible to apply for an annual grant of up to £2,000, for use by the Community Council itself and/or onward distribution to other local groups. This allows decisions to be made locally and appropriately by Community Councils. During the year 31 community Councils claimed their Local Grant, which meant £60,318 of the fund was allocated to Local Grants.

Between April 2018 and March 2019, ANCBC awarded £241,151 through open grant making. This represented 72.9% of the 2018/19 total fund income of £330,657.

During this period there were 34 applications received. Of these 3 were withdrawn, leaving 31 to be considered by the Board. 29 of these groups were awarded grants. 14 awards between £500 and £5,000, 6 between £5,001 and £10,000, and 9 between £15,000 and £20,000 were made.

The maximum grant of £20,000 was awarded to 3 organisations for projects including relocation and refurbishment costs for a playcare group; staff costs for mentors for young people with additional support needs; and heating and gymnastics equipment.

2 applications were not supported due to the applicant having significant reserves.

The average award over the period was £8,315. The average value of projects funded (all funding sources) was £42,601 giving a leverage ratio of 19.5%. This means that for every £1 awarded from ANCBC, a further £5 was raised from elsewhere.

Eight projects in Annandale were awarded a total of £57,555 (24% of funds awarded), with eight projects in Nithsdale awarded £54,651 in total (23% of funds awarded). Eleven grants supported projects in Dumfries (and one in Eskdalemuir), in total £103,425 (43% of funds awarded). Two projects, awarded a total of £25,520 (10%), supported work across the fund's entire area of benefit.

Summary Financial Statement

Annandale and Nithsdale Community Benefit Company

Accounting Period: 01 April 2018 to 31 March 2019

This statement summarises the full company accounts, which can be downloaded from www.ancbc.co.uk or by contacting our office.

Opening Balance	£97,030
Income	
Scottish Power Renewables	£330,657
Bank Interest	£111
Total Income	£330,768
Expenditure	
Support and governance costs	£26,441
Community Council Grants	£56,944
Main fund grants	£241,151
Total Expenditure	£324,536
Net Income/(Expenditure)	£6,232
Total funds carried forward	£103,262

Awards during year 4

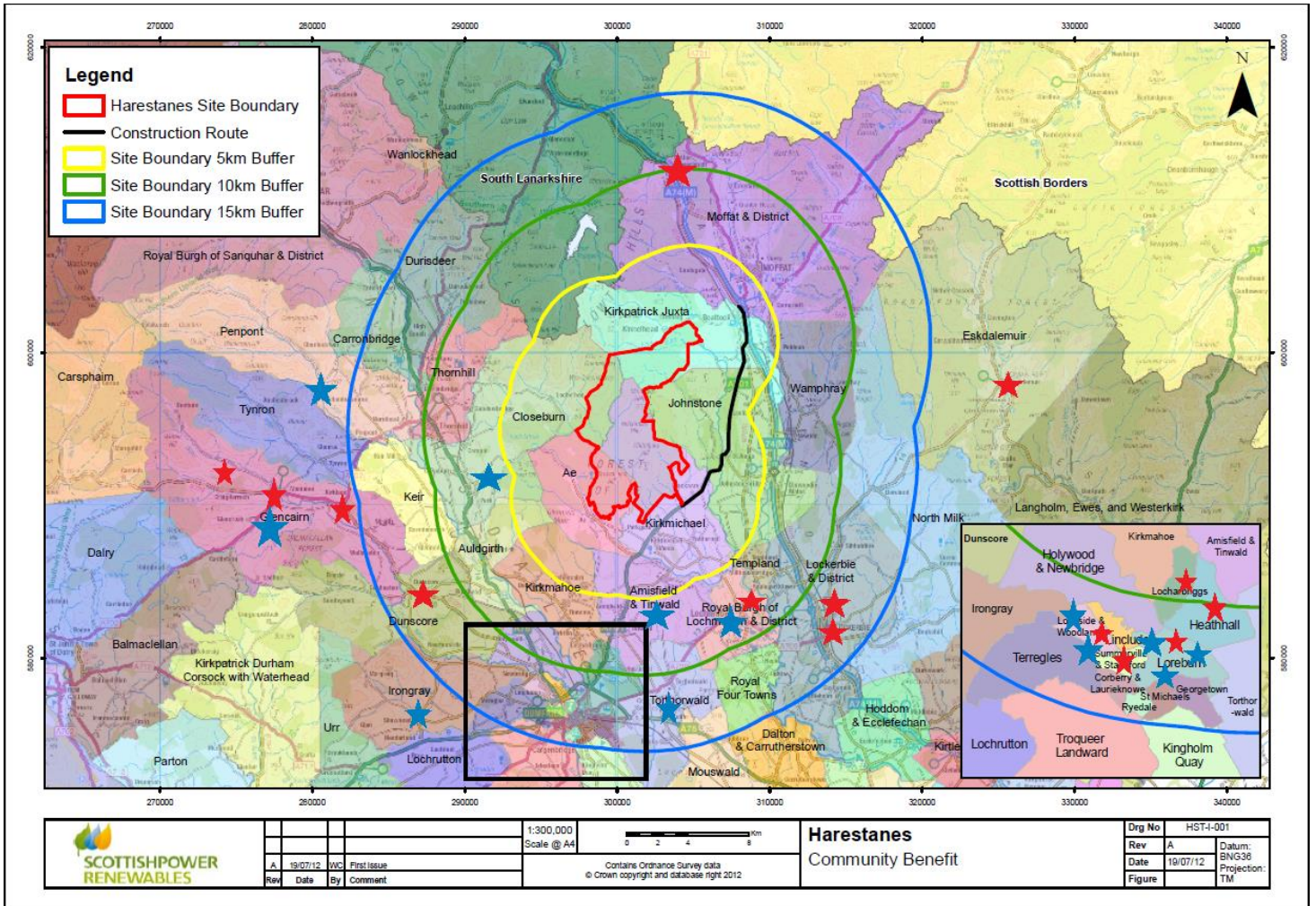
Applicant	Project	Project cost	Awarded	Leverage
Lockerbie Christmas Lights	To provide new Christmas lights for Lockerbie in 2019, when the existing lights come to the end of their expected life.	£21,000.00	£4,000.00	19%
Maxwelltown Playcare	To re-locate and refurbish an alternative building when the current building is demolished.	£115,000.00	£20,000.00	17.4%
Glencairn and Tynron Horticultural Society	To hire a marquee and purchase portable screening to separate the kitchen and preparation areas from the dining area.	£7,500.00	£3,106.00	41.4%
Learners Together	To continue Nia dance classes.	£2,340.00	£1,740.00	74.3%
Inspired Community Enterprise Trust	To pay salary costs for a Mentor to work with young people with Additional Support Needs.	£80,000.00	£20,000.00	25%
Lochside Community Association	To modernise and upgrade the Centre.	£16,267.00	£8,134.00	50%
Eskdalemuir Expressive Arts	To run a series of 4 one-day arts workshops in the Eskdalemuir Community Hub.	£1,600.00	£1,000.00	62.5%
Torthorwald Hall Association	To upgrade the toilet facilities in Torthorwald Village Hall.	£20,000.00	£10,000.00	50%
Tinwald Parish Hall Committee	To contribute to the costs of replacing the Hall floor.	£19,236.00	£5,787.00	30.1%
Locharbriggs Village Hall Association	To refurbish the hall kitchen and purchase new folding tables for use in the hall.	£8,672.00	£4,381.00	50.5%
Heathhall Community Centre	To support internal refurbishment, installation of wifi, noticeboards, outside lighting and bowling green equipment.	£3,204.60	£2,345.00	73.2%

Applicant	Project	Project cost	Awarded	Leverage
Spinal Injuries Scotland	To employ a Peer Support Advisor for 10 hours per week for 1 year to work within Dumfries and Galloway.	£15,872.00	£5,722.00	36%
Dumfries Y Gymnastics	To purchase new gymnastics apparatus and heaters and to contribute to staffing costs.	£84,668.00	£20,000.00	23.6%
Castle Loch Lochmaben Community Trust	To contribute to the continuing employment of a Project Manager, diversion of a footpath through a new plantation; and other improvements.	£31,000.00	£12,500.00	40.3%
Nith Valley Leaf Trust	To contribute to the costs of buying land and building three passivhaus homes to be made available at an affordable rent to local families.	£518,130.00	£15,000.00	2.9%
Lochmaben Tennis Club	To contribute to the cost of installing floodlights.	£24,634.82	£5,000.00	20.3%
Speddoch Community Association	To purchase tables and chairs for the Hall.	£6,333.96	£4,750.00	75%
KPT Development Trust	To contribute to the salary costs of a new Development Officer.	£41,457.00	£14,479.00	34.9%
Hub Dumfries and Galloway	To provide monthly logs and kindling for vulnerable older people in rural communities.	£39,596.00	£19,798.00	50%
Solway Sk8ing Club	To contribute towards competition costs for the synchronized skating teams.	£9,949.96	£5,000.00	50.3%
Include Us	To contribute to the costs of employing a part time Project Manager for three years.	£60,480.00	£19,500.00	32.2%
Eastriggs and Gretna Heritage	To support the running costs of the museum's education project, including a contribution to the salary cost of the Museum's education officer and a contribution to the overall cost of the Young People project.	£35,000.00	£15,000.00	42.9%

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Moniaive Pottery Club	To purchase a kiln.	£1,942.00	£1,457.00	75%
Moniaive Folk Festival	To run a programme of music, song and percussion workshops during the folk festival.	£19,235.00	£2,059.00	10.7%
Irongray Community Trust	To repair the Parish Hall in Shawhead.	£20,073.00	£7,000.00	34.9%
Wigtown Festival Company	To run a young writers and readers conference in Dumfries.	£5,300.00	£1,325.00	25%
Lockerbie Basketball Club	To establish a junior (over 16s) basketball team.	£4,924.47	£3,468.00	70.4%
Moniaive Playcare	To continue to offer a full (five days a week) breakfast club and after-school service to the families of Glencairn.	£19,638.00	£6,800.00	34.6%
Hartfell Hill Running Club	To contribute to set up costs for the running club.	£2,400.00	£1,800.00	75%
29 Awards	TOTALS:	£1,235,453.81	£241,151.00	19.5%

*Leverage is the percentage of grant costs compared to the overall project costs. This indicates the amount of match funding the group secured in relation to ANCBC funding.

Geographical distribution of awards during year 4



Large grants (£5,001-£20,000) ★

Small grants (£500-£5,000) ★

Please note that often beneficiaries of a grant will live throughout a wide geographical area and the stars allocated above may only reflect the central HQ or main office location of a project.

Three large grants benefited communities across the majority of the ANCBC Area of benefit and are thus not represented on the map.

What difference is the Fund making?

Glencairn & Tynron Horticultural Society



In June 2018, the Glencairn & Tynron Horticultural Society were awarded £3,106 to hire a marquee and purchase portable screening to separate the kitchen and preparation areas from the dining area during their annual show.

The community had identified this as a way to grow their event sustainably and to improve the refreshments on offer to visitors, judges and attendees.

The show has been an integral part of the community calendar for 139 years and is well attended by around 350 people from across the region, with the professionally produced show guide being distributed to 650 households in the area as well as local businesses such as hotels.

The grant enabled the group to buy two screens and hire, erect and dismantle two marquees. The event was very successful with high attendance and record afternoon teas served.

Tinwald Parish Hall Committee

Tinwald Parish hall committee were awarded a grant of £5,787 to contribute towards the cost of replacing the village hall's floor. This represented around a third of the total cost of the project, with the remaining funding coming from the group's own reserves, the Community Council, the Holywood Trust and a SWEAT grant.

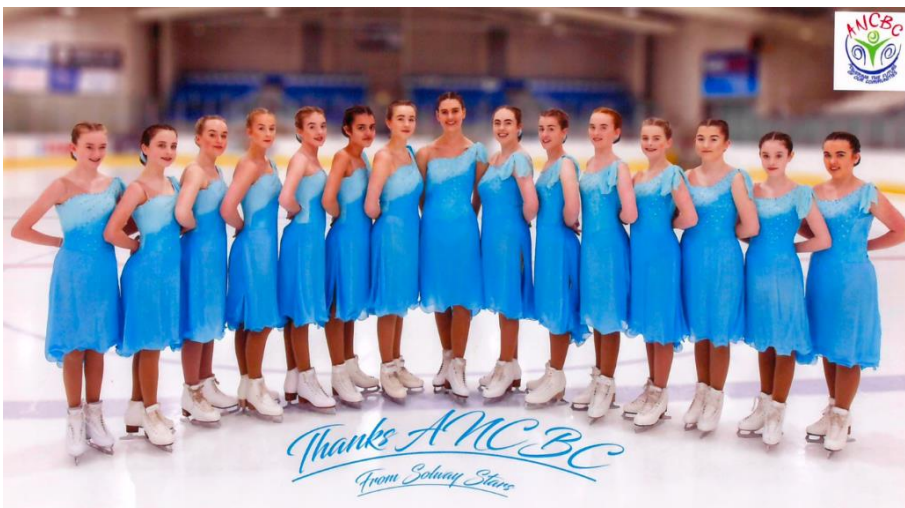
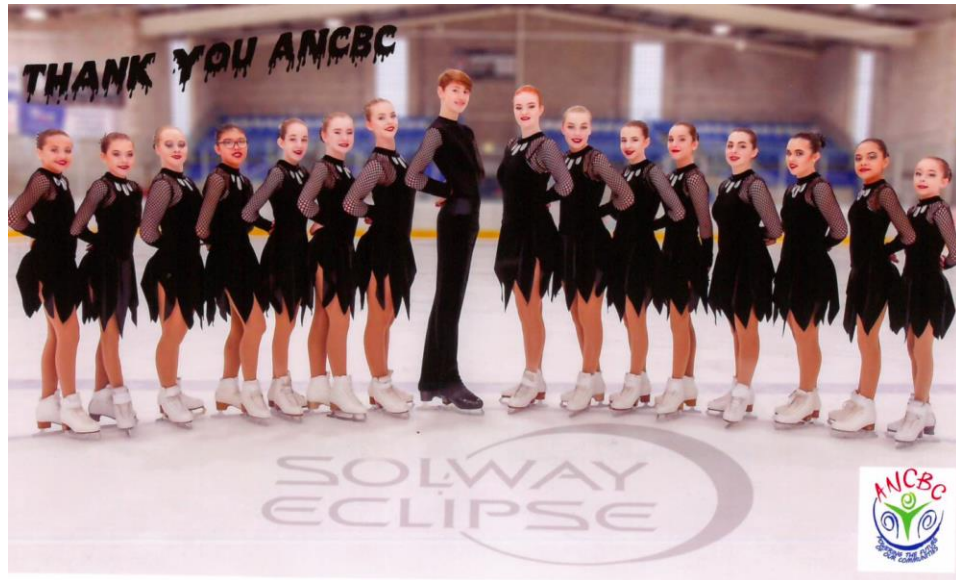
Built in 1932, over recent years, the community had observed that the village hall's floor was steadily sinking. On investigation it was discovered that no damp proof membrane had been installed during construction and, as a result, the joists supporting the floor had been struck by wet rot and failed.

The community is very pleased with their new suspended wood floor. It is certain that without this funding, the valued community hall would have become unusable and would have had to close. Around 200 people have benefitted from the grant since the work was completed, with around 350 regular hall users.

Solway Sk8ing

In October 2018, a grant of £5,000 significantly contributed towards competition costs for the Solway Sk8ing synchronized skating teams.

The teams competed at the Ice Arena in Cardiff and the grant covered around half of the total cost, enabling all four synchronized skating teams to take part in the Viola Synchronised Skating Club Synchronised Skating Competition 2018.



52 skaters aged 7-22 benefited from the contribution to transport, accommodation, kit, entry fees and catering costs which came to a total of £13,784, the shortfall being made up through parental contributions and fundraising.

Three of the four teams took first place, with one taking second.

The success of the teams was picked up by local press and

subsequent skating competitions were televised through the red button by the BBC locally.

Governance and Administration Overview

The Annandale and Nithsdale Community Benefit Company Board can have between 6 and 12 Directors and has been operational with 12 members for the reporting period. Attendance at meetings has been consistently good and this has resulted in a well-formed group with plenty of experience in making what are sometimes difficult decisions. Board minutes can be viewed at www.ancbc.co.uk.

All the company's directors retired at the Annual General Meeting, held in June 2018. There were no nominations from prospective new directors. All the directors were re-elected.

For the purpose of appointing Directors, the ANCBC area of benefit is split into three geographical areas. There should be between one and four members from each geographical area serving as Director at any time. These areas are East, South and West. Board members at 31 March 2019 were:

East: Martin Brown, Helen Haggart, David Booth, Richard Mann.

South: Murdoch MacPherson, Russell Stuart, John Magill, Sheila Farries.

West: Alastair McFadzean, David Dick, Mike Steele, Hugh Buck.

The Directors are volunteers and recognised from the outset the company would require paid, professional support, particularly with the company's grant-making activity. Foundation Scotland, which is a national grant-making charity, continued to provide this service and acts as the main point of enquiry for groups seeking funding.

Contact us

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