

Voluntary Community Benefits from onshore Wind Farms

**As with cigarettes, this
package should come with a
warning.**

CWPL - Dalry Community Windfarm (Wardlaw Wood)

Voluntary community benefits, registered as being given to the “Host Community since its commissioning in 2006.

- This development consists of 6 turbines with an installed capacity of 3 MW each.
- Installed capacity of the development = 18 MW.
- Recorded community benefit value from 2006 – 2014
£4.747 per MW / annum = annual benefits of
£85,000.00
Anticipated total value to be received by host community
£680,000.00
- In 2014 CWPL revised the reported value of community benefits to £2,500 per MW / annum, for future years.
Anticipated income received 2014 – 2015 = **£45,000.00**
- The expectations of the “Host Community” (Dalry) should be as follows:- Total community benefits provided by CWPL since its commissioning = **£725,000.00**

CWPL - Millour Hill Windfarm

Voluntary community benefits, registered as being given to the “Host Community since its commissioning in 2012.

- This development currently consists of 6 turbines with an installed capacity of 3 MW each. - Installed capacity of the development = 18 MW.
- Recorded community benefit value from 2012 – 2014
£5.555.00 per MW / annum = annual benefits of
£100,000.00
Anticipated total value to be received by host community 2012-14
£200,000.00
- In 2014 CWPL revised the reported value of community benefits to **£0** per MW / annum, for future years, and then changed the value to an index linked **£5k** per MW / annum two months latter.
- The expectations of the “Host Community” Dalry should be as follows:-
Total community benefits provided by CWPL since commissioning =
£290,000.00
- In July 2014, CWPL facilitated the setting up of a local “Trust” to manage and distribute the community benefits from the Millour Hill development. The **Dalry Parish Boundary Trust** will no doubt now keep the Dalry community informed of funding received, and how it has been spent.
- If and when the 7 MW extension is approved and commissioned, the expected annual income from the Millour Hill development should be increased to an index linked **£125,000.00/annum** for the DPBT to disburse.

RES - Kelburn Wind Farm

- This wind farm has a capacity of 28 MW.
- The Kelburn Wind Farm was commissioned 2010.
- If the Scottish Gov. recommended value of £5k per MW/ annum had been secured from RES, an annual community benefit of **£140k** could have been anticipated by the “host communities”
- The annual benefit, negotiated by a group representing the North Coastal Communities, is ring fenced to only benefit Fairlie, Largs and Cumbrae.
I understand that this fund is less than **£50k** / annum.
- Currently, although 12 of the 14 turbines are located in the Dalry Civil Parish, we as a community do not receive a single penny from RES.
- Why did Dalry fail to get its fair share of the pot?

As the host community, what should Dalry reasonably expect to receive?

The Civil Parish of Dalry currently hosts the following wind turbines:

RES Kelburn Wind Farm 12 off – 2 MW = 24 MW

CWPL Dalry Community Wind Farm 6 off – 3 MW = 18 MW

CWPL Millour Hill Wind Farm 6 off – 3 MW = 18 MW

Total installed capacity = **60 MW**

Scottish Gov recommended £5 k per MW / annum x 60 = **£300,000.00**

An income of £300,000.00 per annum to the “host community”, for at least a further 16 years, could significantly help to improve the Town we live in.

What does Dalry require to do now to secure their fair and equitable share?

What is the DCDH trying to achieve?

- Highlight issues, and help Dalry better manage expectations of what the community should be receiving from Developers for hosting windfarms.
- Analyse and Audit reported funding, and discuss any identified discrepancies with Developers.
- Encourage DPBT and others to engage with DCDH to help ensure that the best interest of our community is being addressed.
- Offer help and advice to other local groups regarding community benefits and how funding can be accessed.

What next?

Representatives of the DCDH will meet with Mr Wood of CWPL, on 1st April 2015, to establish what can be done to ensure that the communities expectations are better understood, and that CWPL reported benefits align with those identified past and present funds received by Dalry (the host beneficiary) through the community benefit process.

The DCDH will continue to work towards having meaningful engagement with any other Dalry organisation or councillor wishing to pursue the securing of appropriate benefits for improvements to our Town.

The DCDH will also engage with NAC to establish what their future involvement with Community Benefits will be.