

Ray Windfarm update – Progress report

As many of you will be aware, the Ray Windfarm officially opened back in July 2017. Vattenfall, the wind farm owners, are providing an annual Community Fund of approx. £250,000, index-linked, for a period of 25 years but unfortunately this is not yet open for applications.

As part of the process for setting up the Fund, a Community Interest Company (CIC) was created, made up of one nominee from each of six parishes and six other members who were appointed by application and interview. The 12 members of the Ray Windfarm Fund CIC are all volunteers from several communities that surround the Wind Farm.

The Elsdon Parish Council representative has recently resigned his position so there is a vacancy on the CIC for a resident of Elsdon who would be willing to represent the Parish and the Parish Council. It is an important role assisting the other members of the CIC to run the company for a few years and, when the Fund is operational, to make decisions on grant applications to the Fund.

If this is something in which you are interested, can spare a couple of hours a month and would like further details, please contact Elsdon Parish Council Chair, Richard Simmance, on 01830 520417 or the Clerk, Martin Chilvers, on 01830 520535 or at elsdonpc@hotmail.co.uk

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