

From: [John Parker](#)
To: [Representations Mailbox](#)
Cc: [Graeme Murray](#)
Subject: ECU00005007 Giant's Burn Wind Farm
Date: 01 December 2025 12:57:54

Dear Madam / Sir

Sandbank Community Development Trust, (SCDT), is a Development Trust for the locality of Sandbank. We are a membership organisation focused on the development of the community and economy of Sandbank, for the benefit of its residents.

SCDT has adopted the policy stance of neither supporting nor opposing any new corporate renewable energy proposals, believing that decisions on whether developments should proceed rightly sit with the relevant planning authority, following due process and taking into account all public opinion expressed through consultation.

We have noted that many of the representations made to the Energy Consents Unit (ECU) on the above application assert that there will be little or no benefit to the local community.

While adhering to the above stated policy, we would like to provide factual information that there are potential benefits to Sandbank's community should this development proceed. We are founders of Cowal Community Energy, (CCE), who have been in discussion with the developer, who is amenable to agreeing shared ownership with CCE. This would mean that a proportion of the net profits from the development would be retained within Cowal and applied to the benefit of Cowal communities, including Sandbank, through local charities, community groups, environmental projects etc.

As part of our constituency, Holy Loch Nature Reserve and its leaders have some concerns about the initiative and are seeking significant reassurance from the developers regarding them. We have encouraged and enabled any personal objections to be made but our position remains neutral, notwithstanding this, with a clear focus on dealing with the ecological objections sufficiently so as not to endanger the fragile ecology of the reserve.

We believe that community shared ownership, where the local community have a direct financial stake in renewable projects, is the most effective way to deliver long-term transformational benefits for our communities, and the profit retention from shared ownership would provide a vastly greater amount of financial benefit than the standard, recommended 'Community Benefit' payments. Thus, to balance the assertions otherwise, this is to state that there is potential for very substantial benefit to Sandbank's community from this proposal, should it be approved for development. Such approval must, in our view, deal with the ecological issues or we will be obliged to consider our position.

Regards.

John Parker
Chair
Sandbank Community Development Trust

From: [Graeme Murray](#)
To: [Representations Mailbox](#)
Subject: ECU00005007 Giant's Burn Wind Farm
Date: 03 October 2025 19:40:33

Dear Sir/Madam

ECU00005007 Giant's Burn Wind Farm

Cowal Community Energy (CCE) is a registered charity, formed at the beginning of 2025 with the primary object of retaining the maximum long term financial benefit from renewable energy projects within Cowal for Cowal's communities. It's founding members were four neighbouring development trusts and, since then, a further four development trusts have joined taking representation to eight of the potential ten areas within Cowal. The majority of the population and the geographic area of Cowal is thus represented by CCE.

CCE has adopted the policy stance of neither supporting nor opposing any new corporate renewable energy proposals, believing that decisions on whether developments should proceed rightly sit with the relevant planning authority, following due process and taking into account all public opinion expressed through consultation.

We have noted that many of the representations made to the Energy Consents Unit (ECU) on the above application assert that there will be little or no benefit to the local community.

While adhering to the above stated policy, we would like to provide factual information that there are substantial potential benefits to Cowal's communities should this development proceed. CCE has been in discussion with the developer, who is amenable to agreeing shared ownership with CCE. This would mean that a proportion of the net profits from the development would be retained within Cowal and applied to the benefit of Cowal communities through local charities, community groups, environmental projects etc.

CCE believes that community shared ownership, where the local community have a direct financial stake in renewable projects, is the most effective ways to deliver long-term transformational benefits for our communities, and the profit retention from shared ownership would provide a vastly greater amount of financial benefit than the standard, recommended 'Community Benefit' payments. Thus, to balance the assertions otherwise, this is to state that there is potential for very substantial benefit to Cowal's communities from this proposal, should it be approved for development.

Regards.

Graeme Murray

Graeme Murray
Chair
Cowal Community Energy

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From: [Dinah McDonald](#)
To: [Representations Mailbox](#)
Subject: Fwd: Fwd: Re; ECU00005007, Giant Burn Wind Farm
Date: 13 November 2025 12:49:46

Subject: ECU00005007 Giant's Burn Wind Farm

Dear Sirs,

ECU00005007 Giant's Burn Wind Farm

Benmore and Kilmun Community Development Trust is a founding members of Cowal Community Energy (CCE) a registered charity, formed at the beginning of 2025 with the primary object of retaining the maximum long term financial benefit from renewable energy projects within Cowal for Cowal's communities. To date eight of the potential 10 Cowal community development trusts have joined CCE. The vast majority of the population and the geographic area of Cowal is thus represented by CCE.

As part of CCE Benmore and Kilmun Development Trust have adopted the policy stance of neither supporting nor opposing any new corporate renewable energy proposals. We believe that decisions on whether developments should proceed rightly sit with the relevant planning authority, following due process and taking into account all public opinion expressed through consultation.

But unlike the vast majority many of the representations made to the Energy Consents Unit (ECU) on the above application who assert that there will be little or no benefit to the local community, we believe that there will be substantial benefits to the local community.

While adhering to the above stated policy, we would like to provide factual information that there are substantial potential benefits to Cowal's communities should this development proceed. CCE has been in discussion with the developer, who is amenable to agreeing shared ownership with CCE. This would mean that a proportion of the net profits from the development would be retained within Cowal and applied to the benefit of Cowal communities through local charities, community groups, environmental projects etc. This would provide many jobs and potential improvement to the local infrastructure.

Benmore and Kilmun Community Development Trust believes that community

shared ownership, where the local community have a direct financial stake in renewable projects, is the most effective ways to deliver long-term transformational benefits for our communities, and the profit retention from shared ownership would provide a vastly greater amount of financial benefit than the standard, recommended 'Community Benefit' payments. Thus, to balance the assertions otherwise, this is to state that there is potential for very substantial benefit to Cowal's communities from this proposal, should it be approved for development.

Yours Sincerely.

Dinah McDonald

Chair Benmore and Kilmun Community Development Trust.

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