

# Cross Party Group on Wellbeing Economy

Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> of March 2024, 6:30-08:00 pm, hybrid

Meeting topic: Creating community wealth through the energy revolution

Meeting will be held in the Scottish Parliament, Committee Room 4 with an option to join online.

Please register here if you would like to attend the meeting.

## Agenda

### 1 Welcome

Welcome from Ariane Burgess MSP, member of the CPG on Wellbeing Economy.

### 2 Introducing the proposal for a National Community Wealth Fund for Scotland

Dr Josh Doble, Policy Manager at Community Land Scotland, will present the proposals for a National Community Wealth Fund for Scotland developed by the Scottish Community Coalition on Energy.

The coalition has put forward the proposal to ensure the financial rewards from new renewable energy developments are equitably shared, stay with the people of Scotland and are used to build community wealth from the bottom up.

The Scottish Community Wealth Fund would act both as a sovereign wealth fund and as a provider of long-term, revenue-generating investment funds for local communities. The approach is both hyper local – continuing to recognise the positive impact that energy developments have on certain communities, and it would be national – recognising the contribution that all communities across Scotland are making to Scotland's journey to Net Zero.

### 3 Panel discussion: Creating community wealth through the energy revolution

A panel of selected stakeholders and experts will present short reflections on the proposal. The reflections will be followed by panel discussion in response to questions from the audience, chaired by Ariane Burgess MSP. The panellists are:

- Laurie Macfarlane, Co-director, Future Economy Scotland
- Gary Hughes, Economic Development Manager, SSEN Transmission
- Rachel Searle, Head of Communities and Impact, Foundation Scotland

## 4 Next steps and close of the meeting

Closing remarks by the chair