

POSSIBLE PROJECTS

As part of its enquiries, the Committee sought the views of the community not only on the desirability or otherwise of establishing a CDT, but also on possible projects which such a body, if established, might consider for development in the area. A list of suggested projects, summarised from the responses to the questionnaire enclosed with 'News Letter No 1', and those provided by visitors who attended the open days held at Kellie Castle and Arncroach Church Hall, is set out below. Some of these, in the opinion of this Committee, may not be thought appropriate for a CDT but they have been included to show the range of interests which have been expressed.

In addition to these specific proposals statements were received from several individuals expressing concern and seeking further information about the mechanism by which the community would have control over the activities of a CDT, together with comments which suggested that the steering committee was too closely involved in or connected to proposals for the establishment of a commercial wind farm. Both these aspects have been dealt with, we hope satisfactorily, elsewhere in this report. It is perhaps necessary to emphasise that this steering committee, while it has certainly considered the possibility of developing alternative energy projects (both on grounds of environmental benefit and on financial grounds) has at no time contemplated the development of wind farms on a commercial scale in this area.

Summary of projects suggested by respondents.

- **EXPLORE WAYS OF REDUCING THE AREA CARBON FOOTPRINT**

1) Several respondents proposed this, usually in the context of adopting renewable energy projects. The environmental and possible financial benefits were recognised though support for aero generators of any kind varied from full approval to positive objection (on principle)

2) Establish a recycling centre

- **TRANSPORT**

Improvement in availability of local transport either privately through the CDT (possibly in cooperation with other CDTs in the area) or in conjunction with the Local Authority.

- **HOUSING**

1) To conduct a formal audit of disused or redundant agricultural buildings with a view to promoting redevelopment

2) To plan and fund affordable housing

- **BUSINESS**

1) Re-establishment of a post office/general store/newsagent/farm shop. Possibly as a community cooperative, with the possible further addition of a café.

2) Establish a business centre/internet office to encourage start up for new small businesses and the encouragement of existing businesses in the area and with the aim of both generating revenue and improving local employment prospects, particularly for the young.

3) Provide a Centre and classes for the teaching of rural skills

4) Enquire into the possible use of 'surplus' agricultural land to establish a community run market garden

- **COMMUNITY ACTIVITY**

1) to coordinate and publicise local social events and to encourage the extension of such events, particularly in the Summer and for the young

- 2) To consider creation of a community centre and/or the creation of a youth club
- 3) To identify and organise cooperative purchasing schemes for goods and services
- 4) To identify, purchase and manage land for the creation of community allotments
- 5) To strengthen links with Kellie Castle and the SNT

- LOCAL ENVIRONMENT

- 1) To undertake an inventory of natural environmental resources in the area.
- 2) To provide a designated cycle track between Arncroach and Carnbee and a fenced pedestrian path between Gillingshill and Carnbee
- 3) To encourage landscape related public art projects.
- 4) To acquire Gillingshill nature reserve for the community and to make it 'fit for purpose'.

- GENERAL

- 1) To help to preserve the peace and quiet of the area
- 2) To organise a regular newsletter giving details of local events and the activities of groups based on Arncroach Church hall
- 3) To organise the recording and retention of local history
- 4) To arrange for the adoption of the triangulation pillar on Kellie Law as a historic monument
- 5) To support current endeavours to secure the expansion of Carnbee graveyard