

Community Benefit and Shared Ownership

- Community Benefit is something that comes as part and parcel of renewable energy developments these days and whilst it is not considered a 'benefit' in terms of the planning application, the Scottish Government has set the bar in terms of the amount a project is expected to contribute. This amount is £5,000 per MW of operational capacity. With the proposed Extension, this would mean around £150,000 per year for the lifetime of the scheme depending on the final number and capacity of wind turbines, which when added to the community benefit already in place with the original Tom nan Clach project, makes a total of around £350,000 per year.
- We want to ensure that the funds from Tom na Clach Wind Farm Extension help the surrounding communities become more resilient and sustainable in the long term and propose to simply add the funding to the existing bodies managing the Tom nan Clach Wind Farm Community Benefit funds.
- Over the course of the development of the operational Tom nan Clach Wind Farm, all of the surrounding communities met and discussed how they would like to see funds managed. The outcome of this process was an agreement that each area should have its own specific fund, managed by the local community.
- Each of the communities surrounding Tom nan Clach Wind Farm now have fully operational bodies managing each area's portion of the fund and further details can be found on our website www.tomnaclachwindfarm.co.uk
- Please feel free to write any ideas that you have on how community benefit could make a positive contribution to your local community on the 'post-its' provided and stick them up on this panel. Alternatively, please complete a 'Voice Your Opinion' comment form which is available from the reception desk or contact your local fund directly.

