

# Johnstonebridge Funding Opportunities 2020



## Do you have an idea that would benefit the community?

With the increasing popularity of windfarms in the South of Scotland comes an increase in funds being made available to community groups. The parish of Johnstone is in a very fortunate position when it comes to funding for community projects. The parish benefits from four community benefit funds relation to the surrounding windfarms:

- Minnygap Windfarm supports the **Minnygap** Community Benefit Fund administered by Foundation Scotland
- Clyde Windfarm supports the SSE **Clyde D&G** Community Benefit Fund administered by Foundation Scotland
- Hairstaines Windfarm supports the Annandale & Eskdale Community Benefit Company (**ANCBC**), also administered by Foundation Scotland.
- Minsca Windfarm supports **Minsca** Community Benefit Fund administered by Dumfries. And Galloway Council

Each of these funds provide varying levels of support and are governed by a different set of rules and priorities, but what they have in common is that they support the parish or Johnstone.

As well as funding opportunities Johnstonebridge is fortunate to have its own **Development Trust**. Development trusts are community organisations created to enable sustainable development in their area. They undertake a mixture of economic, environmental and social initiatives. As independent not-for-(private)-profit organisations, development trusts are committed to involving and being accountable to local people. **Johnstonebridge Centre and Development Trust Ltd (JCCDT)** already helps and supports a good number of community ideas, groups and initiatives, it is always happy to hear about your ideas and offer help and advice. If you are looking for some friendly advice or even just a sounding board then please do call into the centre for a chat. If the centre staff are unable to help you then they will be able to signpost you to somebody that can.

**Johnstone Community Council** is in the process of re-establishing and hopes to be up and running by January 2020. The Community Council administers the Minsca fund on behalf of Dumfries and Galloway Council. The Minsca fund is around £2,650 p.a. The Community Council also traditionally administers a number of microgrants from various sources of up to £250 or £500 for groups or individuals. These grants have a much lighter touch application process. Further details on microgrants and Minsca applications will be in the public domain once the new Community Council has found its feet.

### **Minnygap Fund Priorities:**

- Enhance the quality of life for local residents
- Contribute to vibrant, healthy, successful and sustainable communities
- Promote community spirit and encourage community activity
- Support sustainable community assets, including capital assets (like land and buildings), community enterprises, local exchange systems, people's skills and abilities, culture and the local environment
- Provide a safe and pleasant place to live
- Help people into work
- Improve local transport

[www.foundationscotland.org.uk/minnygap](http://www.foundationscotland.org.uk/minnygap)

### **Minnygap Key Facts**

#### **Area of Benefit:**

Johnstone, Templand, Beattock,

#### **Amount available per year:**

A minimum of £50,000 between communities

#### **Grant brackets:**

Small Grants £1-£500 (rolling - fast decisions)

Standard Grants £500-£10,000

#### **Fund Dates:**

##### **Application Deadline**

15<sup>th</sup> May 2020

13<sup>th</sup> November 2020

##### **Decision Date**

July 2020

January 2021

### **Clyde Fund Priorities:**

- Enhance quality of life and promote people's well-being.
- Promote community spirit and bring people together.
- Foster vibrant, sustainable communities.

[www.foundationscotland.org.uk/clyde](http://www.foundationscotland.org.uk/clyde)

### **Clyde Key Facts:**

#### **Area of Benefit:**

Johnstone, Moffat, Beattock, Wamphray, Thornhill, Sanquhar, Kirkconnel & Kelloholm, Closeburn, Kirkmichael, Carronbridge, Durisdeer, Wanlockhead

#### **Amount available per year:**

A minimum of £13,500p.a. per community

#### **Grant brackets:**

Microgrants £1-£250 (via Community Council)

Standard Grants £250-£12,000

Large Grants over £12,000 (2 stage process)

#### **Fund Dates:**

##### **Application Deadline**

20<sup>th</sup> January 2020

3<sup>rd</sup> July 2020

##### **Decision Date**

April 2020

September 2020

### **ANCBC Fund Priorities:**

- Community facilities, services, rural transport, affordable housing, community development
- Community or local events
- Environmental projects
- Heritage, skills, employment, tourism, reducing poverty and disadvantage, improving rural business opportunities, building the capacity of community and voluntary organisations, supporting innovation and social enterprise
- Sport, recreation and improving the health of residents
- Youth and education, tackling out-migration of young people, achieving parity with national educational attainment levels.
- Promoting care and support of vulnerable people; improving community safety

[www.ancbc.co.uk](http://www.ancbc.co.uk)

### **ANCBC Key Facts:**

#### **Area of Benefit:**

42 Community Council areas including Johnstone

#### **Amount available per year:**

A minimum of £300,000 between communities

#### **Grant brackets:**

Small Grants £1-£500 (rolling - fast decisions)

Standard Grants £500-£10,000

#### **Fund Dates:**

##### **Application Deadline**

2<sup>nd</sup> December 2019

20<sup>th</sup> March 2020

3<sup>rd</sup> August 2020

4<sup>th</sup> December 2020

##### **Decision Date**

February 2020

May 2020

October 2020

January 2021