



## **Crail Community Trust**

**The possibility of a community owned wind turbine for Crail has been highlighted in Community Council discussions, leaflets circulated by the Crail Community Trust over the last year and articles reported in the local papers and public meetings in the Legion Hall. After a long delay we are in a position to apply for a feasibility study to determine the viability of such a scheme. The wind turbine would be wholly owned by the community and income from selling electricity would be used exclusively within Crail. Although not a requirement to initiate a feasibility study we wish to be assured that we have support from residents to proceed.**

### **The Proposal.**

**Subject to satisfactory evaluation of the environmental impacts we would seek planning permission to erect a turbine some 100m inland from the cliffs at Kilminning on Fife Council land. An anticipated life of 20 years is expected for the turbine. Income estimates are difficult to predict but we anticipate revenue to be in excess of 50k per annum for a 250kW turbine**

### **The Benefits.**

**Income from selling electricity to the grid can be used for such projects as;**

- 1) Modernise play-park equipment to replace outdated facilities in existing play areas.**
- 2) Modernise facilities in the Community Hall and include changing rooms for recreation use.**
- 3) Upgrade computer resources in the library.**
- 4) Provide financial support for existing clubs and organizations in Crail.**
- 5) Develop youth facilities in Crail including a drop-in centre/café.**

## **Funding**

**The feasibility study will be supported by Community Energy Scotland (CES). A grant from CES may be available to contribute to the capital costs of a turbine. Additional funding would be sought by loans from commercial organizations. Such loans would be paid back over a 10 year period through the sale of electricity- during this period it is estimated that some 50% of income would be available for projects in Crail.**

## **Organisation**

**The development of a turbine for Crail would be through a wholly owned subsidiary company of Crail Community Trust with its own directors. This is necessary to protect the integrity of the Trust. We will need Crail residents with appropriate expertise to be part of this company and to see the project through to completion.**

**Clearly this information is only an outline of what is being proposed and its ramifications. But we hope that it enables you to form an opinion as to whether you would support the project. If you have queries please get in touch. If you are aware of other projects that could be supported by this initiative please indicate on the reply section. If you would like to help drive this proposal forward we need your help.**

In your reply it would be very helpful if you could indicate your postcode to allow us to determine the distribution of response.

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Please reply to either Findlay at the Chemist or Derek at the Post Office or Jack at 48 Nethergate Envelopes are available for your response.

1) I wish to support the Trust in its investigation of a community owned wind turbine. Please circle.

**YES**

**NO**

Name or Postcode .....

I think the following projects should be considered for support if this proposal is taken forward.

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I would like to help carry this project forward and be involved in its planning and organization

Name and address

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