

Annual Report

Annandale and Nithsdale Community Benefit Company

Year 5

This report covers activity from 1st April 2019 to 31st March 2020, the fifth 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 up to **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 **27 Community Councils** claimed their Local Grant, which meant **£58,838** of the fund was allocated to Local Grants.

Between April 2019 and March 2020, ANCBC awarded **£169,206 through open grant making**. This represented **49.7%** of the 2019/20 total fund income of **£340,172.28**.

During this period there were 39 applications received. Of these 5 were withdrawn, leaving 34 to be considered by the Board. **25 of these groups were awarded grants**. Fourteen awards between £500 and £5,000, 7 between £5,001 and £10,000, and 4 between £15,000 and £20,000 were made. One grant of £8,134 given in 2019 was returned.

The maximum grant of **£20,000 was awarded to 3 organisations** for projects including to contribute to the costs of replacing a tennis club's playing surface; to support the refurbishment of an amateur rowing club's boathouse and to contribute to the costs of employing a counsellor for a mental health charity. Nine groups were refused grants for reasons including not meeting eligibility criteria and not evidencing sufficient outcomes within the ANCBC area of benefit. **The average award over the period was £6,768**. The average value of projects funded (all funding sources) was £18,653 giving a leverage ratio of 36.28%. This means that **for every £1 awarded from ANCBC, a further £2.75 was raised from elsewhere**.

Eleven projects in Annandale were awarded a total of £33,057 (19% of funds awarded), with seven projects in Nithsdale awarded £50,343 in total (30% of funds awarded). Four grants supported projects in Dumfries (and one in Eskdalemuir), in total £59,000 (35% of funds awarded). Two projects, awarded a total of £26,806 (16%), supported work across the fund's entire area of benefit.

Summary Financial Statement

Annandale and Nithsdale Community Benefit Company

Accounting Period: 01 April 2019 to 31 March 2020

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

Opening Balance	£103,262
Income	
Scottish Power Renewables	£340,171
Bank Interest	£132
Grant returned	£8,134
Total Income	£348,437
Expenditure	
Support and governance costs	£26,645
Community Council Grants	£58,838
Main fund grants	£169,206
Total Expenditure	£254,689
Net Income/(Expenditure)	£93,748
Total funds carried forward	£197,010

Awards during year 5

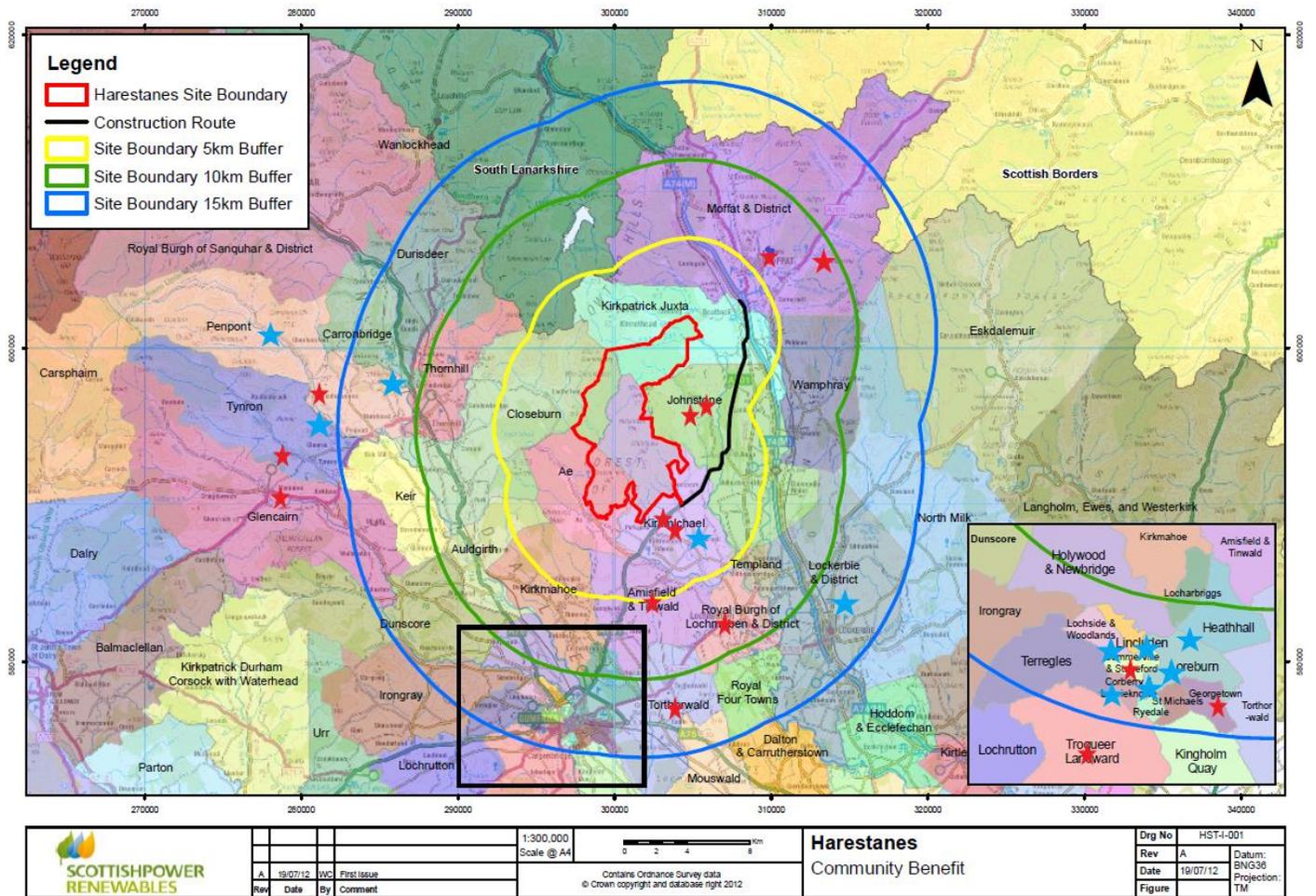
Applicant	Project	Project cost	Awarded	Leverage
Tinwald Parish Community Council	To contribute to the costs of the 2019 Tinwald Parish Gala Day.	£3,000.00	£2,000.00	66.7%
Lochmaben Golf Club	To develop waste ground on the course to turn it into a purpose built practice area.	£3,600.00	£1,500.00	41.7%
Glencairn and Tynron Horticultural Society	To contribute to the cost of the 2019 Moniaive Flower Show.	£8,000.00	£1,000.00	12.5%
Troqueer Parent and Friends Council	To purchase a new sound system, new sports kit and equipment, and home learning kits.	£3,847.00	£2,847.00	74.0%
Moniaive Initiative	To contribute to staff salaries and core organisational costs for one year from October 2019 to October 2020.	£14,364.00	£2,500.00	17.4%
Johnstonebridge Centre and Community Development Trust Ltd	To purchase petrol, oil and support lawnmower maintenance for the volunteer-maintained verges and public spaces in Johnstone.	£500.00	£500.00	100.0%
Food Train	To contribute to the cost of replacing a delivery van.	£16,447.60	£8,224.00	50.0%
Collin Village Hall Management Committee	To redecorate the Hall.	£4,809.00	£3,682.00	76.6%
Soul Soup Counselling and Training Ltd	To contribute to the costs of employing a counsellor over two years.	£40,000.00	£20,000.00	50.0%
Glencairn Green Bowling	To contribute to the costs of installing solar panels on the new greenkeeper's store.	£18,076.20	£3,123.00	17.3%
Johnstonebridge Dog Walkers Group	To contribute to the costs of providing fencing, signage, a bench and dog bin for use as a dog run in a secured field opposite Johnstonebridge Community Centre.	£9,746.19	£4,874.00	50.0%
3rd Dumfriesshire Scout Group	To contribute to the costs of renewing the Scout hall toilets, including installing a disabled toilet.	£9,895.37	£4,948.00	50.0%
Upper Eskdale Development Group	To contribute to the cost of employing an Operational and Development Manager for one year.	£25,000.00	£10,000.00	40.0%

Applicant	Project	Project cost	Awarded	Leverage
Nithsdale Amateur Rowing Club Ltd	To contribute to the costs of refurbishing the boathouse, particularly the roof repairs.	£70,000.00	£20,000.00	28.6%
Solway Sharks Ice Hockey Club	To contribute to the costs of ice hockey equipment including sticks and pucks over two years.	£28,000.00	£14,000.00	50.0%
Solway Sk8ing Club	To contribute to the cost of sending all 4 synchronized skating teams to participate in the Britannia Cup (British Championships) from the 10th to the 12th of January 2020 in Nottingham.	£6,848.00	£5,000.00	73.0%
10th Dumfriesshire Scout Group	To contribute towards the urgent roof and guttering repairs required for the Scout Hall.	£10,000.00	£3,085.00	30.9%
Penpont Community Council	To contribute to the cost of purchasing a new modern marquee for Gala week to replace the current one which is at the end of its useful life.	£19,950.00	£9,975.00	50.0%
Dumfries and Galloway Hard of Hearing Group	To contribute to the costs of the Hearing at Home and in the Community project to reduce the isolation of hard of hearing people in rural areas and residential homes within Annandale and Nithsdale.	£14,138.84	£6,806.00	48.1%
Dumfries Lawn Tennis Club	To contribute to the costs of replacing the playing surface on all four of the club's courts and improve access to sport and leisure opportunities for club members.	£76,000.00	£20,000.00	26.3%
XYZ Club	To contribute to running costs and outings to strengthen the capacity of the XYZ Club to meet its aim of providing activities and support for its senior citizen members.	£2,900.00	£948.00	32.7%
Kirkmichael Community Council	To contribute to the creation of a bi-annual printed community newsletter that includes a range of useful local information.	£1,796.00	£673.00	37.5%
Nethermill Primary School Parent Council	To erect a yurt within the school grounds to be used as a social space for the school and the community.	£17,750.00	£8,000.00	45.1%
KPT Development Trust	To contribute to the salary costs of the development officer, to continue to support positive change in Kier, Tynron and Penpont.	£33,670.00	£5,521.00	16.4%

Dumfries Y Gymnastics Club	To contribute to the salary costs of a full-time head coach for one year to maintain and further develop the Club's coaching development programme.	£28,000.00	£10,000.00	35.7%
25 Awards	Totals	£466,338.20	£169,206	36.28%

*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 5



- 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.

What difference is the Fund making?

Peter Pan Moat Brae Trust



During its first year of operation, ANCBC granted £30,000 to support the Peter Pan Moat Brae Trust which had been developing ambitious plans for the house that was the inspiration behind JM Barrie's Peter Pan, one of fiction's most enduring characters.

Now complete and fully restored, 200 invited guests and funders attended the opening on 1st June 2019, where Scottish Government Cabinet Secretary for Culture and Tourism Fiona Hyslop MSP, and Patron Joanna Lumley declared Scotland's new National Centre for Storytelling and Children's Literature open.

"Absolutely fabulous!" is how Joanna Lumley described the centre, which cost £8 million to complete.

The project was one of the first that ANCBC funded and the award contributed to the new extensions to the house; a Visitor Entrance on the west of the house including the shop, café, kitchens, reception and cloakrooms; and the Education and Learning Pavilion to the east of the house.

Cathy Agnew, who lead the project said, "The ANCBC grant was a crucial part of the total sum required to make the project fully funded and to allow a start to be made on the detailed design and tender stages."



Moniaive Pottery Club

In December 2018, Moniaive Pottery Club were awarded £1,457.00 to purchase a kiln. The kiln was installed in October 2019 and club members were invited to a demonstration of how to use and maintain it.



Materials were purchased to build a robust safety cage around the kiln. This was designed and built by volunteers. Around 10-20 people regularly benefit each week. The Moniaive Pottery Club has a wide range of members and the club provides an opportunity to get to know others with similar interests; catch up with friends and enjoy an absorbing activity. Many of the pieces made have won prizes in local shows and others have been valued raffle prizes in a range of community events over the seasons.

Before being able to purchase the kiln, a club member used his own kiln in his own home. As numbers grew, this became more difficult due to the amount of pottery being produced which needed to be fired.

Margaret Glasgow, the club's chair, said that, "Having our own kiln has made a big difference to the club whose members are now able to make a wide range of pieces, and experiment with new projects, small and large."



Solway Sk8ing Club – Report by Russell Stuart, ANCBC Vice-Chair

In September 2019, Solway Sk8ing Club received a grant of £5,000 from ANCBC towards the costs of sending four synchronised skating teams to participate in the British Championships Britannia Cup in Nottingham in January 2020.



A few weeks after the Championships, as a representative of the ANCBC Board, I was invited to attend an international synchronised ice-skating competition at the Dumfries Ice Bowl on Saturday 8th February 2020. I was able to see the Solway Sk8ers in action at their home competition, meet some of the team and listen to their feedback.

I was introduced to the team captains of each grade who each reported on their successes and importance of their attending the Britannia Cup earlier this year. All the young athletes acknowledged the importance and benefit of receiving the ANCBC grant to help them attend the meeting to represent their sport, their club and their region. Indeed, they had a very successful meeting in Nottingham with three of their teams winning UK gold medals.

The gathering at Dumfries Ice Bowl comprised of 40 international teams of 16 skaters plus their supporters over two days. The success of the Solway Skating Club and the prestige of holding international competitions in Dumfries augments the economy building capacity in the local area and promotes sport, health and well-being of young people in our communities, thereby fitting in well with the aims of ANCBC.

I thoroughly enjoyed my day at the competition and wish to thank Lindsay Henderson and her colleagues for the invitation, hospitality, and opportunity to meet their dedicated club members.

Governance and Administration Overview

The Annandale and Nithsdale Community Benefit Company Board can have between 6 and 12 Directors and has been operational with 10 to 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.

Seven of the company's directors retired at the Annual General Meeting, held in June 2019. David Dick, John Magill and Richard Mann did not stand for re-election. All the other directors were re-elected. Hugh Buck had sadly passed away earlier in the year. Three new directors were also appointed at the Annual General Meeting, Rory McKail, Moira McCrossan and Robert Gladstone. Sheila Farries stepped down in November 2019.

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 2020 were:

East: Martin Brown, Helen Haggart, David Booth.

South: Murdoch MacPherson, Russell Stuart, Rory McKail.

West: Alastair McFadzean, Mike Steele, Moira McCrossan, Robert Gladstone

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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