

Grampound Community Fund (Garlenick turbines): Nominations sought for panel members

Grampound Community Fund local advisory panel comprises 7 people: one being the current Cornwall Councillor for the area; one being an appointee of Grampound with Creed Parish Council; 5 being residents elected by the electors of the parish. The panel meets at least once a year to consider grant applications and to recommend that any particular application be supported or not supported as they judge to be appropriate.

The elected members have served for three years and, in accordance with the protocol of the fund, new elections for those members are due in autumn 2016. If you are interested in sitting on the panel, please put yourself forward for one of the elected positions on the panel. To be eligible, you must be on the electoral register within the parish of Grampound with Creed. Sitting members are eligible to stand for re-election. If more than 5 persons put themselves forward, elections will be held using a postal voting system.

To put yourself forward for the panel, please write to the clerk of Grampound with Creed Parish Council nominating yourself. Please write or email the clerk at the address below with your name and address and confirm your willingness to stand for election. Please ensure that your nomination reaches the clerk by **5 p.m. on Friday 7 October**. It would also be helpful if you would provide some words (250 maximum) saying why you think that you should be one of the members of the panel.

Voting papers will be sent in mid-October to all persons on the electoral register in the parish. With the voting papers, we will include the statements of each candidate. In addition, any candidate can, if they wish, promote their own candidacy in any way that they think fit and reasonable.

Two large wind turbines were installed on land at Garlenick in 2014. As part of the scheme, the developer, Airvolution, undertook to establish a community fund of £15,000 per annum (index-linked) over the lifetime of the turbines (25 years). The monies are administered by a national charity, Grantscape, that specialises in handling community funds. The local advisory panel meets at least once a year to consider the grant applications and to recommend that any particular application be supported or not supported as they judge to be appropriate. The monies will be available for: energy efficiency; training or education; projects for school aged children or older people; any other community project for the benefit of residents in the parish. It is for the panel to decide what they think are suitable projects. In the first 3 years, £95,000 has been distributed in the parish to support community projects (includes a one-off £50,000 in the first year).

Nominations to:

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Further information on the project on www.grampoundcommunityfund.org.uk