



Community Share Offer for Dalavich Hydro

Awesome Energy (Dalriada) Limited is planning to install a 350kW run of river **community-owned Hydro Scheme** to raise funds for the benefit of the community.



Loch Awe, by Dalavich, Argyll

We are delighted to report that there is still time to buy shares to make the hydro a reality! The Share Offer closing date is April 30th. This is an attractive investment (**paying 4% p.a. interest**), not just for local residents, but for anyone, anywhere, especially if you value the environment.

How much energy (and income) will the hydro generate?

Projected **green energy** generation is 1149 MWh per year, producing average **net profits** of £85,000 per year for 20 years. These profits will be gifted to our local charity and allocated to projects identified in our Community Action Plan.

What makes it a good scheme?

The hydro will reduce our consumption of fossil fuels, helping to meet national targets. The pipeline will follow the route of an historical hydro scheme on the river Avich, and the new turbine house will be situated close to the ruins of the old one.

Do local residents support the scheme?

Yes. A ballot was held as part of the 'National Forest Land Scheme' process to gain approval to lease land for the hydro from Forestry Commission Scotland. With a turnout of 72%, **90% voted yes**.

What permissions and agreements are needed?

We have obtained Planning Permission and SEPA approval and paid for a grid connection. We have agreed a 40 year lease for the land. We have pre-registered for Feed-in-Tariff payments, and we are finalising an agreement with an existing hydro generator to co-operate on exporting electricity to the grid. (See the full Share Offer for further information on how this 'Active Network Management' will work).

How much money do you need?

The total cost is £1,500,000 and we are aiming to raise at least £400,000 from this share offer. Selling Community Shares is a tried and tested way of raising funds, and has been successfully used by small communities throughout the UK.

How will you raise the rest?

We can then borrow the rest from Social Investment Scotland. **The more we can raise from the Share Offer, the less we will need to pay in interest to other lenders, and the more we can gift to community projects.**

Will you start if you don't have all the funds?

No. All the money raised will be kept securely until the necessary funding to complete the scheme is in place. All share money, and donations, will be returned to investors should the project fail to go ahead.

When will you start?

We hope to start construction in May 2017 and to start generating electricity in December 2017. This will allow us to take advantage of the higher Feed-in-Tariff (FIT) rate and secure more income.

How long will the hydro last?

Hydro schemes have been known to last for 100 years. After 20 yrs FiT payments will end and income will depend solely on power sold. The lease will need re-negotiating after 40 years, or the site purchased from Forestry Commission Scotland.

Does every member have an equal say in Awesome Energy?

Yes. It doesn't matter how much you invest above the minimum (£250), everyone gets one vote.

Who is on the Awesome Energy Board?

There are 3 founder members on the Board until the new members vote for the full Board at the first AGM. Any member can volunteer to stand as a Board member. For details of current Board members and further information about Awesome Energy see **www.awesome-energy.com**

Can I sell my shares?

Community shares are not like 'typical' company shares that can be traded on the stock exchange. They can only be sold back to Awesome Energy at their face value.

What interest rate can I expect?

The target interest rate is 4% per year, paid from our second year, but if there is very little rainfall one year, or another unexpected problem, the Directors will have the discretion to pay a lower amount.

Will my investment be confidential?

Yes. You will invest via a confidential website, or via the share Secretary. Your name will appear on the membership list, but not how much you invested.

How long will the share offer run?

The share offer will close April 30th 2017. However, if all the money is raised before then, the offer may close early.

How many shares can I buy?

Shares can be bought in batches of £25 and the minimum investment is £250. You can buy any multiple of £25 shares from £250 to £100,000.

What if I can't afford £250 to become a member?

Contact the share Secretary to discuss paying by instalments, or other options on 01866-844361.

Would I get my original investment back?

Yes, you should, but your capital could be reduced or lost if Awesome Energy got into financial difficulties. You can withdraw your shares at any point after 3 years but we hope you'll be happy to hold onto them for longer. The intention is to buy back all the shares between years 5 and 20.

What if a member dies?

The value of their shares would be passed onto their estate.

How do I apply for Community Shares?

Visit www.awesome-energy.com or phone the share Secretary on 01866-844361.



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For further information please visit
www.awesome-energy.com

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