



Little Raith

Fife's first commercial windfarm

Community Update: May 2012



WHAT HAS BEEN HAPPENING ON SITE?

The continuation of the project has progressed smoothly since we broke ground in August last year. Up to December 2011, the focus was on road building and preparation of the ground for construction of the turbine foundations. This work continued into 2012 with parallel works on the electrical substation and grid connection. In the last two months the turbine foundations have been installed and much of the cabling work completed.

In August, the deliveries of the turbines will begin with erection and commissioning planned for the Autumn and early winter. We expect to be operating the wind farm in or before December of this year.

There will be some major parts movements, in particular the blades and towers in late summer and we will ensure that we minimise the disruption to traffic during this period.

EDUCATIONAL INITIATIVES

Kennedy Renewables have been contacted by a number of local schools, who are interested in the project and the renewables industry. We have visited both Benarty Primary School in Ballingry and St Marie's RC Primary School in Kirkcaldy.

We are also looking at how we can assist with a transition event from local feeder primary schools to St Andrews RC High School in Kirkcaldy. The project is in conjunction with FMC Technologies and would work over four phases, from Primary 5 to Secondary 1. It would involve a variety of activities associated with wind farms to engage children in maths, science, craft, design and technology, geography, ICT and literacy, while also creating a constant for the transition to secondary school.

We are proud to be supporting educational initiatives such as this in Fife and would be happy to consider way to become involved in projects with other local schools.



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WHAT IS THE 4 WINDS TRUST?

It is a charity trust that is being set up by the communities of Auchtertool, Lochgelly, Cowdenbeath and Lumphinnans. The purpose of the charity is to receive and distribute the community benefit funds from the Little Raith Wind Farm.

The amount of the community benefit funds are based on the number of megawatts generated by the wind farm and will give the community £49,500 to the trust each year. The trust will then distribute these funds to charities that will benefit the four communities. Over its 25 year life, the wind farm will provide up to £1.23m for projects in the local area

The Little Raith Wind Farm Working Group, the group comprised of representatives from each of the four community councils and from Voluntary Organisations North East Fife (VONEF), have held regular meetings to discuss the formation of the trust, its constitution and the key features of the distribution of funds.

The main propositions for the distribution of funds are:

- Points Scoring: Awards will be made after review of applications on a 'points scoring' basis. The precise operation of this system is still to be determined.
- Quarterly: Awards will be made on a quarterly basis.
- Boundaries: Recipients of the awards will have to live in one of the four Community Council areas.

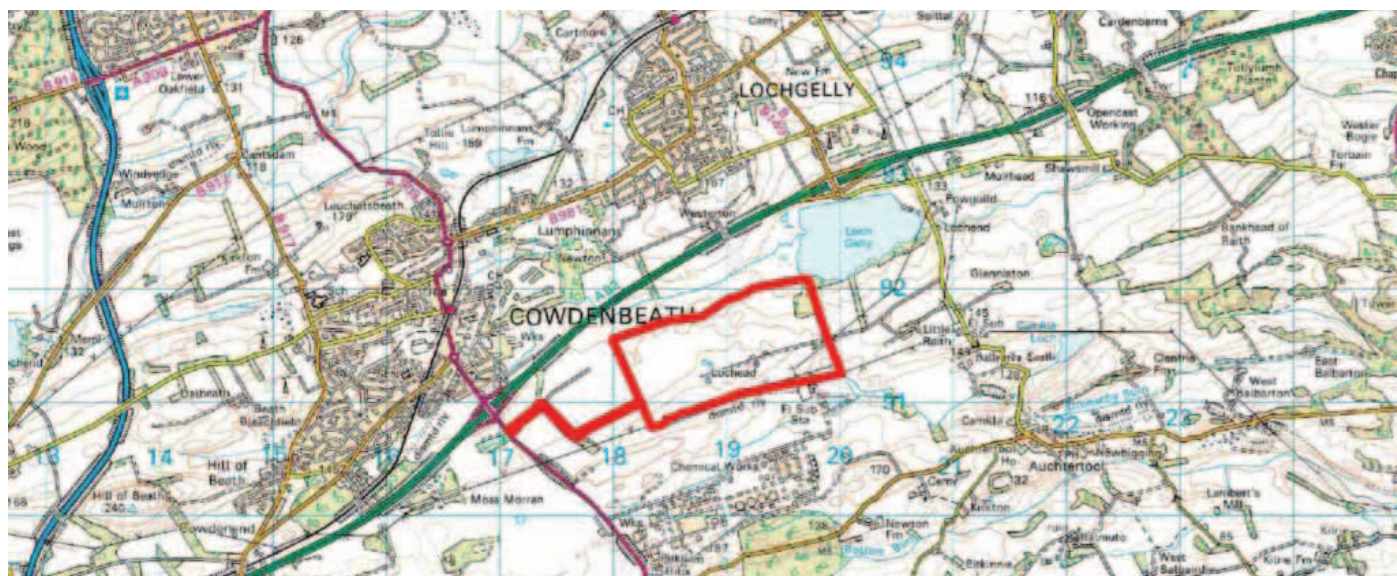
ABOUT LITTLE RAI TH

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 Ballingry with energy each year. The wind farm received planning approval from Fife Council in March 2009.



LOCHHEAD FARM RUINS

When we first visited the site during the Autumn of 2010 the ruins near the substation building had two gable ends standing. The western gable collapsed over the harsh winter of 2010/2011. The eastern gable became a Health & Safety issue when the Archaeologists were on site and permission was received from the Council Archaeologist for it to be taken down as long as the process was recorded.



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