



**EDF Renewables Dorenell Wind Farm  
Community Benefit Fund  
Community Development Plan:  
Updated priorities 2024**



## Dorenell Community Development Plan: Updated priorities 2024

The EDF Dorenell Wind Farm Community Benefit Fund has been set up to benefit people who live in the areas of Moray served by:

- Cabrach Community Association
- Dufftown and District Community Association
- Glenlivet and Inveravon Community Association
- Glenrinnes Community Centre

A map of the area is available [here](#).

The 2018 to 2023 Dorenell Community Development Plan was developed by the Dorenell Forum, with support from STAR Development Group Consultants.

The plan was informed by extensive consultation during 2017 and 2018 and sets out a vision for the area with themes, priorities and indicative projects for the period 2018 to 2023.

The plan was updated in 2024 following a review commissioned by Foundation Scotland, the independent charity administering the fund.

The update was based on community consultation and a review of the changing context in which the fund operates.

The update retains the previous structure of five themes and priority projects identified under each theme.

The Dorenell Fund supports community projects which address these themes and priorities. Information about the fund is available here:

<https://www.foundationscotland.org.uk/apply-for-funding/funding-available/dorenell>

## Theme 1: Environment & Heritage

Priority	Priority Projects
Walking & Cycling Networks	Develop mountain bike tracks around Dufftown and Cabrach and expand biking facilities in Glenlivet Estate
	Take forward recommendations from the 2023 cross area path study
	Development of and improvements to local path and cycle networks in all areas
Museum, Visitor & Heritage Centres	Historic Distillery and Visitor Centre in the Cabrach
	Whisky and Heritage Centre in Dufftown
	Dark Skies Observatory in Glenlivet and Cabrach
Preservation & Enhancement of Landscape, Culture and Heritage	Creative and/or educational activities promoting engagement with the landscape, heritage and culture
	Creation of community assets from disused/underused rural buildings
Village & Town Enhancement	Breathe fresh life into prominent historic buildings
	Refurbishment of Dufftown Clock Tower to create a community hub and tourist accommodation
	Projects to enhance village and town appearance and streetscape

## Theme 2: Community and Recreational Facilities, Groups and Activities

Priority	Priority Projects
Community Halls	Development of the community facility at Old School Hall and House
	Continued improvements to halls in Dufftown
	Taking forward recommendations of feasibility study on Braes of Glenlivet Hall
	Improvements to Glenlivet Public Hall
	Improvements to Glenrinnes Community Centre
	Improve/develop community group's dedicated facilities
	Improve coordination and sharing of community facilities e.g. booking systems, joint events diary, equipment sharing
Recreation Facilities	Tininver Park improvements
	Continued development of inclusive outdoor recreation facilities in Cabrach
	Develop sports and recreation facilities in Dufftown, potentially including MUGA
Opportunities & Facilities for Young People	Speyside Youth – continuation of youth facilities and provision in Dufftown
	Development of activities for young people across the fund area
Support for Community Development	Develop capacity of community anchor organisations, including funding of development officer posts
	Equipment for local groups
	Enhanced opportunities for local promotion of events, communication and sharing learning (e.g. newsletters, events, forums)
	Activities to recruit, support, coordinate and retain volunteers, such as a volunteer pool
	Developing and delivering events and activities which bring the community together
Emergencies, crises & resilience	Activities building the capacity and resilience of communities
	Emergency responses to crisis situations
	Recovery from crises and emergencies



### Theme 3: Local Economy

Priority	Priority Projects
Enterprise and Community Led Economic Development	Development and growth of social enterprise and community led economic activity creating good quality and sustainable employment
	Reviving Dufftown town centre to make it an attractive place to visit and do business, and where residents can access vital facilities such as financial services
	Supporting estates and farms to diversify and add value locally to benefit local economies
Access to ICT	Community initiatives to develop Superfast Broadband for homes and businesses
	Development of internet hotspots in Dufftown
	Support to groups and residents to embrace digital technologies
Tourist Facilities, Events & Promotion	Development of community owned accommodation for tourists and visitors
	Support Whisky festivals, Highland Games in Dufftown and Cabrach and other events that support the tourist industry
	Improving Keith & Dufftown Heritage Railway, including signage links with Dufftown town centre and links to main line
	Promotion of the unique scenic, cultural and historic character of the area
	Develop visitor information and information resources such as walk/cycling maps and apps
Training & Skills	Training and skills development linked to major local initiatives such as the Cabrach Distillery and Visitor Centre
	Bursaries for training and access to further education
	Working with businesses to create apprenticeships
	Development of training and education strategies which reflect opportunities within and outwith the fund area (such as initiatives supported by the Moray Growth Deal) linking people to high quality jobs
	Retaining and developing rural skills
	Increased provision of workspace for individuals and small businesses

## Theme 4: Housing and Sustainable Development

Priority	Priority Projects
Housing	Build new affordable and/or community owned housing in Dufftown to meet needs identified in housing needs analysis
	Explore options for improved appropriate housing provision in Glenlivet & Inveravon and Cabrach
	Connect houses to the grid in remote parts of Glenrinnnes
	Support households to access information and funds to increase energy efficiency and reduce fuel poverty
Supporting the Transition to Net Zero	Support communities to access information and funds to improve the energy efficiency of community halls and fund improvement where costs cannot be met through existing schemes
	Explore potential for community renewables and storage (wind, hydro, solar) – feasibility studies
	Supporting a circular economy, including local food and drink production and minimisation/reuse of food and drink waste
	Development of projects supporting a Just Transition to net zero and/or developing links which harness benefits of Just Transition projects supported by other funders
	Encourage active travel e.g. expand bike and ebike hire at Tininver Park

## Theme 5: Transport and Access to Services

Priority	Priority Projects
Transport	Community Transport and integrated public transport schemes – commission feasibility study (which incorporates needs of school children, young people and visitors) and implement recommendations
	Develop and expand existing community owned transport solutions such as community car hire in Dufftown and Speyside Community Car Sharing Scheme
Childcare	Develop and support childcare services including childminders and afterschool care
Support for Vulnerable Children and Families	More services for vulnerable families
Older People	Very sheltered housing in Dufftown
	Initiatives addressing rural isolation among older people
	Initiatives catering for an ageing population in Dufftown



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