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Community Funds The Options

about us

We are a renewable energy consultancy that specialises in developing sites for our clients from proof of concept through project development, construction, operational support and onwards to re-powering or decommissioning.

We are based in rural Dumfries and Galloway, employing over 55 people in our head office based in the Glenkens.

Our technical & management services and advanced tools, such as ZephIR and VENTOS, are helping more than 12,000 MW of wind, wave and tidal projects across Europe, the US and Canada.

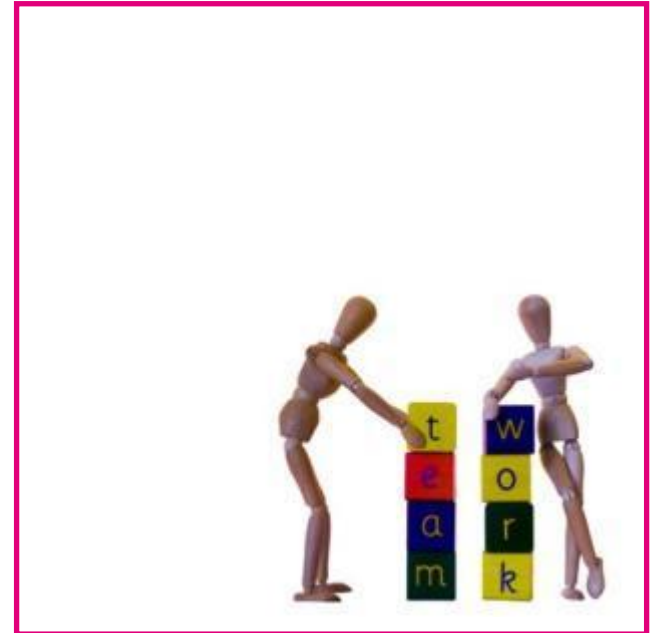


our team

We have teams of in-house specialists including ecologists, GIS and mapping experts, construction managers, wind farm designers, geotechnical engineers and land agents who deliver our technical & management services.

We collaborate with educational institutes & R&D houses, and invest in new technologies that add value to renewable energy projects and have developed a portfolio of advanced natural powertools which provide great benefit to clients.

The team is currently at 120 globally but is expected to double in the next 3 years, despite the financial down turn.



what we do

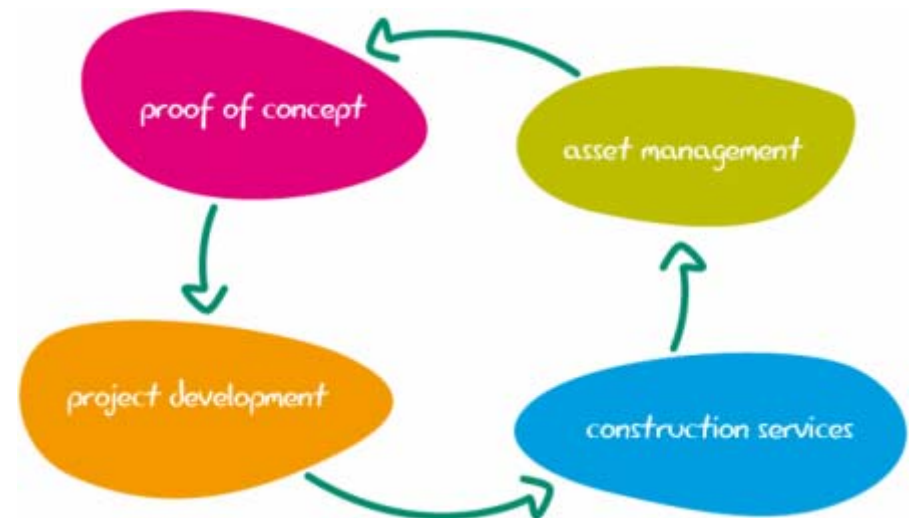
We offer complete project lifecycle services & products for wind energy projects.

We have in-depth experience at all stages and believe in a practical approach to consulting using feedback loops to continually improve our processes.

As a company we have consented over 900 MW of development in Scotland for varying clients, and over 2,000 MW throughout the EU.

Worked on more than 30,000 MW globally.

We manage 3 Community funds for wind farms as part of our site



our offices

We have offices worldwide, including:

- Scotland (head office)
- England
- Wales
- France
- Alberta, Canada
- Vancouver, Canada
- Chile



What are the drivers that influence what a developer can/will offer communities ?

Developers should do what communities want.

Must be: Reliable, fair, transparent.

Depends on community's appetite for risk.

Depends on the size of the project proposed.

Depends on the strength of the community and its resources.

It should be a long term relationship with the project.

Depends on the developer and their aspirations.

Depends on the project funding available.



Options for developer led Community Funds

• Memo of Understanding.

- Runs with the company as an obligation.
- Annual payout to communities on request.
- Limited restrictions.
- Strong link with the community.
- Enables leveraging of other funds.

• Community Trust.

- The differences from Memo are.
- Costs money to set up.
- Get funds automatically transferred to the fund.
- Needs to register as charity.
- Annual admin more onerous.

Other Themes.

- Ownership.
- Joint investment.
- Specific project.
- Energy Efficiency.

