

Meeting of the Cruach Mhor Windfarm Trust

26th August 2026

Glendaruel Hall at 6.00pm

1. **Sederunt:** Michael Russell (Chair) , Ros McKenna, Andrew MacVicar, Charles Dixon Spain (Trustees) , Amy Groom (Secretary)

Apologies: Cllr W Sinclair, Amy Aitken (SPR)

The meeting noted that Amy Aitken was going on maternity leave in a months time and thanked her for all her help and support particularly during the difficult period in 2024/25

2. **Finance**

The Windfarm Trust maintains a healthy financial position with a total of £75,292.37. Funds are distributed across three accounts:

- **Current Account:** £23,433.18
- **Reserve Account:** £21,762.00
- **95-Day Notice Account:** £30,781.78

The 95-day account is being prioritised with two additional £10,000 payments from the annual SPR Grant before funding ceases, targeting a £50,000 balance as a stop gap during repowering Funding.

3. **Applications for funding:**

Organisation	Request	Status	Conditions/Notes
Colintraive & Glendaruel Development Trust	Support for annual costs	Approved	£2800 in this year, and £2300 / £2370 approved for following 2 years subject to annual review to ensure continued relevance.
Young person from ColGlen	Driving lessons & Student grant	Partial	£350 for Driving lessons approved. Student grant deferred; requested more detail on costs and travel breakdown.
Glendaruel Hall (MWR declared an interest)	Events Coordinator	Approved	£3,200 approved. Requested a halfway evaluation by early summer 2027, including stats on local participation.
Glendaruel Guides	General funding	Approved	£400 approved in principle. Requested breakdown of spending and local child

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			participation numbers.
Children's Halloween Party	Event costs	Approved	£444 approved. Noted concerns regarding recurring decoration costs; will discuss joint funding with the Community Council.
Colintraive Hall (RMcK declared an interest)	Storage container	Approved	£3000 approved but note that Village Hall intends to match fund part of application and therefore final sum to be agreed once that is known.

An expected application from the River Ruel Improvement Association had not yet been received.

3. Strategic Coordination & Community Engagement

The meeting noted that there is some local concern regarding “volunteer fatigue” and the need to improve working relationships across local bodies. The Trust noted a lack of capacity to develop and bring forward large-scale entrepreneurial projects.

- **Community Summit:** after discussion a joint meeting involving all local Organisations to share plans and identify synergies was agreed. It would take

place in the New Year (likely on a Sunday afternoon in Colintrave). The goal was to improve relationships and develop understanding of the range and scope of local ambitions and activities. The Chair would draw up a draft invitation for agreement by Trustees.

- **Electricity Subsidy:** the meeting discussed using future repowering funds to subsidise local electricity bills as both a possible project and as an example of what increased future funding might permit. However it was also noted that the Trust currently lacks the administrative strength to take on such a project and an increase in funds would require professional help to decide on expenditure .

4. Operational Updates

- **Repowering Group:** There was concern about some aspects of the most recent meeting. However a work plan was now in place with a likely community ballot in the Spring.
- **Digital Presence:** A basic Facebook page for the Trust has been drafted using existing website text. Members are to review the layout and content and send any suggestions.
- **Next Meeting:** Tuesday 3rd November at 6.00 pm in the Colintrave Hall. The Chair reminded individuals that applications for Christmas events would need to be received prior to that meeting.