

Press release

RWE officially inaugurates Glen Noe Hydro Scheme

- **2 megawatts (MW) run-of-river project was successfully completed in February 2021**
- **RWE will provide a fund of £3,000 per annum for the local community of Taynuilt**

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Tom Glover, RWE UK Country Chair:

“We are delighted that the Member of the Scottish Parliament Jenni Minto could join us today to officially inaugurate Glen Noe Hydropower Scheme. Hydro has proved its longevity in the renewables business and so the commissioning of a further hydro scheme will play a crucial role in enabling Scotland to fulfil and maintain its clean energy future ambition to reach net zero carbon by 2045.”

RWE has officially inaugurated its 2MW Glen Noe Hydro Scheme, which is located within the Glen Noe Estate, near Loch Etive in the west of Scotland.

The celebration was supported by Scottish politician Jenni Minto, who is the Member of the Scottish Parliament (MSP) for the constituency of Argyll and Bute, in Scotland.

Construction of the Powerhouse, 3km of buried pipeline and three intake weirs for the run-of-river scheme commenced in 2019. Grid connection was finalized in January this year, with commissioning successfully completed the following month. The scheme was consented by Argyll & Bute Council in September 2016 and has the capacity to provide sufficient renewable electricity to power up to 1,436 average homes each year.

In addition, RWE has established an annual community fund of £3,000 which will be available for each year of the project’s operational lifetime. The fund will be used by Taynuilt Community Council for charitable, educational and environmental projects, as well as economic development or community purposes for the benefit of local residents.

Jenni Minto MSP Argyll and Bute said: “In the run up to COP26 it is fantastic to have opened RWE’s new Glen Noe hydro scheme. Seven years ago I was involved in establishing a community wind turbine on Islay so I know the difference that funding from renewable energy sources can



mean to communities.

“Harnessing water and wind, two things Argyll & Bute has in spades, for renewable power is benefitting the local community and ensuring that Scotland takes another step to achieving net zero by 2045”.

RWE now operates 16 hydropower schemes across Scotland, all constructed to ensure that environmental constraints are strictly adhered to. For Glen Noe, this included ensuring that nearby nesting Golden Eagles were not disturbed during construction.

For more information on Glen Noe [visit the project website](#).

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Pictures of Glen Noe inauguration for media use (credit: RWE) are available at the [RWE Media Centre](#).

RWE Generation SE

With its power plants in Germany, the UK and the Netherlands, the approximately 3,000 employees of RWE Generation produce electricity primarily from gas, hydropower and biomass. The company ranks second in Europe with its gas-fired power plants. The RWE Group bundles its hydrogen activities in RWE Generation. RWE is driving forward more than 30 projects in the field of hydrogen with partners from industry and science.

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