

## **Sustainability News Update 2023**

Lussa Community Wind Ltd received the second tranche of Beinn an Tuirc 3 Community Benefit Funds from SPR in May last year. After deductions for administration costs, the funds have been donated equally to the three nominated Community Charities of Campbeltown, East Kintyre and West Kintyre. Along with the first tranche of funds, received in March last year, this meant that each of the charities had over £150,000 to distribute via grants for projects meeting with SPR's terms and conditions. The provision of these funds on a yearly basis for the lifetime of the Beinn an Tuirc 3 windfarm will enable long-term planning and assist with the development of large scale projects that truly benefit the communities.

In this last year, the Community Charities dispensed (or committed to dispense) £310,000 of the £450,000 they received as donations from Lussa Community Wind Ltd to over 50 projects. Given the depth and breadth of the projects, there are too many to go through each one. However to highlight a few will give a flavour of how these funds are helping the sustainability of our Communities as viable places to live and work. Full details of the projects that the Charities supported from the BaT3 donations can be accessed via the Kintyre Wind website.

The Campbeltown Community Windfarm Fund, supported the Kintyre Food Bank, provided food parcels and signposting people to specialist help with fuel costs, benefits etc. It also supported MACC in its participation in the Queen's Green Canopy scheme, planting trees, supplied by the Woodland Trust, to support biodiversity and help mitigate Climate Change.

The East Kintyre Community Fund supported the 2nd phase of the Carradale Community Shop and Post Office, helping ensure the continuation of 2 fulltime jobs and provision of a local food shop which can be accessed by those in the Community who are unable to get into Campbeltown.

The West Kintyre Community Fund supported with start-up grants two new businesses, one for the development of a charcuterie business and the other for a winery producing ancient recipe wines unique to Scotland, both of which provide new employment and skills within West Kintyre.

Beinn an Tuirc 3 appears to have generated about 117GWh of electricity in the year to August 2022 whilst Beinn an Tuirc 1 & 2 generated about 186GWh of electricity in the same period. Combined this would be enough to power ~21,000 homes - far more than there are in Kintyre!