

Little Raith



Fife's first commercial wind farm

A pioneer project

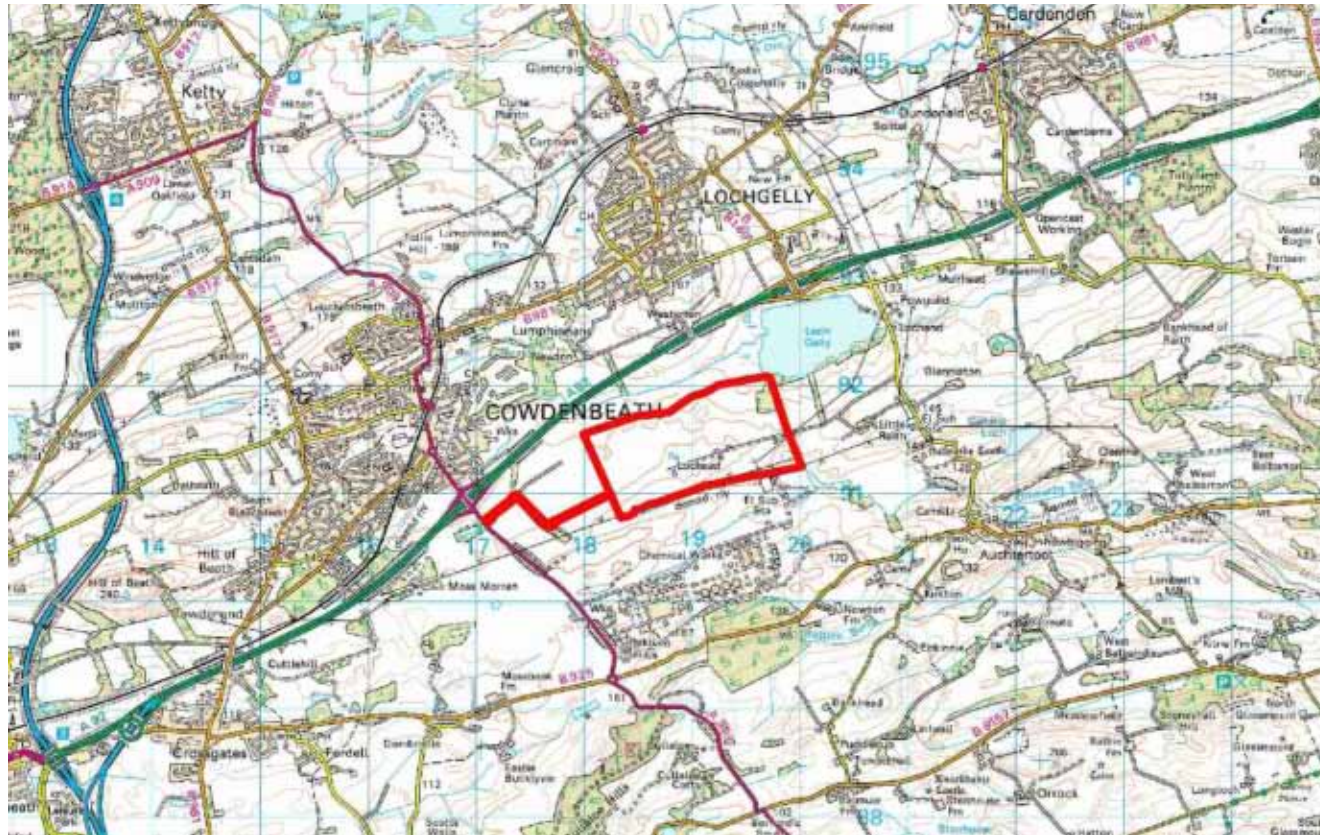
“Kennedy Renewables is delighted to introduce its first renewable energy project – Little Raith Wind Farm in Fife. A legacy project for the company, Little Raith will stand as a testament to Kennedy Renewables’ commitment to the renewable energy industry in Scotland.”

Stephen Klein
CEO, Kennedy Renewables



About Little Raith

Little Raith Wind Farm is an exciting addition to Fife's diverse energy industry. The first commercial wind farm to be consented in Fife is located approximately 1.3km to the east of Cowdenbeath and 1.3km to the south of Lochgelly.



Little Raith will comprise nine turbines, each with a three blade rotor of 80 metres in diameter. This will give the turbines a full height of 100 metres to blade tip, and each turbine will have a power output of around 3 megawatts.

The 24.75MW energy generated by Little Raith Wind Farm will be enough to power 14,500 homes each year which is the equivalent of powering all homes in Cowdenbeath, Lochgelly, Lumphinnans, Auchtertool, Kelty and Balingry with energy for a year. This is a significant step in reducing Fife's carbon emissions by 25% by 2013.



The journey so far...

The original planning application for Little Raith Wind Farm was submitted in December 2004. The proposals were positively received by the community of Fife, and the project was welcomed by Fife Council. Part of an agricultural unit, the site was initially identified as suitable for a wind farm due to its positive attributes:

- Good wind resource
- Availability of an economically priced connection to the grid
- National and local planning policy
- No nature conservation, archaeological and landscape designations
- No detrimental effect on transmission signals across the site
- Suitable access from the local highway
- Landowner participation
- Close proximity to Mossmorran complex

TIMELINE

December 2004... The planning application was submitted to Fife Council

February 2008... The project was granted consent by Fife Council

December 2010... Kennedy Renewables announces acquisition of Little Raith Wind Farm

August 2011... Kennedy Renewables started work on site with a ceremonial cutting of the sod. Wind Prospect were appointed as Project Managers and RJ McLeod as the Principal Contractor. Construction of the wind farm will take approximately nine months, with around 20-30 people working on-site at any given time

November 2012... Little Raith Wind Farm will be officially opened and the local communities will start receiving community benefits



Scotland: At the forefront of renewables

Scotland's renewable electricity target for 2020 has been steadily raised over the years from 50% to 80% in September 2010, and now in 2011 to 100%.

The First Minister, Alex Salmond, announced this ambitious target in April 2011, stating that if projects already under construction are included then the capacity is already in place to meet 58% of gross consumption, and that, by 2020, Scotland would be generating 100% of its electricity consumption by renewable means.

Scotland is currently exceeding its interim target of 31% of Scottish electricity consumption to come from renewables by this year, and the Scottish Government has calculated that significantly higher levels of renewables could be deployed by 2020 with little change to the current policy, planning or regulation framework in Scotland.

Wind Farms like Little Raith will lead the way in ensuring that Scotland meets these ambitious aims.



Fife: A Kingdom with energy at its core

An area at the vanguard of Scotland's renewable energy industry, Fife aims to be the greenest Council in Scotland. As the first commercial wind farm in the Kingdom, Little Raith Wind Farm is perfectly placed to help deliver this aspiration.

Kennedy Renewables are delighted to be part of the burgeoning engineering industry in Fife. The wind farm will complement the diverse mix of renewable technologies.

The area is recycling more waste than any other Scottish Local Authority and 50% of Fife Council's electricity consumption is currently derived from renewable sources, which include wind power and small-scale hydroelectric schemes.



"Increasing our renewable energy sources is absolutely vital now that the North Sea has passed its peak of oil and gas supply. Fife is already a major contributor to the low carbon economy and this onshore wind farm development at Little Raith is another leap forward. I look forward to seeing local projects reap the benefits of the community fund that is to be put in place that will deliver for communities across the constituency."
Rt Hon Gordon Brown MP

"We are delighted to see the Little Raith development commence. The development of the renewable energy sector, and the capturing of the economic opportunities it offers, is of strategic importance to Fife Council and the Fife Economy Partnership. This development is a significant and positive milestone for Fife and it takes us a step closer to being the first large region in Scotland to generate the equivalent of all domestic power consumption from Renewable Energy."

Cllr Tony Martin, Fife Council's Environment, Enterprise and Transportation Committee



Investing in Fife

Kennedy Renewables will be looking to utilise local companies to supply materials and carry out work on site and we have already met with representatives from local colleges and institutions with a view to strategic partnerships.

Adam Smith College

Launched in 2005 from the merger of Glenrothes College and Fife College, Adam Smith College is the third largest in Scotland with approximately 35,000 students. The College has a strong presence in the community with main campuses in Kirkcaldy, Glenrothes and Leven, and Kennedy Renewables looks forward to working with students and alumni.



Carnegie College

Carnegie College stands at the forefront of Further Education in Scotland and is highly regarded as a major educational player. Kennedy Renewables has met with the college to find out how the company can assist the College.



Breaking ground

Six people from the local area are already working on site at Little Raith near Lochgelly, and it is expected that up to 30 people will be working on site at Little Raith by the end of this year.

Kennedy Renewables started work on site with Wind Prospect appointed as Project Manager and RJ McLeod as the Principal Contractor. The whole project is expected to take approximately fourteen to sixteen months with project completion just ahead of the high wind winter season.

Major international companies will play a part in making Little Raith a reality. Kennedy Renewables have just now signed up to a 15 year Programme Partnership Agreement (PPA) with Statkraft, a major player on the European energy exchanges. It has also been announced that GE Energy will supply the 2.75 megawatt (MW) turbines for the development.



A positive addition to the community

Kennedy Renewables has committed to a generous community benefit package. Contributing a sum based on each megawatt generated to a community fund, the company will give **£49,500 per year** to on local projects.

This package, which equates to up to **£1.23 million** over the lifetime of the wind farm, can be used as the community sees fit. Kennedy hope to engage closely with the representatives of the four Community Councils that will benefit from the wind farm, namely **Lochgelly, Cowdenbeath, Auchtertool and Lumphinnans**, as well as members of the community themselves.

A working group has been set up to establish the 'Four Winds' Community Development Trust, made up of representatives from the local area, to discuss the options for the use of the community benefit fund. The responsibility for deciding where the funds get allocated will rest with the four local communities and it is extremely important to Kennedy Renewables that the decision is made by those who live in the area.



A free flow of communication

Kennedy Renewables is keen to ensure that a free flow of communication is maintained to the wider Fife community throughout these vital final stages of the project. To ensure that this is done as efficiently as possible, Kennedy Renewables has established a Community Liaison Forum that will represent the community as the project progresses.

The Community Liaison Forum will be backed up by Kennedy Renewables's website for Little Raith Wind Farm. This website will hold all information about the project and will be regularly updated with news and opinion from the two community groups.

An e-newsletter will also be sent to all interested parties and Kennedy Renewables will hold public Information Days to keep people apprised of their process.

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