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Report to:	Enterprise Resources Committee
Date of Meeting:	2 February 2011
Report by:	Executive Director (Enterprise Resources)

Subject:	Blacklaw and Whitelees Renewable Energy Fund - Grants Awarded Update
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1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ report on grants awarded to date by Blacklaw and Whitelees Renewable Energy Funds

2. Recommendation(s)

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

- (1) that the grant awards from the Blacklaw Renewable Energy Fund since inception be noted as detailed within Appendices A and B.
- (2) that the grant awards from the Whitelees Renewable Energy Fund to date be noted as detailed within Appendices C and D.

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 has made payments into the Fund totalling £875,585.62 including interest.
- 3.3. At the Enterprise Resources Committee of 27 June, 2007, approval was given to set up a Renewable Energy Fund in respect of Whitelees Windfarm and to the administrative arrangements associated with the allocation of funds.
- 3.4. The Fund is financed from payments from Scottish Power who operate the Whitelees Windfarm. To date Scottish Power has made payments into the Whitelees Fund of £543,821.93 including interest.
- 3.5. The Section 75 legal agreement for Whitelees places an obligation on the Council to jointly prepare and implement an access strategy associated with the windfarm area.
- 3.6. The Renewable Energy Funds are administered by Regeneration Services who have responsibility for advising potential applicants, assessing applications and monitoring projects to ensure that the community benefits associated with each project are delivered.

4. Projects Approved to Date

- 4.1. A list of all projects supported to date by the Blacklaw Renewable Energy Fund is attached along with details of grant paid / awarded. 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.
- 4.2. A list of all projects supported to date by the Whitelees Renewable Energy Fund is attached along with details of grant paid / awarded. Appendix C lists those capital projects with overall costs above £10,000 and which are supported through the main fund. Appendix D lists those capital projects with overall costs below £10,000 and which are supported through the Local Grant Scheme.

5. Employee Implications

- 5.1. There are no employee implications.

6. Financial Implications

- 6.1. To date Scottish Power has made payments into the Blacklaw Fund of £875,585.62 including interest i.e. a £849,284.79 contribution and £26,300.83 interest.
- 6.2. Blacklaw has committed funds, from the main Fund, of £592,453 towards projects from an available budget of £620,800.14 (70% of the total £849,284.73 plus interest of £26,300.83).
- 6.3. The Local Grant Scheme (30% of the total £849,284.79 excluding interest) has awarded grants of £128,828.12 from an available budget of £254,785.
- 6.4. To date, Scottish Power has made payments into the Whitelees Fund of £543,821.93 including interest i.e. a £529,580.36 contribution and £14,241.57 interest.
- 6.5. At the Enterprise Resources Committee of 27 June, 2007, approval was given to utilise 31 months of income (£265,248.43) from Whitelees REF towards the access works required and associated costs. This equates to an available budget total for the REF of £264,331.93
- 6.6. Whitelees REF has committed funds, from the main Fund, of £170,636 towards projects from an available budget of £199,273.92 (70% of the available budget of £264,331.93 plus interest of £14,241.57).
- 6.8. The Local Grant Scheme has awarded grants of £21,681.10 from an available budget of £79,299.

7. Other Implications

- 7.1. There are no risks to the Council associated with this report. Any monies which are not expended on approved projects are returned to increase the available monies for future projects.

8. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements

- 8.1. This Report does not introduce a new policy, function or strategy and, therefore, no impact assessment is required.
- 8.2. All necessary consultation has taken place with community groups involved and appropriate Council Resources.

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Link(s) to Council Objectives/Values/Improvement Themes

- ◆ Improve health and increase physical activity
- ◆ Increase participation in arts and culture
- ◆ Improve the quality of the physical environment

Previous References

None

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Appendix A

Blacklaw Renewable Energy Fund

Project Title	REF Award	Description	Status
Forth & District Initiative Play Park	£26,870.00	Creation of new play park at the recreation area, Forth.	Complete
Forth Community Resource Centre	£16,560.00	Implementation of training programme in Carnwath, Forth, Carstairs Junction.	Ongoing
Lanark in Bloom	£12,894.00	Planted areas and welcome signs as gateway features at the main entrances to Lanark.	Complete
Auchengray Church Centre	£45,000.00	Upgrading of church hall to provide improved facilities for local groups and adjacent primary school which utilise the hall.	Complete
Carnwath in Bloom	£13,884.00	Planted areas and welcome signs as gateway features at the main entrances to Carnwath.	Complete
Dalserf Church New Build Hall	£25,000.00	Contribution towards the construction of a new build hall for the Church and other community groups to utilise.	Complete
St Athenasius Church Hall, Carluke	£38,000.00	Construction of a large new build hall for use by various community groups.	Complete
Craignethan Castle	£20,000.00	Improved access works at Craignethan Castle.	Complete
Clydesdale Community Initiative Sensory Garden	£19,499.00	Creation of a sensory garden near Lanark Loch	Complete
Netherburn Park and Community Garden	£10,000.00	Creation of a community garden and associated environmental improvements.	Complete
Forth Community Football Club	£50,666.00	Upgrading of existing small blaes pitch into multi sports court with artificial surface.	Complete
Forth & District Initiative Trim Track Trail	£23,699.40	Installation of Trim Track Trail at Recreation Area, Forth.	Complete

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Carluke Primrose Orchestral Flutes	£11,025.00	Purchase of specialised instruments to increase membership and performance level.	Ongoing
Law Community Trust Play Park	£38,119.00	Upgrading of existing play park.	Ongoing
Blacklaw Access	£6,075.00	Study examining possible access improvements at Blacklaw windfarm.	Complete
Hamilton Radio Modelling Club	£10,010.00	Improvements to club to facilitate increased membership.	Complete
Lanark EU Church	£7,350.00	Improvements to church hall to allow continued usage of the facility.	Complete
Carluke Market Square	£25,175.00	Gateway theme project creating a garden and associated improvements at Carluke Town Centre.	Ongoing
Murray's Mortuary Chapel Lanark	£50,000.00	Refurbishment of grade C listed building to allow future public use of the building.	Awaiting Start
Rorison Hall, Ashgill	£22,678.00	Improvements to church hall to allow increased usage. External improvements to facilitate external play area.	Awaiting Start
Carluke Friends of Guiding	£16,948.00	Upgrading of Guide Hall in Carluke for use by guides and other local groups.	Ongoing
Lanark Airshow Committee	£29,176.00	Project involving sculpture and smaller scale projects with local schools to celebrate the anniversary of the Lanark Airshow.	Ongoing
Tarbrax Common Green	£50,000.00	Environmental improvements works to bring the common green back into use including drainage and pathworks.	Awaiting Start
Forth Community Resource Centre	£14,546.00	Contribution towards an arts project using interpretative methods	Awaiting Start
Netherburn Tenants and Residents Association	£12,467.00	Project to improve the football pitch in Netherburn to enable use for gala day etc.	Awaiting Start

Appendix B

Blacklaw Renewable Energy Fund

Project Title	REF Award	Description	Status
Law Parish Church Purchase and siting of Portacabin.	£925	Purchase and siting of Portacabin for usage by local community groups.	Complete
Law Boys Brigade 50th Anniversary Commemorative Brochure	£298	Production and printing of a commemorative brochure on the history and background of the organisation linked to a week long exhibition.	Complete
Tarbrax Village Hall Upgrade of car park	£1,974	Upgrade of parking area to improve access to the village hall.	Complete
Digital imaging Carluke Camera Club	£2,366.08	Purchase of digital equipment.	Complete
Equipping out of locker room Carluke Bowling Club	£2,500	Installation of permanent fixed locker facilities to allow for increase in membership.	Complete
Little Haven, Forth Specialist equipment	£1,827.50	Provision of specialist equipment for volunteer-run, palliative care facility for terminally ill clients.	Complete
Carluke Business Centre	£2,000	Feasibility study.	Complete
Lanark Thistle Bowling Club Roof upgrade	£4,879.75	Partial roof renewal as part of exterior and interior club improvements.	Complete
British Royal Legion, Forth Improving disabled/toilet facilities	£2,737	Improvement to toilet facilities incorporating disabled access. First phase of planned improvements to community leisure facility.	Complete
Forth Breast Cancer Care Shop	£2,495.50	Set up and refurbishment costs of shop. Linkages with the Little Haven project on going financial support.	Complete
Carluke Development Trust	£959	To assist with office set up costs.	Complete
SPELL (Support for Play and Early Learning in Lanarkshire) - Support Fund for Toddler & Playgroups Area Wide	£2,500	Establishment of a Support Fund for Toddler & Playgroups to support bespoke training and purchase of equipment.	Complete

Project Title	REF Award	Description	Status
Law Toddlers group Toys for Toddlers	£405.50	Purchase of soft play/ball pit equipment for use by toddler group and other community groups.	Complete
Lanark YMCA Upgrade to Heating System	£2,500	First phase of substantial building improvements which will require applications to major funding bodies.	Complete
Lanark Scout Hall Hall windows / security upgrade	£1,738	Phase 1 of development plans to make Hall more sustainable and more attractive venue for membership and for other community users.	Complete
Lanark Medieval Festival	£2,500	Marketing initiative to help take the staging of themed tourism event to a self sustaining level. Support the marketing component of the project.	Complete
Archaeological sites Feasibility Study	£2,493	Archaeological Feasibility study to assess a variety of sites located within the operating area of the Windfarm Trust area.	Complete
Law Community Trust Community Hub Feasibility Study	£2,500	Feasibility to establish viability of redeveloping a site with view to providing a Community Hub.	Complete
Lanark Agricultural Centre The Scottish Clydesdale Classic Heavy Horse Show.	£600	To purchase heavy duty matting to minimise risk of the injury to horses on show. The event is staged annually at Lanark Agricultural Centre.	Complete
Forth Community Football Club	£5,875	Pre project exercise regarding development of all weather facility. Exercise address demand levels and technical issues and provide business plan.	Complete
Forth Gateway Project Group	£1,257.87	Environmental project including resiting of community seat and low maintenance planting.	Complete
Clyde Model Railway Club, Lanark	£2,500	Refurbishment of old waiting room at Lanark railway station for building / storing.	Complete
1st Law Girls' Brigade	£2,283.75	Purchase of equipment to enable participants to complete the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme.	Complete
Carstairs Primary Parents Association	£2,500	Environmental project to improve playground and create community garden working with community groups and linked to curriculum.	Complete
Carstairs Village Pre-5 Group	£2,213.50	Purchase of equipment for educational and developmental	Complete
St Paul's Church Forth	£2,500	Erection of storeroom	Complete

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St Andrews Church, Carluke	£2,500	Car Park upgrade to improve access for community users to Church hall	Complete
Carstairs Junction Youth Club Project	£2,480	Purchase of equipment to train members on usage and promote usage of community service	Complete
ALVO (Lanark) - Community Development Hub	£2,450	Installation of fire alarm	Complete
Tarbrax Village Hall Association	£2,500	Installation of upgraded security system, CCTV and fencing.	Complete
The Rural Development Trust Clyde Valley Orchard Group Development	£1,625	Feasibility work and establishment of orchard co-operative.	Complete
Lanark & District Pipe Band	£2,500	Purchase of instruments to enable band to meet needs of new junior members.	Complete
Lanark Panto Juniors	£442.23	Purchase of costumes.	Complete
Carluke Primrose Orchestral Flutes	£2,500	Purchase of percussion instruments to help maintain competitive edge of band.	Complete
Street Level – Carluke	£2,500	Purchase and installation of interactive IT equipment	Complete
Auchengray Primary Parent Council	£5,000	Phase one of a community garden - works involve establishing safe area and installation of wooden gazebo.	Complete
Castlehill Bowling Club Improvement to Ladies locker room	£5,000	Improvement to Ladies locker room.	Complete
500 th Anniversary Celebration of Red Hose Day, Carnwath	£2,422	Phase one of a community garden - works involve establishing safe area and installation of wooden gazebo.	Complete
Carluke Town Centre Study	£2500	Carluke town centre healthcheck feasibility study.	Complete
Upgrade of Heating System – Bridge Community Centre Lanark	£2500	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.	Complete

Project Title	REF Award	Description	Status
Creation of New Office, ALVO, Lanark	£2288	Creation of new office located within ALVO Community Hub	Complete
Feasibility: Improvements Programme Carluke Guide Hall	£2261.88	Phase 1 of building improvement programme leading to design options and costings.	Complete
Purchase & Display of Lanark Silver Bell Winner's Trophy Museum Trust, Lanark	£1400	Purchase & Display of replica bell.	Complete
Crossford War Memorial Restoration Phase One.	£2437.50	Reinstatement of war memorial and associated fresh water spring.	Complete
Forth Community Resource Centre – Building up capacity	£2245	Production of development plan for sustainability of organisation.	Complete
Lanimer Banners	£2500	Design and production of Royal Burgh themed banners to be displayed in Lanark High Street.	Complete
Braehead Rest Areas	£1206.50	Purchase and installation of seating areas and planting scheme at sites on the village's circular walk.	Complete
Little Haven (Forth) Feasibility Study - Service Development	£2400	Study of current service and feasible options in taking service to sustainable future.	Complete
Image Improvements – Vale of Clyde Pipe Band, Lanark	£2450	Image improvement involving the purchase of uniforms	Complete
Tarbrax Village Hall Improvements	£2289	Improvements to roof involving upgrading of roof windows to make the roof watertight and improve energy efficiency.	Complete
Kirkton Church Large Hall Renovation, Carluke	£2460.24	Replacement and upgrade of hall windows from single glazing to double glazing and refurbishment of interior in community facility.	Complete
ALVO, Lanark	£959.50	Showcase event bringing together community representatives and funding organisations in order to explore future funding opportunities in the rural South Lanarkshire.	Complete

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Lanark Airshow Committee	£2500	Feasibility/Design stage aimed at commissioning the design and installation of an iconic art work celebrating the 1910 airshow	Complete
Lanark Playparks Action Group	£2500	Phase one development of a larger project improvements project (of £200k).	Ongoing
Clydesdale Community Initiatives, Lanark	£4682.82	Study to consider alternative premises and their suitability to the aims of the organisation's goals as per a recently completed Business Plan	Ongoing

Appendix C

Whitelees Renewable Energy Fund

Project Title	REF Award	Description	Status
Adams Community Trust Play Park, Strathaven	£20,000.00	New build play park in Strathaven Park.	Complete
Strathaven Tennis Club	£15,163.00	Upgrading of existing tennis courts.	Awaiting Start
West Mains Neighbourhood Watch, East Kilbride	£10,000.00	Environmental improvement works undertaken at the Hillocks.	Ongoing
EK Scouts	£21,000.00	Refurbishment and upgrading of existing scout hall in East Kilbride.	Ongoing
Access Works 1	£35,529.00	Payment to East Renfrewshire Council regarding ongoing management and maintenance works at Whitelees Windfarm.	Ongoing
Access Works 2	£33,944.00	Payment to East Renfrewshire Council regarding ongoing management and maintenance works at Whitelees Windfarm.	Ongoing
Quarter Play Park	£15,000.00	Contribution towards a new build play park at Quarter.	Awaiting Start
EK Shopmobility	£20,000.00	Contribution towards the establishment of a new Shopmobility base in East Kilbride town Centre in close proximity to the existing bus station.	Awaiting Start

Appendix D

Whitelees Renewable Energy Fund

Project Title	REF Award	Description	Status
Strathaven Dynamos	£825	Costing exercise for new changing facility	Complete
Access Path Renewal Langlands Moss	£5000	Phase one of conservation of Langlands moss, infrastructure management/ installation of damming, boardwalk repair, signage.	Complete
Specialist Equipment, Strathaven Scouts	£595	Purchase of trailer for outdoor pursuits and camping trips.	Complete
Play park feasibility, ACT, Strathaven	£682.50	Community consultation and feasibility to consider options for improvement to toddlers' play area of park	Complete
Upper Avondale Angling Association Access Improvements	£2015.60	Access improvement: pathways upgrade, specialist equipment, and fish hatchery.	Complete
New Workshops for Strathaven Model Society	£2500	Establishment of new workshops including interior building works and removal and installation of heavy engineering machinery	Complete
Strathaven Town Mill Restoration Phase 1	£2500	Establishment of group as ltd company, alarm system, entertainment license	Complete
East Kilbride Pipe Band – Percussion Upgrade	£5000	Image improvement involving the purchase of uniforms	Complete
Upgrade to Changing Rooms – Avondale Bowling Club	£2500	Enlarging and refurbishment of changing rooms to meet needs of members of bowling club and 3 other community groups who use the facility	Complete