

LAIRG WINDFARM



New Torroboll Burn Crossing

Newsletter June 2011

Welcome to the second ABO Wind newsletter for our site in Lairg. We hope to provide you with relevant updates on the progress of our project since the last issue in November.

Construction back underway after bird breeding season

As you may have noticed, construction work on Lairg Wind Farm was resumed on the 1st of June after the bird breeding season ended.

ABO Wind continues to work closely with SNH and The Highland Council to ensure that all construction work is carried out at the best possible time of year.

We appreciate that bird protection is an important issue for the community around the site. Therefore two months of ornithology monitoring took place at the start of April. SNH have now given the go ahead for construction work to continue after nothing of note was found on the site.

Project Outline

The next steps for the project will be to complete construction and prepare for the arrival of the three turbines. Details of traffic movements within the area will be provided nearer to the time of delivery. Turbines are due to be erected later this year and be fully operational by early 2012.

Completed	Next Steps
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● 3km of road constructed	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▶ Foundation construction
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Control building	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▶ Dry run to check route of delivery
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Bird monitoring programme	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▶ Turbines scheduled to arrive on site for erection early September
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Access improvements	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▶ Lairg Open Day



Access route under construction



Road section to the north east



Control Building for Lairg



Top cut with peat reinstatement

Community Benefit Fund



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ABO Wind strives to bring relevant benefits to the local communities closest to our wind farm sites. To encourage this, the Scottish Community Foundation have created a fund specifically designed to meet the needs of the Lairg community.

Since the launch earlier in the year, the Foundation have received encouraging and positive responses from community groups.

Awards to date or in process show a spread of benefits across different types of activities, including:

- £500 to Lairg Friendship Group towards transport costs for their annual summer outing.
- £750 to Lairg Primary School Parent Council towards costs for a residential trip to Loch Inch for 14 children who will enjoy outdoor activities not usually available locally.
- £300 towards the Lairg Music Festival to help establish a new tin whistle class at the highly regarded annual music festival.
- Three other applications are currently either pending assessment or decisions.

The fund has been advertised through local posters and by word of mouth. Application forms are available in the Service Point or people can contact the Community Council directly. The Community Council are the decision making body for the fund once applications have been received and assessed by The Scottish Community Foundation.

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