



AGM REPORT

Financial Year 2024-25

Wednesday 25th February 2026
6.30 - 8.30pm, Fintry Museum



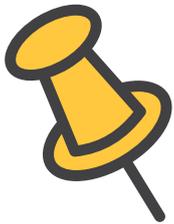
FROM THE CHAIR

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Thank you for attending our 2026 AGM, we never underestimate the importance of your continuing interest and support.

Since 2007 FDT has been championing sustainable solutions, and we are keen to continue to work with our members.



AGENDA

1. Apologies
2. Welcome & Report by Chair
3. Minutes of last AGM
4. Balgair Consultant's Report
5. Financial Consultant's Report
6. Financial Report by Treasurer
7. Investment Committee Report
8. Project Report by Manager
9. Grants Report by Project Support Officer
10. Election of Directors
11. AOCB
12. Thank you and close

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TREASURERS REPORT FINANCES



Iain Frazer

ANNUAL ACCOUNTS SUMMARY 2024/25

FREE (Fintry Renewable Energy Enterprise)

Total Income from Windfarm 2024/25 was - £487,157.45

Funds transferred to Fintry Development Trust - £ 430,000.00

Reserve retained in FREE account at year end - £36,692.57

FINTRY DEVELOPMENT TRUST

The bulk of the trusts funds were held in a 95 day notice account and a portion held in an instant access deposit account for project funding.

This project funding was used to provide assistance to households in the area by way of grants and funding of community events. In total £96,545 was given to households in grants. In addition 69 households were given Fuel Payments Grants totalling £34,500.

Reserve held by the trust in the high interest account at year end was £878,382.96

FCE (Fintry Community Energy)

Work continued on the project to optimise the system funded by FDT. Most of the grant funding from FDT was to replace older inefficient components in the Heat Exchange boxes for each house. The overall system still ran at a loss but required less financially assistance from FDT than previous years.

An estimate of the annual running costs are as follows.

Total Income - £55,000

Total Outgoing - £84,000

Total Deficit - £29,000

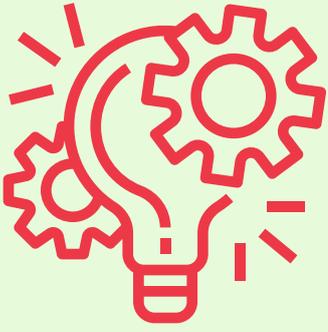
Full draft audited accounts can be seen on our website:

<http://fintrydt.org.uk/about/other-documents/>



If you have any questions on the
financial report, please email:

info@fintrydt.org.uk



Kayt Howell

PROJECT REPORT, FDT MANAGER

It's been a busy and exciting year for the Trust with an increase in community events, grants and lots of planning for the future. Please read on for the highlights:

A BRIEF SUMMARY 2025/26

- **Staffing**

As the work of the Trust continues to grow, the need to manage all our projects and grants requires additional hands. We are in the process of hiring a new Administrator to our team this year, to take charge of all our increasing Admin needs. Our new employee will join Kirsty, our Project Support Officer and me as Manager.

- **Financial Consultant**

Our Financial Consultant, Janine, has been with us for a couple of years now and in that time has whipped us all into shape and managed our financial governance. With her help we have prepared and utilised budget planning to manage our spends on all aspects of the Trust's activities..

- **Grants**

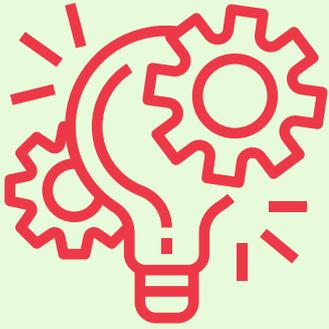
One of Kirsty's main roles is to manage our expanding grant programme. This year FDT have run many repeat and new grants as we work to support residents, groups and businesses in Fintry. Kirsty also plays a key role in project support and management.

- **Events**

Along with our grant programmes, we again held regular Dr Bike events prior to all school holidays to keep our cyclists safe and aware of our maintenance unit installed at the club. We worked again with FCC to host the 'Picnic in the Garden' event in summer, and continue to develop and expand our website.. We have an excellent working relationship with Strathclyde University and are preparing new projects with their master's and PhD students. This will provide quality reports and data which in turn help the Trust's project development and delivery.

Our Drop-In sessions, once a month at the Sports Club, have proved a great way for us to discuss our work with the community...and there's tea..

Our very popular free tree and fruit bush offers will create replacement habitats and increased biodiversity within Fintry



Kayt Howell

“Enabling an environmentally sustainable future for our community.”

- **Newsletter**

These are sent to our members on a roughly quarterly basis with occasional extra if something should be shared. If you are not receiving these – please contact us to check and update your contact details. These are useful for keeping our membership up to date with our activities and always invite comment, ideas and feedback.

- **Future Plans**

Our Investment Subgroup is now established and working together to create policies and governance which will direct our choices for future investment. We continue our good relationship with our partner and wind farm developer, Nadara, and we continue to discuss future investment possibilities. We are assessing our future budgets both for providing future grant support and community projects for our residents but also to decide what and where we can invest to give FDT a sustainable future and continue its support of Fintry community.

- **Sharing**

We continue to share our experiences with other community groups and educational establishments when invited, and are proud members of organisations such as DTAS, SCVO, Circular Communities, FEL, , Changeworks and more.



GET SOCIAL!

Follow us on Facebook to keep up-to-date with all our news, events and sharing of related pages and campaigns.

Please like and share our posts to help us spread the word of our activities.



GRANTS SUMMARY, PROJECT SUPPORT OFFICER



Kirsty Murray

FUEL PAYMENT GRANT

FDT were pleased to once again be able to fund this grant in financial year 24/25. The grant itself is administered on our behalf by Energy Action Scotland. This ensures confidentiality.

The current round of this grant (1 October 2025 – 31 March 2026) will be the last.

Grant Spend:

- **1 October 2024 - 31 March 2025: 69 grants, £34,500**
- 1 October 2023 – 31 March 2024: 59 grants, £29,500



So far this year (25/26), EAS have issued 68 grants which amounts to £34,000.

LOG GRANT

- **October 2024 - end March 2025: 64 grants, £3640 (104 bags of logs)**
- September 2023 – end March 2024: 37 grants, £1,770 (59 bags of logs)
- October 2022 – end March 2023: 86 grants, £2,725 (109 bags of logs)

To date in 25/26, we have issued 68 grants which amounts to £4160 (or 104 bags of logs).

ENERGY EFFICIENCY GRANT



The Energy Efficiency Grant is provided to help householders in the Fintry area pay for improvements to their homes that will result in energy and carbon savings. Up to £1000 is available per household, per grant round.

Grant spend:

Round 2 (1 April 2024 - 31 March 2025): **69 grants** issued, **£68,045** spent
Grants were used for: 1. Windows and doors 2. Insulation / EV charging point 3. Heating system upgrade

Round 1 (1 February 2023 - 31 March 2024): 71 grants issued, £68,391 spent
Grants were used for: 1. Windows and doors 2. Insulation 3. ASHP/GSHP

In **Round 3** of the grant (1 April 2025 - 31 March 2026), to date we have issued 62 grants which amounts to £60,303.96.

GRANTS SUMMARY



Kirsty Murray

DISCONTINUED GRANTS:

BUSINESS GREEN GRANT

This grant was offered on a 6-month trial basis to gauge interest and viability (1 October 2024 - 31 March 2025).

The Business Green Grant was intended to help businesses in the Fintry area pay for environmental improvements that would result in energy and carbon savings. Up to £2500 was available to each business who applied.

During the trial we issued **6 grants** which amounted to **£11,689.22** (used for a battery storage system; new log burner heating system; replacing external doors; upgrading heating system; training courses in retrofitting; and a portable solar generator).

The FDT Board decided against the continuation of this grant in favour of developing other new grants for the community.

COMMUNITY GREEN GRANT

This grant was offered on a 6-month trial basis to gauge interest and viability (1 October 2024 - 31 March 2025).

The Community Green Grant was provided to help groups and clubs in the Fintry area pay for environmental improvements that would result in energy and carbon savings. Up to £500 was available to each group who applied.

During the trial we issued only **one grant of £500** to Strathendrick Rugby Club for new, sustainable, kit.

The FDT Board decided against the continuation of this grant in favour of developing other new grants for the community.

NEW GRANTS FOR 2024/2025:

GREEN GARDEN GRANT

Offered between 1 June 2025 - 30 November 2025. The aim of this grant was to increase bee and butterfly friendly environments and improve the overall biodiversity of Fintry. Up to £1000 was available to Fintry households and up to 20 grants, or £20,000.

Within financial year 24/25, **11 grants** were made, amounting to **£10,300.62**. The grant continued in financial year 25/26 until the ringfenced £20,000 was spent (22 grants).

GRANTS SUMMARY



Kirsty Murray

RENEWABLES ASSISTANCE GRANT

Offered between 1 June 2025 – 31 March 2026.

This grant was designed to assist households looking to convert their home energy system from fossil fuels to a renewable, green system (e.g. ASHP/GSHP/Solar), or to make major improvements or updates to their existing, inadequate renewable energy system to make it fit for purpose. Up to £5000 was available to Fintry households and up to 5 grants, or £25,000.

Within financial year 24/25, **2 grants** were made, amounting to **£10,000**. The grant continued in financial year 25/26 until the ringfenced £25,000 was spent (5 grants).

EMERGENCY DISCRETIONARY RENEWABLES FUND

Offered from 1 June 2025. The fund and amount granted is administered at the discretion of the Board.

This grant is intended to support those who have reached a crisis point with their renewable energy system, whose circumstances require urgent assistance in order to provide a functioning renewable energy system.

Within financial year 24/25, **no funds** were granted. The fund continued in financial year 25/26 and 1 grant for £5000 has been made.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECT FUND

Offered from 1 June 2025 - 31 March 2026 (now paused). The fund and amount granted is administered at the discretion of the Board.

This fund has been designed to encourage and enable Fintry households, groups and businesses to make green improvements or changes which will have a positive impact on the environment, in general, or specific to Fintry

Within financial year 24/25, **1 x fund** was granted (to Fintry Community Hub for a poly tunnel).

The fund continued in financial year 25/26 until the Board decided to pause this fund as the open criteria was proving confusing and problematic.

To view our current grants, please visit:
www.fintrydt.org.uk



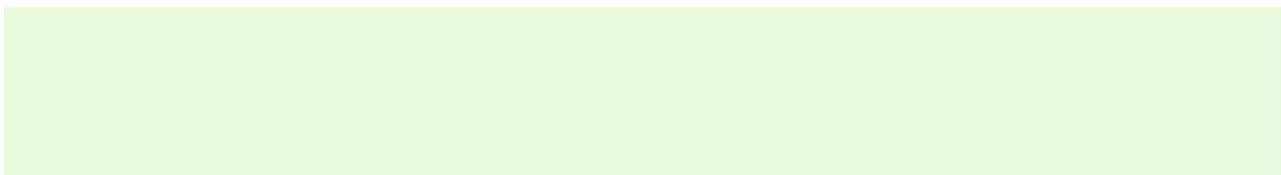
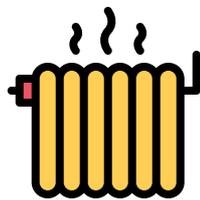
Steve Luker

BALGAIR REPORT

The district heating system at Balgair has continued to provide heat and hot water for the residents on the site. At last year's AGM, Steve Luker, the project manager we appointed to oversee solutions to the system, updated the members on the current position of the Biomass district Heating System. A further update here:

District Heat System at Balgair

- As mentioned in the report last year, the decision was taken to replace all the heat interface units on the site. The project wasn't straightforward with numerous issues related to the initial installation uncovered on the way but all the new units were in place by early 2025.
- At the end of 2024, Scott Walker was appointed as the first point of contact for householders when there are issues with the heating system.
- In April 2025, Gordon Cowtan who had been looking after the system for the trust, stepped back from this role and Steve Luker was appointed as project manager on an ongoing basis.



OUR CURRENT BOARD

Anne Hislop, Chair
Sharon McMurtrie, Vice Chair
Iain Frazer, Treasurer
Gordon Cowtan, Company Secretary
David Howell
Isla Kinnear



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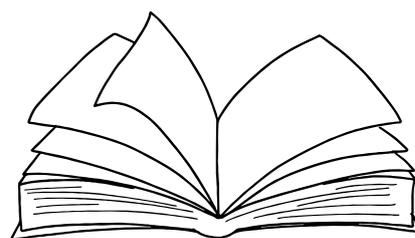
MEMBERSHIP

A lifetime membership to the Trust costs just £1.00. This gives you the opportunity to vote at the AGM, receive our newsletters, and stand for election to the board. Membership forms can be downloaded from our website or collect from our notice board at the sports Club

Are you receiving our newsletter? If not, please let us know and we'll check that we have your up-to-date contact details.

GLOSSARY

FDT - Fintry Development Trust
FREE - Fintry Renewable Energy Enterprise
FCE - Fintry Community Energy
DTAS - Development Trust Association
EAS - Energy Action Scotland
HES - Home Energy Scotland
OFGEM - The Energy Regulator
Trustees - Board Directors



LED - Light Emitting Diode (Low energy bulbs)
MSP - Member of the Scottish Parliament
FP GRANTS - Fuel Payment grants.
EE GRANTS - Energy Efficiency grants

Did you know that FDT has a **notice board** and **post boxes** in the Foyer of the Sports Centre? Here, you can collect our membership and grant application forms and post them back to us.

THANK YOU

Thank you for attending our AGM and supporting the work of the Trust.

We look forward to continuing our work with our members and the wider community to make Fintry a more sustainable and carbon neutral village.

Environmental issues are at the focus of what we do and, as we develop ideas and possible solutions, we are keen to hear all suggestions which may help us achieve these goals.

You can contact us with your suggestions: info@fintrydt.org.uk



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