

Dear Member

Arncroach and Carnbee Community Development Trust Energy Sub-Group

On behalf of the Arncroach & Carnbee Community Development Trust (A&C CDT), I can confirm that we have entered into partnership with West Coast Energy, with and on behalf of the four communities of Largoward and District, Boarhills and Dunino, Cameron and Arncroach and Carnbee.

As the only constituted community group in a position to partner with West Coast Energy, we considered ourselves the most appropriate organisation to lead the formation of the negotiating body and thereafter discussions regarding the distribution body.

The signed Memorandum of Understanding represents an acknowledgement and commitment on behalf of the communities and West Coast Energy to honour agreements reached thus far, which will in due course comprise an agreement between the parties should West Coast Energy be granted planning permission for the development.

The A&C CDT's involvement in the community benefits process has and will continue to be on the understanding that it will not have any bearing on the outcome of the planning application nor should its involvement be taken as support for the development.

However, regardless of whether communities support or object to the proposals, as a Community Development Trust, we recognise the profit sharing arrangement could result in a substantial income stream for the local area over 25 years. We have in place the appropriate structures and mechanisms for taking projects forward and have a number of schemes under consideration, but given lack of funds to this point, have not been in a position to develop these plans.

This community agreement could enable opportunities to invest in local community projects across the communities and help realise lasting economic and social outcomes that would otherwise not be possible. It would therefore be irresponsible not to have pre-determined structures already in place in the event that West Coast Energy's proposed wind farm at Lingo planning application is successful.

Our involvement in the creation of the Arncroach and Carnbee Community Development Trust Energy Sub-Group, alongside the other communities, depended entirely on assurances received from West Coast Energy that the Cameron Community could join the process at any time and their share of the benefit would be secure and equal to that of the other participatory communities. All parties worked towards securing Cameron's fair allocation in this process and are pleased the signed MoU formally ratifies this.

The A&C CDT is satisfied with the outcome and content in the knowledge that an inclusive and progressive body has been created, represented by positive community activists on behalf of three of the four communities, with an open invitation to the fourth.

Yours sincerely

Grahame Rogers
Chair
Arncroach and Carnbee Community Development Trust