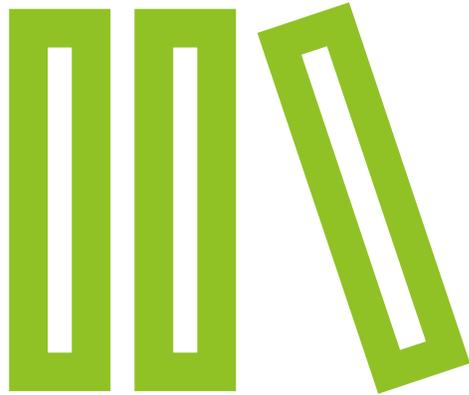




# Annandale and Nithsdale Community Benefit Company AGM 2021

Acting Chair's Report

# ANCBC Overview



- ▶ ANCBC received an annual donation from ScottishPower Renewables of **£343,814** in for the year.
- ▶ ANCBC Fund Review was conducted in Spring 2021 and included an ANCBC Member Survey; an Applicant and Grantee Survey; a Director's Workshop; and then the setting up of a subcommittee to take forward actions.
- ▶ Thanks to Martin Brown, founder and Chair of ANCBC who passed away in April 2021.

# Grant Awards Summary April 2020 to March 2021

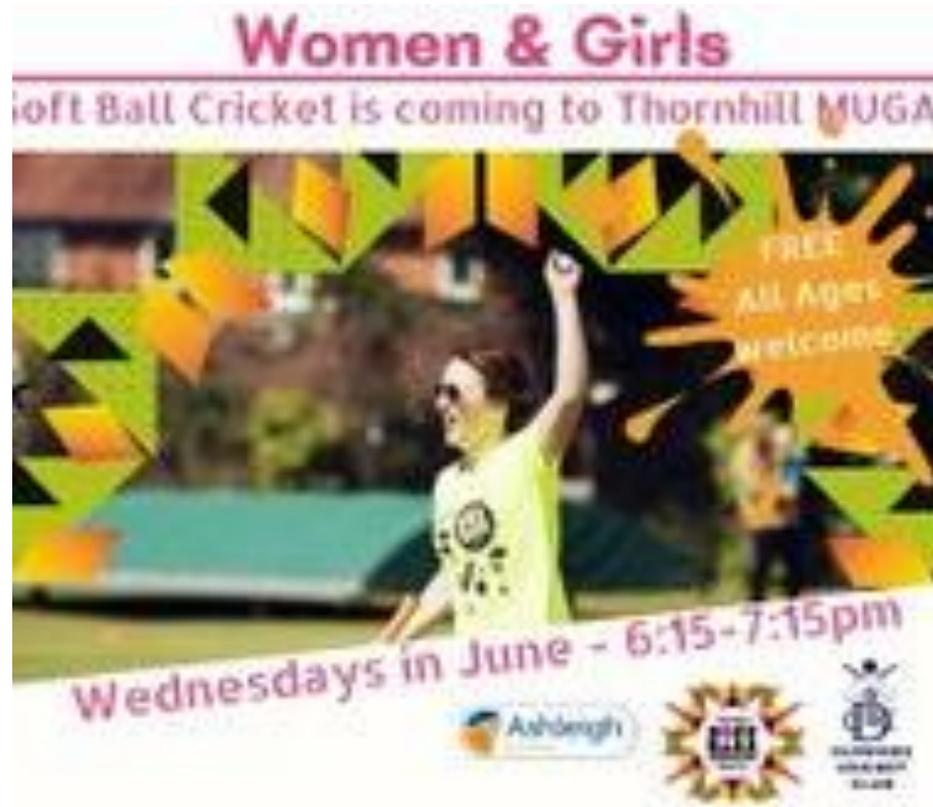
- ▶ **42** applications were made to the ANCBC Main Fund
- ▶ **8** withdrawn
- ▶ **28** grants awarded

**Total of £216,555** committed to projects

- ▶ **16** awards were between £500 and £5,000
- ▶ **3** between £5,001 and £10,000
- ▶ **9** between £15,000 and £20,000

Large Grants of **£20,000** were awarded to:

- ▶ Thornhill Sports Development Consortium
- ▶ Annandale Community Transport Services
- ▶ Beechgrove Sports Partnership



# Analysis of Grants Awarded

- ▶ Average award **£7,734**
- ▶ Average value of projects funded **£37,647**
- ▶ Leverage (the percentage of funding brought in from other sources to deliver those projects) **20.6%**
- ▶ For every £1 awarded from ANCBC – a further **£4.85** was raised from elsewhere

Awards were for a wide range of activities such as:

- support for local events, festivals and clubs
- building renovations and improvements
- to promote sport, health and well-being
- to provide community transport



# Local Grants Update



- ▶ Every established Community Council in the ANCBC area of benefit is eligible to apply for an annual grant of up to **£2,000**.
- ▶ **27** Community Councils claimed their Local Grant during the year.
- ▶ **10** Community Councils received an additional £2,000 to support their local community respond to and recover from the Covid-19 pandemic.
- ▶ **£69,130** allocated to Local Grants including extra applications for Covid-19 (20% of the total fund income)
- ▶ Examples of projects supported by Local Grants:
- ▶ community newsletters, defibrillators, supporting local facilities and services, hire and purchase of equipment for local groups...

# Conclusions

- ▶ As might be expected, fund activity between 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020 and 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021 has been affected by Covid-19. Awards have been made to support local communities and groups to mitigate the effects of the pandemic, including equipment to support local resilience activities and to support running costs. The Directors have been understanding of slippages in project implementation timescales and approved extensions to project deadlines and changes to purposes of awards in response to the pandemic.
- ▶ It is proposed that key activities for the rest of 2021 and into 2022 will include implementation of actions from the Fund Review, recruitment of new directors, ongoing publicity work, and ongoing support and flexibility to grantees as they navigate the changing Covid-19 situation.
- ▶ The Annandale and Nithsdale Community Benefit Fund continues to be important resource to support all 42 communities as they respond to new challenges and opportunities in 2021 and beyond.

# Giving thanks....

- ▶ ScottishPower Renewables
- ▶ ANCBC Board of Directors
- ▶ ANCBC Members
- ▶ Foundation Scotland
- ▶ Others....

