Griffin & Calliachar Community Fund Consultation

Resident Information Session

11th May 2026



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Introductions and Tonight's Agenda

- Cassie McGunnigle / Lindsay Dougan - SSE Renewables Community Investment Team
- Douglas Craik – Chair of Community Fund Panel
- Eddy Graham – IBP Strategy & Research (supporting the consultation)

- Welcome and Introductions (Lindsay)
- Background to the Fund (Douglas)
- Reflections of the Fund(Cassie)
- The consultation process (Eddy)
- Initial reflections on key issues (in the chat)
- Q&A

We will keep you to no later than 8pm

Please feel free to put comments or questions in the Chat as we go

SSE Renewables Community Investment

- Supporting **150+ communities**
- Community-led
- Place-based
- Enabling community empowerment and development
- Focus on lasting legacy
- Support from in-house community investment team



Background to the Fund

- Supported **400+** projects over **15** years
- Over **£6m** of projects funded
- Investing in people, organisations and assets that underpin rural life
- From small-scale grass roots initiatives to major awards of over £100,000
- Investment spread across the area



Reflections of the Fund

- Evolved from early capital investment to a broad mix of social, economic and wellbeing-related projects
- Sustained key community assets such as halls, sports and cultural venues as active local hubs
- Ensure the Fund aligns with current and future community needs and priorities
- Strengthen how the Fund operates to maximise effectiveness going forward
- Appropriate time to consult and build on the Fund's success



The Consultation Process

Resident Information Session → **Drop-in Consultation Events** → **Formal Community Survey**

This introductory session providing background and starting the discussion

3 sessions during May

Exploratory engagement on:
Community needs and priorities;
Ideas for the future;
Operation of the Fund and community involvement,

Currently planned for June / July

Formal survey giving everyone the chance to input

Widely promoted including "postcard" mailing to all households

Mainly online but with hard copy and telephone options to ensure inclusivity



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Your Initial Reflections

What is the one issue you think will matter most to your community in the coming years?

Please put your comments in the Chat

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Your Initial Reflections

How well do you feel you understand how the Fund works and what, if anything, is unclear?

Please put your comments in the Chat

Your Initial Reflections

What is one question we should definitely explore in the drop-in sessions or subsequent survey?

Please put your comments in the Chat

Q&A



Round-Up and Next Steps

Next Steps

- Drop-in consultation sessions - May
- Community survey – June/July
- Analysis and reflection on the results - August
- Feedback and communication with local communities - thereafter

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