



Little Raith

Fife's first commercial windfarm

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Photomontage of Proposed Scheme



WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING ON SITE?

With Wind Prospect appointed as our Project Manager and RJ McLeod as Principal Contractor we successfully started work on site at the start of August.



The majority of the road and crane hard-standings have been built, three of the turbine bases have been prepared and the control building foundations have been constructed.

This initial phase of work - up until this December - will include completing the control building to allow Scottish Power to bring energy to the site, installing all roads and crane hard-standings and completion of the fourth turbine base.

Overall the project is expected to take fourteen to sixteen months with completion due at the end of 2012.



Helen Eadie MSP and David Torrance MSP visit the site

27
local jobs
so far

LOCAL JOBS AND ECONOMY

Around £350,000 has been spent locally on the project since work commenced. Local shops and petrol stations have been used for fuel and site supplies. There are currently seven people from the local area working with RJ McLeod on site, and up to twenty people are employed on a sub-contract basis. Materials such as stone and concrete are being supplied by local firms Collier Haulage and Skene Group. The project is also making use of local builder's merchants, engineering suppliers and hire companies for the project.

*Stephen Klein,
Chief Executive of Kennedy Renewables*

"We are delighted that work is progressing well to our proposed timeline. The development is the first of its kind in Fife and we wanted to make sure that we had the right people on board in order to make this project a success."



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INTERNATIONAL CONTRACTS

Kennedy Renewables has had a lot of international interest in Little Raith and recently signed a number of contracts with major companies who want to play a part in Fife's first commercial wind farm:



A fifteen year Power Purchase Agreement with Statkraft, will buy all the energy from the site.



Leading renewable energy financier, the Cooperative Bank, are providing the loan for the project.



GE Energy has committed to supply the nine 2.75 megawatt turbines which will be installed on site.



Scottish Power Energy Networks will install the grid connection for the wind farm.

COMMUNITY BENEFITS

We have committed to a generous community benefits package based on £2,000 per year for each megawatt generated by Little Raith, which will be paid into an independently managed community fund.

This should add up to £49,500 per year, or up to £1.23 million over the lifetime of the wind farm.

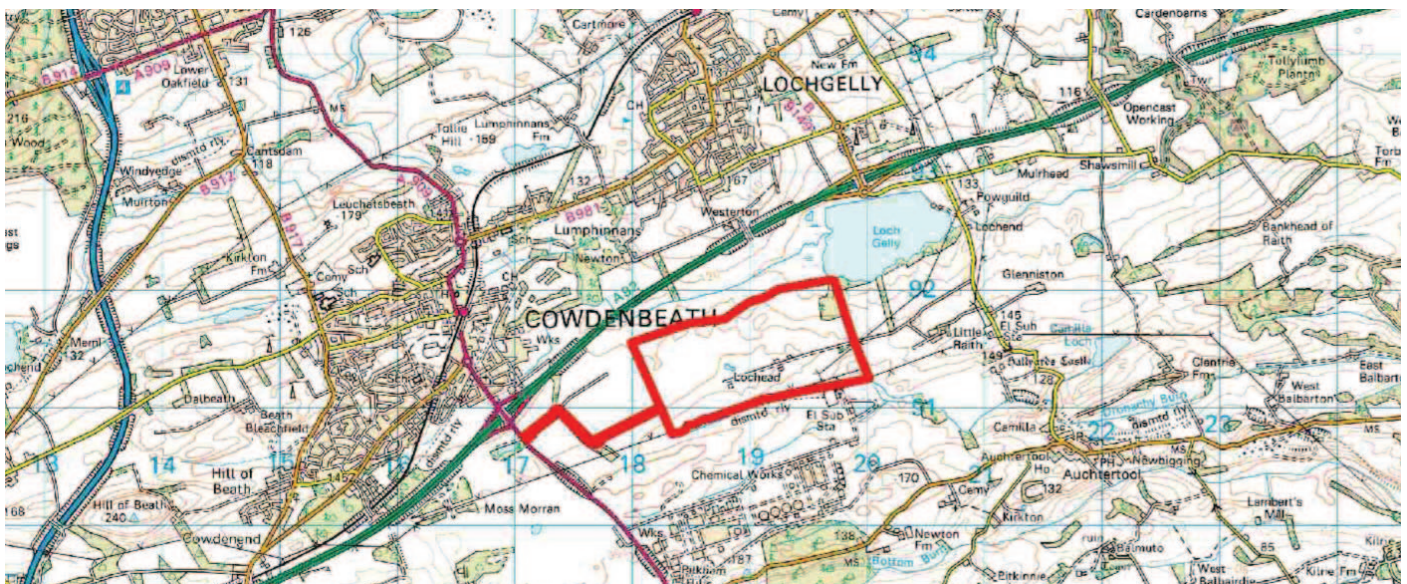
With the help of VONEF (Voluntary Organisations North East Fife) a working group has been set up to establish the Four Winds Community Development Trust. It is made up of representatives from Lochgelly, Cowdenbeath, Auchtertool and Lumphinnans, and they will discuss the options for the use of the community benefit fund.

You can find out more about the Trust from their website <http://4windsfife.wordpress.com>



ABOUT LITTLE RAITH

The nine-turbine wind farm project at Little Raith (site shown in red) will have an installed capacity of 24.75 megawatts of green energy, enough to supply power to 14,500 homes which is the equivalent of powering all homes in Cowdenbeath, Lochgelly, Lumphinnans, Auchtertool, Kelty and Balingry with energy each year. The wind farm received planning approval from Fife Council in March 2009.



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