

Wind farm funds lifeline for rural Perthshire buildings

- **£12,060 awarded towards the purchase of Glenfarg schoolhouse**
- **£8,160 to install heating at Bridge of Earn Institute**
- **Flood damage at Forteviot Village Hall repaired**

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Community buildings in three rural Perthshire villages have been provided a lifeline to enable them to address rural isolation in the county by repairing, renovating and providing a warm safe environment for residents. The monies to carry out the works are thanks to substantial awards made from innogy's Lochelbank Wind Farm community benefit fund.

A total of £21,270 was awarded in December, with the largest award from the Lochelbank fund to date, being made to the Glenfarg Village Hall Committee. They have been awarded £12,060 towards the purchase of the adjacent schoolhouse to enable the creation of a community centre in the village.

"Along with support from the Scottish Land Fund, this award enables the acquisition of the former schoolhouse that adjoins village hall", said Cedric Wilkins, one of the Hall Trustees. "This will mean the Glenfarg community will now be able to create a new community centre that will help meet the needs of local people and reduce social isolation."

In addition, members of the community using of Bridge of Earn Institute will now enjoy a more comfortable user experience after the institute committee received £8,160 to install a new heating system. As will those visiting Forteviot Village Hall, as the management committee was awarded £300 to repair and decorate the ladies' cloakroom following water damage from a leak in the roof.

Katy Woodington, innogy's Community Investment Manager said: "Financial support that provides a lasting legacy and utilises match funds to finance the purchase and repair of community buildings that enable residents to enjoy a great quality of social life is, for innogy, an inspiring use of our renewables' project community funding."

Since January 2012, innogy's Lochelbank Community Fund has provided benefits to people living in the areas covered by the Community Councils of Glenfarg and Earn. An annual amount of £20,000, rising in line with the retail price index, is paid into the Fund for the operating life of the wind farm.

Decisions on how the fund is spent are made by a panel of local representatives, drawn from the communities of Earn and Glenfarg and Foundation Scotland administers the fund. The next deadline for applications to innogy's Lochelbank Community Fund is 13 February 2019.

For further information on how to apply to the fund and an application form visit:
<https://www.foundationscotland.org.uk/programmes/lochelbank/>

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