

## **Community Benefit Funds**

### **Abbey St Bathans, Bonkyl and Preston Community Area**

Thank you for your interest in our Community Benefit Funds.

These funds have been set up by the wind farm companies that have built turbines adjacent to our community area. It is specified that these funds are to be used to improve the quality of life for the residents of the ABPCC area.

The Abbey St Bathans, Bonkyl and Preston Community Council (ABPCC) and the Preston and Abbey Community Trust (PACT) administer three of the community benefit funds. These are the Crystal Rig, Aikengall, Penmanshiels wind farms. A single joint application form covering all three funds has been developed to make it easier to apply for funding. Individuals or organisations are welcome to apply for funding.

Eligibility criteria for application are set by each of the wind farm companies, and they vary for each fund. By applying using this one form, the ABPCC and PACT are able to decide which of the wind farm funds administered by ABPCC and PACT would be most appropriate for your application. If you would like to know more about how the ABPCC and PACT administer the funds, please follow this link [Link to Funding page on website](#)

Two further local wind farms provide funds for our community, Quixwood and Blackhill. These wind farms provide funds that are accessed using their own application forms and decision making panels. Please see our website for links to the application forms, guidance and support for each of these funds [Link to Funding page on website](#)

## **Guidance for Applicants to the Crystal Rig, Aikengall or Penmanshiel funds as administered by ABPCC and PACT**

These guidelines will help you to fill in the application form. When you submit, your application will be checked by a joint working group formed from ABPCC and PACT. *The maximum amount which can normally be applied for is £2,500 for individuals and for organisations it is £10,000. If you would like to apply for a higher amount please contact [secretary@abpcc.org](mailto:secretary@abpcc.org).*

If you would like support in completing this form, or would like to discuss your application, please contact [secretary@abpcc.org](mailto:secretary@abpcc.org)

### **Who can apply?**

Local residents applying for projects to benefit the ABPCC area or residents  
Organisations providing services within the ABPCC area  
Organisations undertaking projects that will benefit the ABPCC area

### **Types of projects that would be considered:**

Community facilities for all ages  
Community activities and events  
Energy efficiency projects  
Environment protection  
Development or improvement to cycleways and pathways  
Bursaries for training  
Improvements to local connectivity and infrastructure

Projects not listed above are not necessarily excluded and other areas of interest may be added following future updating of the Community Action Plan or further consultation with the community.

### **What will not be funded:**

Any purpose that adversely affects the interests of the wind farms  
Any purpose that adversely affects the development of renewable energy projects  
Any political or sectarian project that may create divisiveness within the community  
Any service that the local and/or national public authorities are statutorily obliged or committed to provide to the communities they represent.

Any exception to the above will be at the discretion of PACT and the ABPCC.

For examples of recent projects that have been funded please see our website [Link to Funded Projects page on website](#)

### **How do you apply?**

**Please use the notes on the following pages to complete the application form**

## Questions 1, 2 and 3 – Title and Contact details

### Contact Details

If you are applying as an individual enter your own contact details, or if you are applying on behalf of an organisation, the details of the authorized signatory for that organisation should be entered. If any of these details change whilst your application is being processed, it is essential that you contact us with updated information.

## Question 4 – About your organisation (if applicable)

**What your organisation does** Please give details of what your organisation does, including your aims and objectives, in your own words. Your description will help with the assessment process.

Your organisation does not need to be a registered charity to apply for a grant but must in some way benefit the local community. It does, however, need to have its own bank account.

## Question 5 – About yourself

### Background information

Information regarding previous experience or training you have that would help you deliver this project or activity will be helpful. If you have undertaken activities previously for the benefit of the community, please provide details.

## Question 6 – About your project

Please tell us what you want to do with the grant. Will it fill a need in the community, or provide opportunities?

List any activities that will be carried out under the project, showing how these will help the project to meet its objectives. Also tell us who will be delivering the project – e.g. members of your group, other volunteers, sessional workers, staff members

Grants will be made for applications that benefit people or the environment in the local area so please tell us how your project will do this.

## Question 7, 8 and 9 – Details of Funding Requested

### Question 7

**What is the estimated cost of the project or activity**

State the total amount that the project will cost to deliver.

Additional financial information may be requested following receipt of your application.

Please provide us with two quotes for any items to be purchased. Occasionally it is not possible to provide two quotes. If so please explain the circumstances.

## **Question 8**

If you are applying to other funders, include information on who you have applied to. Include the name of the funder, the amount you have applied for, whether you have had a decision, and if so has your application been successful or not, or the date you expect a decision, and how much funding has been awarded.

## **Question 9**

Please detail any contributions, cash or in-kind, that you or your organisation may be providing.

## **Question 10 - Timing**

**When will the project start**

Be realistic about the time needed to get all the funding in place. The start date will help us to plan paying your grant to you.

**When will the project end**

In the same way, be realistic about the amount of time you will need to do all the things you have planned to do in the project. Give yourself plenty of time.

## **Question 11 – Community Benefits**

If you have applied for, or received funding from either PACT or the ABPCC with in the last 5 years, please provide details including the date or award and amount granted if successful.

## **Question 12 – Any other information**

Please provide any further information that might help in the assessment of your application.

## **Declaration**

Please read this section carefully.

By signing the application, you agree to these conditions.

**Once you press the submit button at the end of the application process your form will be automatically forwarded to [secretary@abpcc.org](mailto:secretary@abpcc.org). If you have any supporting documentation this can also be sent to [secretary@abpcc.org](mailto:secretary@abpcc.org) or by post to our registered address: 4 Blackerstone Steading, Duns TD11 3RY.**

