

COMMUNITY COUNCIL CONVENTION ON THE IMPACT ON COMMUNITIES OF MAJOR ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE IN SCOTTISH BORDERS AREA

Saturday 17th January, 2026 between 2pm and 4pm

Purpose:

- To provide community councils and campaign groups , across the Scottish Borders with a strong, democratic voice with regard to the cumulative impact of all Renewable Energy Infrastructure on our communities.
- To provide an opportunity for us to join with community councils across Scotland in their call for a pause in renewable energy infrastructure developments until the Scottish Government has in place a clear strategy for the transition to renewables.

Welcome and Scene Setting	Bob Hope, Chair
Situation across the Scottish Borders, Dumfries and Galloway, and East Loithian	Input from community councils and campaign groups
NE Scotland Convention of Community Councils	Guest SpeakerNicola Loosely, NE Scotland CCs
Highland Community Council Convention	Guest Speaker: Cllr Helen Crawford, Highland Council
Response from Elected Members	Elected Members and Prospective Candidates from across the political spectrum will be invited to respond to what they have heard
Next Steps	Chair

4pm: Convention closes.

Unified Statement

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Convention of Communnrty Councils

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