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KIRBY MISPERTON TO BENEFIT FROM NEW COMMUNITY FUND

Community groups and charities in the area of Kirby Misperton will soon be able to apply for grants from a new £100,000 fund. Third Energy has signed an agreement with the Two Ridings Community Foundation to be the independent managers of the community fund linked to the hydraulic fracturing operations in Kirby Misperton. This Fund has been set up under the United Kingdom Onshore Oil & Gas (UKOOG) community engagement charter to help support community benefit schemes.

Projects that support and benefit the local community will be eligible for funding. Any organisation or group which is not-for-profit and not controlled by a local authority will be able to apply. The Fund will be administered by the Two Ridings Community Foundation, an independent fund administrator serving communities across North and East Yorkshire.

Jan Garril, chief executive of the Two Ridings Community Foundation said: “We are very pleased to have signed the agreement setting up this new fund. We will shortly begin the work to set up the Kirby Misperton Community Fund which will include a survey to establish local priorities and the recruitment of a panel to advise on the distribution of funds.”

Rasik Valand, chief executive of Third Energy, added: “Third Energy is proud to have produced gas and energy in Ryedale for more than two decades, employing local people, supporting the local economy and honouring our commitment to operate safely and with minimal environmental impact. With our test fracs at Kirby Misperton imminent, this Fund is recognition of the role that residents in the Kirby Misperton area have hosting these operations in their community. We look forward to learning how the grants will benefit the local community.”

If you are a community project in the Kirby Misperton area or for more information about Two Ridings Community Foundation please contact 01904 435277 or visit www.trcf.org.uk

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Notes to Editors

1. For details about the Kirby Misperton Fund please see the Third Energy [KM8 Community Benefits Fund Fact Sheet](#)
2. About Third Energy:

Third Energy is an independent company with a focus on natural gas appraisal and development, set up with the purpose of building a portfolio of UK producing and appraisal assets, onshore

and offshore, and to be a respected and profitable gas company. Third Energy has been drilling for and producing gas, and generating electricity, in North Yorkshire for over 20 years and has an excellent track record in safety and environmental management.

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3. About Two Ridings Community Foundation:

The Two Ridings Community Foundation is a grant making charity that supports North and East Yorkshire, York and Hull. The Foundation has distributed over £7.5 million to over 3,000 projects across this area and has raised an endowment of over £2.6m million for the long term benefit of local communities.

As well as providing essential funding for small, community projects, the Two Ridings Community Foundation is a vehicle for charitable giving. The Foundation works with individuals, families and companies who want to support their local communities to design bespoke grant making that targets specific issues or geographical areas.

There are 46 accredited community foundations in the UK, all under the umbrella organisation UK Community Foundations (UKCF). UKCF delivers UK-wide fundraising and grant making through individual community foundations in partnership with organisations such as Comic Relief.

Further information regarding the management of the Kirby Misperton Community Fund can be found at www.trcf.org.uk/grants-kirby-misperton-fund

For more information on Third Energy consult the website at www.third-energy.com

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