

# NEW LUCE COMMUNITY TRUST

Newsletter 1

April 2015

## Community Trust Launched

Thanks to everyone who came along to the Open Meeting on 9 March, held to launch the New Luce Community Trust and to invite residents of the Community Council area to become members. We were pleased to welcome so many of the Community and thrilled that 39 residents were willing to sign up as members of the Trust on the night.

The Community Council established the Trust and, now it is in place, the Trust will be consulting the community primarily on how the Community Benefit money from Scottish Power Renewables' Kilgallioch Windfarm can be used to bring the most benefit to, and have the biggest impact on, New Luce. Non-members will still be able to contribute to the consultation stages.

Membership of the Trust will continue to be available to anyone aged 18 or over and normally resident in the New Luce Community Council area. Members will have full voting rights at general meetings and will be entitled to stand for appointment as a Director of the Trust.

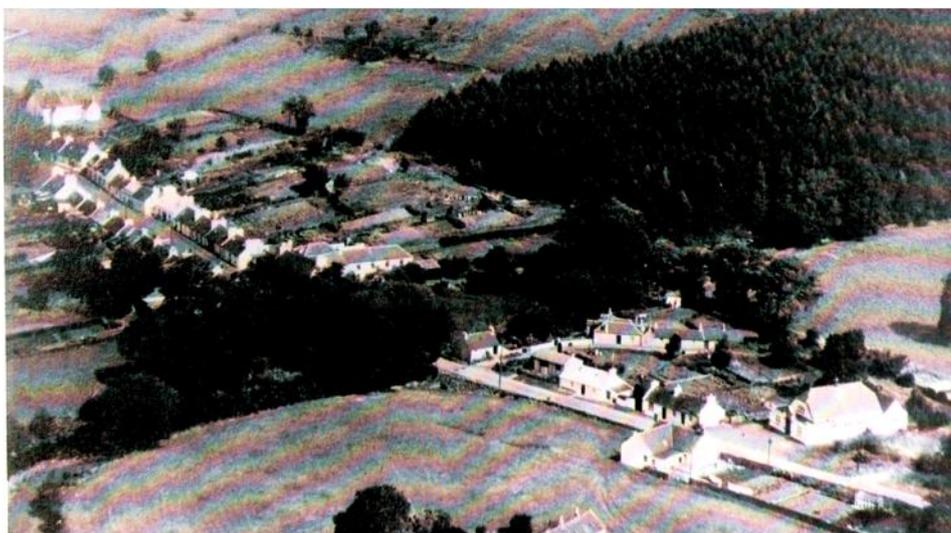
The next step for the Trust will be to convene a General Meeting to appoint the first Board of Directors and this is likely to be in early May. This will give more residents the time to become members and our next Newsletter will give information on what it means to be a Director of the Trust.

Come and  
join us –  
it's your  
village!

### Our website

A temporary website has been created where you can download the Trust's Articles of Association and a Membership application form. Visit [www.nlct.btck.co.uk](http://www.nlct.btck.co.uk)

It is currently under construction and more will be added over the coming weeks.



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# The Trust

What is the New Luce Community Trust and what is it for?

The Trust has been established by New Luce Community Council, principally in response to ScottishPower Renewables (SPR) looking for a legally constituted body to be established to enter into the legal agreement and receive community benefit payments in connection with SPR's Kilgallioch Windfarm during its operational lifetime.

Although initially concentrating on SPR's Community Benefit payments, it may be that all of the current or potential funds benefitting the New Luce area will come to be administered through the Trust.

Who can become a member?

Membership is open to those individuals aged 18 and over who:

- a) are ordinarily resident in the Community; and
- b) are entitled to vote at a local government election in a polling district that includes the Community or part of it; and
- c) who support the Purposes of the Trust.

Who will manage the Trust and make decisions about it?

The affairs, property and funds of the Trust will be directed and managed by a Board of Directors, the majority of whom will be elected by its membership.

The Board of Directors will comprise:

- \* Up to six individual persons elected as Directors by the Ordinary Members and who themselves must be Ordinary Members (Elected Directors); and
- \* Up to two individual persons appointed by New Luce Community Council (Appointed Directors)

Each year one third of the Elected Directors will retire from office but will be eligible for re-election for one more term of office (3 more years). New Luce Community Council will notify who will serve as its Appointed Directors at each AGM of the Trust.

## Purposes

The Trust has been formed to benefit the community of New Luce with the following purposes:

- \* To manage community land and associated assets for the benefit of the Community and the public in general
- \* To provide, or assist in the providing, recreational facilities and/or organising recreational activities, which will be available to members of the Community and public at large with the object of improving the conditions of life in the Community
- \* To advance community development, including urban or rural regeneration within the Community
- \* To advance the education of the Community about its environment, culture, heritage and/or history
- \* To advance environmental protection or improvement including preservation, sustainable development and conservation of the natural environment, the maintenance, improvement or provision of environmental amenities for the Community and/or the preservation of buildings or sites of architectural, historic or other importance to the community
- \* To promote, establish, operate and/or support other schemes and projects which are in furtherance of charitable purposes for the benefit of the Community

## Kilgallioch Community Benefit

Due to their location in relation to the proposed Kilgallioch Windfarm site, New Luce, Barrhill, Kirkcowan and Old Luce Community Council areas will be the core recipients of benefit payments. During the 30 month construction phase a further three areas will qualify to receive payments.

Community Benefit Fund payments worth £5,000 per Megawatt installed per annum will be made for the full operational life of the windfarm, which is expected to be approx. 25 years. These payment will be index linked.

The annual payments will be split as follows:  
Local Community Benefit Fund 50%;  
Regional Fund 40%;  
and Local Endowment Fund 10%.

The full Community Fund payments will start when the Windfarm becomes operational - expected to be towards the end of 2017.

## Kilgallioch Community Benefit Fund

The whole community will be involved in identifying opportunities for new projects and services and in setting the funding priorities that will guide the Trustees' decisions once applications start coming in. There will be in-depth community consultation giving all members of the community (not just members of the Trust) the opportunity to identify their needs and aspirations for the future of the community and to come up with more ideas or projects that might be funded. The Trust's Board of Directors will be guided by that consultation process and, even then, there might be further consultation to gauge community support for the individual projects; particularly high value projects where external match funding could be sought.

Once the Community Fund has been established and has funds to distribute, Machars Action will receive and process applications and pass them to the Directors for consideration and decision. Machars Action will only provide administration support and will not be directly involved in the decision-making process other than as secretariat.

How much will be available?

SPR has agreed to release some of the Community Benefit during the 30 month construction phase. This will see something in the region of £40,000 per annum coming to the Trust over the period. Once operational, payments of up to £180,000 per annum can be expected.

What will the Trust support?

No decisions have been made as yet, although SPR have agreed key funding priority themes: Community projects; Job creation; Community assets; Communications infrastructure; Reducing the cost of energy; Tourism development plan.

The Trust will be able to support a wide range of charitable activities that are in accordance with its Purposes. The Trust will primarily support projects located within or directly benefiting the New Luce Community Council area, although it will be able to consider proposals from outside the area if they include clear benefit to the New Luce community.

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  - b) are entitled to vote at a local government election in a polling district that includes the Community or part of it; and
  - c) who support the Purposes of the Trust.
2. Members have full voting rights at general meetings.
  3. Members are entitled to stand for appointment as a Director of the Company
  4. The liability of all members of the Company is limited to £1.

## Contact Us

If you would like more information or have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us.

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## APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

### Member's Details:

Name

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Address (inc Post Code)

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Email

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Date of Birth

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Signature

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We will not share your information with any third party organisations. It is your responsibility to amend your details if these change. You will be added to the electronic mailing list if you supply an email address.

To opt out from the mailing list tick here

To receive items by post please tick here

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