

Clyde Extension Wind Farm Fund Community Consultation.

Are you responding as an **individual** or on behalf of an organisation? If so, which organisation?

Delete are appropriate: Individual [REDACTED] – (MEMBER OF QUOTH & THANKERTON CC)

What differences would you like to see between the new Extension Fund and the existing fund managed by South Lanarkshire Council? How can we ensure that the money reaches the best projects for the communities? To note: there will be less money available annually than in the existing fund, and it cannot replace funding for statutory things like roads, schools, etc.

RIGHT, SO THE NEW FUND IS ONLY 1/3 THE SIZE OF THE ORIGINAL FUND AND YET SSE FEELS THERE'S A NEED TO CREATE AN ENTIRE NEW STRUCTURE TO ADMINISTER IT RATHER THAN MODIFYING THE EXISTING ONE THEREBY SAVING EVERYONE A LOT OF TIME AND TROUBLE. LET ME TRY AND WORK THAT ONE OUT. IS IT ENTIRELY IMPOSSIBLE TO MODIFY THE EXISTING RULES / ADMINISTRATION BY NEGOTIATION WITH SLC? PRESUMABLY THE NEW GOVERNING BODY WILL ALSO HAVE TO BE PAID, NO-ONE IS VOLUNTEERING TO DO JOHN'S PART? MORE MONEY DOWN THE DRAIN.

BEST PROJECTS FOR THE COMMUNITIES – BY IMPLICATION SSE ARE SUGGESTING THAT THIS ISN'T HAPPENING AT THE MOMENT. WELL IT'S OPEN TO ALL, IT'S WIDELY KNOWN ABOUT, BUT THE PROBLEM AT THE MOMENT IS THAT THERE ARE VERY FEW IMAGINATIVE, LONG LASTING, CREATIVE SCHEMES COMING FORWARD. EITHER THEY DON'T EXIST OR THE COMMUNITY HAVEN'T THOUGHT OF THEM YET.

OF COURSE THERE ARE UNIVERSAL SCHEMES WHICH WOULD BE MASSIVELY BENEFICIAL – SUCH AS GIVING ALL UPPERWARD CHILDREN THE OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE SWIMMING LESSONS – BUT THAT FALLS FOUL OF THE 'IMAGINARY FACT' THAT THIS IS A STATUTORY RESPONSIBILITY OF THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES EDUCATION RESOURCES – WHICH IT ISN'T.

IT HAD BEEN SUGGESTED THAT MONEY FROM PHASE 2 BE INVESTED IN AN 'ENDOWMENT FUND' FOR THE BENEFIT OF FUTURE GENERATIONS. OBVIOUSLY WITH A SEPARATE COMMITTEE THAT WON'T HAPPEN (SO IF SUCH A FUND WERE CREATED IT WOULD HAVE TO BE FROM PHASE 1)

1. The fund will be worth around £300,000 annually. Would you prefer the fund to open once, twice or four times per year? **WHY ASK US. SSE OBVIOUSLY DON'T WANT THE COMMUNITY COUNCILS INVOLVED SO LET THE NEW COMMITTEE DECIDE**

Once per year

Six-monthly

Quarterly

2. What are the ranges of awards you would suggest? Choose one lower and one upper.

Lower threshold

Upper threshold

£300

£10,000

£5,000

£50,000

£10,000

No threshold

AS ABOVE.

3 Who should make decisions on funding awards?

- a) Same Panel as existing fund. Made up of two community councillors per area. NOT SSE'S PREFERRED CHOICE.
- b) New Panel. Made up of representatives of each community. Not necessarily Community Councillors. **GREAT IDEA. SEE 5) BELOW FOR SOME INSPIRATION.**
- c) Other. Please use the space in Q6 to detail.

4 SSE will generally allow applications of up to 100% of project funding, with the panel making the final decision on the size of award. Should the new fund have a cap on what % of the overall project costs an applicant can ask for? If so, what should that cap be? **AGAIN LET THE NEW COMMITTEE DECIDE**

No cap.

90%

80%

75%

50%

- 5 SSE is keen to make sure that as many people as possible participate in the fund in some way - whether this is applying for projects, making people aware of it or sitting on the decision-making panel. What do you think the best way of including people in your community is? **THAT'S THE MILLION DOLLAR QUESTION. PARTICIPATION IN ANY SORT OF COMMITTEES OR ORGANISING COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES IS A DYING INTEREST. FEWER AND FEWER PEOPLE WANT TO BE INVOLVED. COMMUNITY COUNCILS ACTUALLY CONTAIN SOME QUITE GOOD, CONSCIENTIOUS PEOPLE (BY NO MEANS ALL) BUT I GET THE IMPRESSION THEY WOULD BE SSE'S LAST RESORT. SO THAT LEAVES THE FOLLOWING COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS :- THE VARIOUS LOCAL BRANCHES OF - THE SCOTTISH WOMEN'S INSTITUTE, THE GUILD, THE NATIONAL FARMERS UNION, PROBUS, ROTARY, ROUND TABLE, ETC, ETC - SO GOOD LUCK WITH THAT AS THEY SAY.**
- 6 Finally, if there is anything else that you would like to add that has not been covered elsewhere, then please use the space provided below or attach a separate note.