

## **Glengarry Community Council: Principles for Community Benefit Funding**

Glengarry Community Council (GCC) believes that the community of Glengarry should benefit from any funding that may be associated with the installation of all major development works in Glengarry, especially that associated with energy infrastructure.

It is not intended that GCC be a recipient of Community Benefit Funding (CBF) but, rather, when asked by any developers, GCC can refer to this document as being generally representative of the overarching views of the residents of Glengarry.

GCC believes that CBF is only accrued after any planning permission/consent is given and that the one should not be dependent on the other.

GCC understands that there is a need to be proportionate in terms of both the level and distribution of CBF. GCC would suggest that those most seriously affected by development are most compensated.

GCC outlines here three levels of CBF need, all of which may attract either short-term project/capital support or longer-term legacy/revenue support:

1. Large landscape, ecological, environmental and societal restitution and support funds. These should be deposited for the lifetime of any energy infrastructure works, to cover known and unknown eventualities, and may be thought of as a 'wealth fund'. It may be the case that this should be considered at national and/or regional level, rather than locally.
2. Support for community needs already identified via Local Development Plans (LDPs), Local Place Plans (LPPs) and Community Action Plans (CAPs). Currently LDPs, LPPs and CAPs are, respectively, the responsibility of The Highland Council (HC), Glengarry Community Council (GCC) and the Glengarry Community Development Trust (GCDT).
3. Funding to be considered for distribution to local people with specific requirements. There will always be a case for grant funding of this nature, on a simple as possible 'apply for local funding' basis.

It is for developers and properly constituted community organisations within Glengarry to undertake due diligence and negotiate the details regarding methods, amounts and distributions of CBF. GCC would strongly suggest that developers fully engage with community organisations at the earliest, to gain understanding of the various needs.

If asked, GCC will be able to guide developers to all our local groups, using our knowledge and links to the community, within which we all live.

We hope these principles reflect local collaborative opinion and help into the future for deserved Community Benefit Funding.