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Report to:	Enterprise Resources Committee
Date of Meeting:	20 January 2010
Report by:	Executive Director (Enterprise Resources)

Subject:	Blacklaw Renewable Energy Fund – Update Report and Grant Application for Law Community Trust
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1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ♦ Consider an application to the Blacklaw Renewable Energy fund from Law Community Trust for additional financial assistance towards the upgrading and refurbishment of an existing play park
- ♦ Report on Blacklaw Renewable Energy Fund grants awarded to date since its inception.

2. Recommendation(s)

2.1. The Committee is asked to approve the following recommendation(s):-

- (1) that an additional grant be awarded to Law Community Trust of up to £8,119 towards upgrading and refurbishment of an existing play park.
- (2) that the grant awards from the Blacklaw Renewable Energy Fund since inception be noted.

3. Background

- 3.1. At the Executive Committee of 3 March, 2004, approval was given to set up a Renewable Energy Fund in respect of Blacklaw Windfarm and to administrative arrangements associated with the allocation of funds.
- 3.2. The Fund is financed from payments from Scottish Power who operate the Blacklaw Windfarm. To date Scottish Power have made payments into the Fund totalling £607,868 including interest.
- 3.3. The Renewable Energy Fund is administered by Enterprise Resources who have responsibility for advising potential applicants, assessing applications and monitoring projects to ensure that the community benefits associated with each project are delivered.
- 3.4. This report seeks approval for an additional grant to be awarded to Law Community Trust and gives an update on total approvals to date.

4. Proposal

Law Community Trust

- 4.1. Law Community Trust is a registered charity (est. 1999) which aims to improve the well being, civic pride and social cohesion of the community of Law.
- 4.2. The project involves the upgrading of the existing play park with new equipment. An adjacent car park will be improved to ensure families from all areas of the village are able to access the park with their children. At the Enterprise Resources Committee meeting on 20 May 2009, a grant of £30,000 was awarded to the Trust for this project.
- 4.3. The total eligible cost of the project is £76,268. The existing grant of £30,000 equates to an intervention rate of 35%. Law Community Trust has confirmed funding of £30,000 from Forward Scotland and an in-kind contribution of £16,268 from Community Resources towards the project. A further funding application for £10,000 to the Robertson Trust was rejected.
- 4.4. Due to the rejection from the Robertson Trust, Law Community Trust are seeking an increase in Renewable Energy Fund grant of up to £8,119 in order to complete the project to a high standard. This would increase the grant intervention level to 50%.
- 4.5. The project will be project managed by Community Resources who will report to a committee of Law Community Trust. Following completion, the play park will be managed and maintained on an ongoing basis by Community Resources within existing budgets. It is expected that works would commence on site in spring 2010 and be completed by summer 2010.
- 4.6. This application scored 28 from a possible total of 32 during the assessment process. This score permits an intervention level of up to 50%.

5. Projects Approved to date by Blacklaw Renewable Energy Fund.

- 5.1. A list of all projects supported to date by the Blacklaw Renewable Energy Fund is attached. Appendix A lists those capital projects with overall costs above £10,000 and which are supported through the main fund. Appendix B lists those capital projects with overall costs below £10,000 and which are supported through the Local Grant Scheme, managed through the EU funded LEADER Programme.

6. Employee Implications

- 6.1. None

7. Financial Implications

- 7.1. To date Scottish Power have made payments into the Blacklaw Fund of £607,868 including interest.
- 7.2. Blacklaw has already committed funds, from the main Fund, of £386,928 towards projects from an available budget of £425,507 (70% of the total £607,868 which has been allocated to the REF). There are sufficient funds available therefore to meet the total of £8,119 requested.
- 7.3. The Local Grant Scheme (30% of the total £607,868) has awarded grants of £121,238 from an available budget of £182,360.

8. Other Implications

- 8.1. None

9. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements

- 9.1. This Report does not introduce a new policy, function or strategy and therefore no impact assessment is required.
- 9.2. Consultation has taken place with Community Resources

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11 December 2009

Link(s) to Council Objectives

- People focused
- Improve health and increase physical activity

Previous References

- Executive Committee Report on Community Benefit – 3 March 2004
- Enterprise Resources Committee Report on Blacklaw Renewable Energy Fund Applications – 20 May 2009

List of Background Papers

- Completed REF Grant Application Form and associated information dated 18 March 2009 received from Law Community Trust.
- Completed REF assessment form dated 6 April 2009 for Law Community Trust.

Contact for Further Information

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Appendix A

Blacklaw Renewable Energy Fund

Successful Grant Applications

Applicant	Project	Grant Award
Dalserf Church Hall	Construction of new build community hall	£25,000
Forth and District Initiative	Installation of new play park	£26,870
Clydesdale Community Initiative	Creation of Sensory Garden	£19,499
Forth Community Resource Centre	Implementation of training programme across Forth and surrounding communities.	£16,560
South Lanarkshire Council	Craignethan Castle footbridge repairs	£20,000
Auchengray Church Centre	Construction of extension and upgrading of existing community hall facility.	£45,000
St Athanasius	New build community hall facility.	£38,000
Forth Community Football Club	New 3 rd generation football facility.	£50,666
Carnwath in Bloom	Creation of gateway features and community gardens at main entrances to Carnwath.	£13,884
Lanark in Bloom	Creation of gateway features and community gardens at main entrances to Lanark.	£12,894
Netherburn Tenants and Residents Association	Creation of community garden and play area.	£10,000

Applicant	Project	Grant Award
Forth and District Initiative	Phase 3 – Recreation Area Works – Trim Track Trail	£18,920
Law Community Trust	Upgrading and improvement of new play park	£30,000 (additional £8,119 tbc)
Carluke Primrose	Purchase of specialised musical instruments	£11,025
Hamilton Model Radio Club	Upgrading of club facilities to improve membership and disabled access.	£10,010
Lanark EU Church	Upgrading of church hall including new roof.	£7,350
Carluke Development Trust	Market Square Works – creation of community garden area.	£25,175
South Lanarkshire Council	Blacklaw Access Strategy	£6,075

Appendix B

Blacklaw Renewable Energy Fund

Local Grant Scheme

Successful Grant Applications

Applicant	Project	Grant Award
Law Parish Church	Purchase, siting and upgrade of second hand portacabin	£925.00
1st Law Company, The Boys Brigade	Production and printing of a commemorative brochure on the history and background of the organisation. The brochure is linked to exhibition.	£298.00
Tarbrax Village Hall Association	Upgrade of parking area to improve access to the village hall	£1,974.00
Carluke Camera Club	Digital equipment	£2,366.00
Carluke Bowling Club	Installation of permanent fixed locker facilities to allow for increase in membership including youth membership	£5,000.00
Little Haven	Provision of specialist equipment for Forth based volunteer-run, palliative care facility for terminally ill clients	£1,827.50
Carluke Development Trust	Feasibility study to explore viability of new business centre	£2,000.00
Lanark Thistle Bowling Club	Partial roof renewal as part of exterior and interior club improvements	£4,879.75
Forth British Legion	Improvement to toilet facilities incorporating better access for disabled users. First phase of planned improvements to exterior and interior of community leisure facility	£2,737.00
Forth Breast Cancer Care Group	To help with set up costs of shop by way of interior refurbishment. Project has linkages with the Little Haven project and hopes to assist with funding of the latter through shop takings	£2,495.50
Carluke Development Trust	To assist with office set up costs	£959.00
S.P.E.L.L.	Establishment of a Support Fund for Toddler & Playgroups in the Clydesdale area to support bespoke training and purchase of equipment	£2,500.00

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Law Toddler Group	Purchase of soft play/ball pit equipment for use by toddler group and other community groups. Equipment will be maintained at the Tom Craig Centre to enable easy access for wider community usage.	£405.50
Lanark YMCA	This project is the first phase to the group addressing more substantial building improvements which will require applications to major funding bodies.	£2,500.00
Tarbrax Bowling Club	This project involves improvements to the exterior and interior of the Club House. Also includes purchase to make the interior a more attractive venue for the membership.	£4,677.00
2nd Lanark Scouts Group	Phase 1 of development plans to make Hall more sustainable and more attractive venue for membership and for other community users. Works involve installation of more secure, perspex windows with grills and purchase of furniture to meet the needs of their increasing membership	£1,738.00
Lanark Business Group	Marketing initiative to help take the staging of themed tourism event to a self sustaining level. Support the marketing component of the project	£2,500.00
Friends of Volunteering Clydesdale	Archaeological Feasibility study to assess a variety of sites located within the operating area of the Windfarm Trust area. Project involves an assessment of sites using a group of 10 volunteers working closely with archaeological experts	£2,493
All Weather Facility Feasibility and Business Plan	Pre project exercise regarding development of all weather facility at Forth. Exercise address demand levels and technical issues and provide business plan for group to assist with implementation of project. This first phase is linked to an application to the Main REF	£5,875.00
Wilsontown & Stobwood Seating Project	Located at a popular circular walking route this is an environmental project, relocation of community seat and low maintenance planting	£1,972.50
Clubrooms for Clyde Model Railway Club	Refurbishment of old waiting room at Lanark railway station to enable club to build and store model railways for exhibition at New Lanark, SECC and other major shows	£2,500.00
Law Community Trust	Feasibility to establish viability of redeveloping a site with view to providing a Community Hub. Conditional approval - group consult with SLC Community resources, Planning and Leader+ team.	£2,500

Applicant	Project	Grant Award
The Scottish Clydesdale Classic	To purchase heavy duty matting to minimise risk of the injury to horses on show. The event is staged annually at Lanark Agricultural Centre - this being the 6th year. The show's running costs are met by the group.	£600.00
Expedition equipment - Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme	Purchase of equipment by 1 st Law Girls Brigade to enable current and future participants to complete the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze, Silver and Gold Award Scheme	£2,283.75
Carstairs Primary Playground Improvement	Environmental project to improve playground and create community garden working in partnership with community groups and linking with school curriculum	£2,500.00
First Step for Carstairs	Purchase of equipment for educational and developmental	£2,213.50
St Paul's Church Hall, Forth	Erection of storeroom	£2,500.00
St Andrew's Church Hall, Car Park Upgrade	Car Park upgrade to improve access for community users to Church hall	£2,500.00
CJ deejays	Purchase to dj equipment by Carstairs Junction based group to train members on usage and promote usage of community service	£2,480.00
Community Development Hub	Installation of fire alarm, Lanark	£2,450.00
Protecting Tarbrax Village Hall	Installation of upgraded security system, CCTV and fencing	£2,500.00
Clyde Valley Orchard Group Development	Feasibility work and establishment of orchard cooperative	£1,625.00
Pipe Band Instrument Upgrade	Purchase of instruments to enable band to meet needs of new junior members, Lanark based band	£2,500.00
Little Red 2007	Purchase of costumes by Lanark based group	£442.33
Percussion Section Upgrade	Purchase of percussion instruments to help maintain competitive edge of band, Carluke based group	£2,500.00
IT upgrade to IT/music room	Purchase and installation of interactive IT equipment, Carluke based group	£2,500.00
Auchengray Community Garden	Phase one of a community garden - works involve establishing safe area and installation of wooden gazebo	£5,000.00
Carluke Development Trust	to appoint consultants to carry out an assessment of Carluke town centre, and make recommendations aimed at promoting the vitality and viability of the centre.	£2,500.00
Bridge community Project	Installation of new high efficiency boiler - work complements a range of heating efficiency improvements as recommended by an energy report provided by the Energy Savings Trust. Project is seeking additional external funding to implement further works.	£2,500.00

Applicant	Project	Grant Award
RSVP	Creation of new office located within ALVO Community Hub	£2,288.00
Friends of Carluke Guiding	Phase 1 of building improvement programme leading to design options and costings	£2,261.88
Lanark Museum Trust	Purchase & Display of replica bell - initially to be displayed at the current Museum building and will be relocated to feature in display at the Lesser Memorial Hall	£1,400.00
Lanark Learning Community	Establishment of new vocational training centre for early school leavers, working in partnership with local high schools	£1,624.33
Crossford and Hazelbank War Memorial Restoration Group	Reinstatement of war memorial and associated fresh water spring	£2,437.50
Forth Community Resource Centre Steering Group	Production of development plan for sustainability of organisation	£2,245.00
Lanark Lanimers Committee	Design and production of Royal Burgh themed banners to be displayed in Lanark High Street	£2,500.00
Braehead Lunch & Leisure Club	Purchase and installation of seating areas and planting scheme at sites on the village's circular walk	£1,206.50
The Little Haven	Study of current service and feasible options in taking service to sustainable future	£2,400.00
Vale of Clyde Pipe Band	Image improvement involving the purchase of bespoke club equipment.	£2,450.00
Tarbrax Village Hall Association	Improvements to roof involving upgrading of roof windows to make the roof watertight and improve energy efficiency.	£2,288.50
Kirkton Church	Replacement and upgrade of hall windows to double glazing and refurbishment of interior in community facility serving around 18 community user groups	£2,460.24
South Lanarkshire Rural Areas Fair Share Showcase	As the Fairshare programme draws to a close in December 2009, this showcase event will bring together community representatives and funding organisations in order to explore future funding opportunities in the rural South Lanarkshire	£959.50