

Cruach Mhor repowering Short Life Working Group (SLWG)

Terms of Reference

PURPOSE OF THE GROUP:

The Short Life Working Group (SLWG), as a sub-committee of CGDT, will consider the positions the community could adopt with regard to the substantial community investment opportunity in the repowered Cruach Mhor Windfarm offered by developers Belltown Energy, with particular reference to the offer of negotiation and equity holding made by Cowal Community Energy.

The SLWG will research and appraise the available options and make available the information to the wider ColGlen community to assist the community in determining how to proceed.

COMMITMENT AND TIMESCALES:

- With an inception meeting in early December (TBC) and
- An additional 3 or 4 SLWG meetings (a blend of in person and virtual, frequency and format to be determined by group) with additional correspondence probably via email
- The group will produce a draft report by **28th February 2026** with the intention of holding a community meeting to present findings and consider a decision as soon as practical thereafter.

This group works together to facilitate community consensus by:

1. Reviewing and exploring all options on how best to engage with the opportunity
2. Exploring and agreeing how best to engage with the community (decision plan)
3. Seeking to ensure a fair and informed approach
4. Sharing information
5. Linking with other groups / initiatives as relevant

OBJECTIVE:

TO CONDUCT AN APPRAISAL OF, AND FORMULATE A PLAN BY WHICH THE COMMUNITY CAN MAKE A DECISION AROUND THE FOLLOWING SUGGESTED OPTIONS:

- a) Accept the offer from Cowal Community Energy (CCE)
- b) Reject the offer and commit to negotiating with Belltown directly
- c) Consider any other option the group regards as beneficial to the community

PRINCIPLES:

- The SLWG will be made up of two representatives each from CGDT, CGCC and CMWFT, plus one chosen from the wider community by each of the three organisations.
- Applications from the community for membership to the group will also be considered if they have the requisite skills and interests
- Group membership does not have to be static – people may join or leave the group depending on what they contribute at that point in time.

- Group participants will feed back to their own organisations and forums and will ensure that they are informed as relevant.
- Project business, minutes and actions will be recorded by a nominated member of the SLWG.
- The agenda is set by the LEAD – which is to be a rotating post - and members can have items added
- Those on the working group will recognise that they are acting for the benefit of the community and set aside any potentially conflicting interest
- The group will offer comparable information on the agreed options
- The options appraisal has no effect on the determination of the planning application.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE TO SWLG PRIOR TO INCEPTION MEETING

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

WHO	ROLE
RESPONSIBLE	
Lead:	TBC
ACCOUNTABLE	
Steering group:	
CONSULTED	
INFORMED	