

Hutton Community Initiative SCIO

Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2025

Scottish Charity Number SC052797

Current Trustees

Christopher Miles	Gillian Turner	Kathleen Nutt	Margaret Taylor
Paul Rogerson	Jacqueline Melling	Katrina Young	Kenneth Cain
Phyllis Williams			

Other Trustees during the year

Sophie Dupre Andrew Roxburgh

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Recruitment and appointment of Trustees

All of the trustees are appointed or reappointed by the members at our annual general meeting, which is held within six months of the financial year end.

Governing document

The purposes and administration arrangements are set out in our constitution.

Charitable purposes

The purposes are to benefit principally the Hutton community which comprises of those living in the properties within the defined boundary with the following objects:

- 1.1 The distribution of Community Benefit Funds from Windfarm monies and/or funds from other sources within the Hutton Community to undertake projects and/or activities which meet the criteria agreed by the SCIO and the donor and which fall within the SCIO's other objects.
- 1.2 The advancement of citizenship and community development, including the advancement of rural regeneration principally within the Community;
- 1.3 The provision of recreational facilities, or the organisation of recreational activities, with the object of improving the conditions of life for the persons for whom the facilities or activities are primarily intended.
- 1.4 The advancement of education;
- 1.5 The advancement of the arts, heritage, culture and science;
- 1.6 The advancement of environmental protection or improvement.

But only to the extent that the above purposes are consistent with furthering the achievement of sustainable development.

Activities and achievements

Following the wind up of Hutton Community Fellowship the funds held were transferred to Hutton Community Initiative SCIO. Hutton Community Initiative is now the recipient of the Windfarm Community Benefit Funding from Ewe Hill 6 and Minsca windfarms.

Minsca Windfarm Community Benefit funding continues to support the running costs of Boreland Village Hall.

We are grateful to North Milk Community Council for grants from the Crossdykes Windfarm Community Benefit Fund to help with the costs of the monthly Soup & Blether events. Hutton Community Initiative SCIO has arranged these events in the village hall since January 2024 for community members, family members and friends and between 20 and 35 attend. The events are free for community members with donations received from those not living in the community.

The social sub group organised a variety of events during the year including monthly bingo, a talk about the local area, a comedy night, a cinema event, a Hogmanay party and an Easter family event. A fundraising event was organised in August which raised over £1000 to help with the running costs of the village hall.

Litter picking and general tidying up around the village has been carried out by members of the Busy Bees sub group.

The charity also administers the Minsca and Ewe Hill Windfarm Community Benefit funds. Community groups and individuals can apply for funding where it will be used for an event, training etc that primarily benefits community members. Grants are also available for education and training bursaries, including driving lessons. During the year eight education and training bursaries were funded, one to help with first year university costs and seven for driving lessons.

Towards the end of the financial year, Hutton Community Initiative engaged with Dumfries and Galloway Council to discuss what happens next following the formal closure of Hutton Primary School. An expression of interest in a Community Asset Transfer was formally made and, if approved, community consultation will take place to establish if there is support for a Community Asset Transfer and potential feasible/sustainable options for development of the building can be explored.

Trustee remuneration and expenses

One trustee received payment for catering services (£2184) during the year and two trustees received out of pocket expenses totalling £851.32.

Reserves

Hutton Community Initiative SCIO held unrestricted reserves of £18,634 (Village Hall £15,543 and General £3,091) and restricted reserves of £49,303 at the financial year end. Restricted reserves relate to grant funding yet to be spent, as well as Ewe Hill 6 and Minsca Community Benefit Funding not allocated.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf



Chris Miles
Chairman
11.6.25