

**COMMUNITY COUNCIL CONVENTION ON THE IMPACT ON COMMUNITIES OF MAJOR ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE IN SCOTTISH BORDERS AREA**  
**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> 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 Lothian	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

**Unified Statement  
of the  
Convention of Community Councils**

*"This Convention is supported by over FIFTEEN COMMUNITY COUNCILS, collectively representing over 72,000 residents within The Highland Council area:*

- RECOGNISES the impact of climate change on our planet but OPPOSES an unjustified unnecessary industrialisation of the Highlands
- CALLS for our elected members to URGENTLY support and protect our communities at NATIONAL level, given that community consultation is inadequate and LOCAL DEMOCRACY is being overridden, with decisions made by Community Councils and Highland Council consistently disregarded by the Scottish Government.
- CALLS upon the Scottish Government to undertake a PLEADING INQUIRY COMMISSION to address the whole cumulative impact of all major renewable energy infrastructure developments, including transmission, storage and generation with all ancillary infrastructure on our communities and landscape, rather than the salami sliced approach which has thus far been taken.
- CALLS for a PAUSE of all major applications, given the impact upon our communities, which may host, or be popular in some areas until a clear NATIONAL ENERGY POLICY is in place and an ECONOMIC IMPACT ASSESSMENT undertaken given that tourism is currently the backbone of the Highland economy."

4pm: Convention closes.

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