**FET Funding Available**

# **The Scottish Landfill Communities Fund (SLCF) and FET Awards**

The Scottish Landfill Communities Fund (SLCF) is a tax credit scheme linked to Scottish Landfill Tax. The Scheme encourages landfill site operators to provide contributions to Approved Bodies who can then pass the funds onto community and environmental projects. Fife Environment Trust (FET) is one such Approved Body.

# Since the establishment of the Scottish Landfill Communities Fund, Fife Environment Trust (FET) has awarded grants to **133 eligible projects** with a combined award figure of over **£4.1 million**. The FET contribution to projects has helped lever in match funding totaling approximately **£9.1 million**.

# The Board of Fife Environment Trust recently met to consider 11 large grant requests for funding. Of the 11 applications submitted, the Board agreed to approve funding towards 10 projects including:

# \* £50,000 to Castlehill Community Association towards the costs associated with extending the building to create additional community space; \* £44,607.45 to The Froglife Trust towards restoring and creating new ponds and a dipping platform at Cowdenbeath Grassland; \* £49,825.84 to Royal Burgh of Burntisland Community Council to enhance biodiversity at Cot Burn in Burntisland;

# \* £37,100 to Crail Community Trust towards the costs associated with

# refurbishing a Category B listed former Harbourmaster’s House in Crail;

# \* £49,730.40 to Boarhills and Dunino Community Trust towards the costs associated with the restoration of a seventeenth century doocot in Boarhills; and \* £50,000 to Kirkcaldy Old Kirk Trust towards the restoration of the historic 15th century bell-tower.

# In total, **£415,929.45** was committed by the Trust for projects to improve public amenities, help improve biodiversity and restore historic buildings.

**Application Deadlines and Funding Threshold Levels**

# The next deadline for the submission of large grant applications to FET is Wednesday 30th September 2020. The Board will meet to discuss all September submissions at the next meeting of the Trustees scheduled for Thursday 26th November 2020. Applications to our Small Grants Scheme for awards up to £10,000 are considered on a rolling basis. The Board can consider applications from community groups/organisations looking to improve public amenities, restore historic buildings/structures or undertake biodiversity projects. If you would like to find out more about the funding available from Fife

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